1 Dissection of complex, fitness-related traits in multiple *Drosophila* mapping
2 populations offers insight into the genetic control of stress resistance
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Abstract

We leverage two complementary *Drosophila melanogaster* mapping panels to genetically dissect starvation resistance, an important fitness trait. Using >1600 genotypes from the multiparental *Drosophila* Synthetic Population Resource (DSPR) we map numerous starvation stress QTL that collectively explain a substantial fraction of trait heritability. Mapped QTL effects allowed us to estimate DSPR founder phenotypes, predictions that were correlated with the actual phenotypes of these lines. We observe a modest phenotypic correlation between starvation resistance and triglyceride level, traits that have been linked in previous studies. However, overlap among QTL identified for each trait is low. Since we also show that DSPR strains with extreme starvation phenotypes differ in desiccation resistance and activity level, our data imply multiple physiological mechanisms contribute to starvation variability. We additionally exploited the *Drosophila* Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP) to identify sequence variants associated with starvation resistance. Consistent with prior work these sites rarely fall within QTL intervals mapped in the DSPR. We were offered a unique opportunity to directly compare association mapping results across labs since two other groups previously measured starvation resistance in the DGRP. We found strong phenotypic correlations among studies, but extremely low overlap in the sets of genomewide significant sites. Despite this, our analyses revealed that the most highly-associated variants from each study typically showed the same additive effect sign in independent studies, in contrast to otherwise equivalent sets of random variants. This consistency provides evidence for reproducible trait-associated sites in a widely-used mapping panel, and highlights the polygenic nature of starvation resistance.

Introduction

Periods of food scarcity and suboptimal nutrient resources present an important challenge for nearly all species (McCue 2010), and this form of environmental stress can limit the survival of individuals with poor nutritional status and reduced stress resistance (Harshman *et al.* 1999; Lee and Jang 2014). As a result, starvation stress resistance has direct implications for the fitness of individuals as they experience resource variability in natural populations. Starvation resistance is a classic quantitative, fitness-related trait that is associated with several other phenotypes that influence survival, lifespan, and reproduction (Service and Rose 1985; Da Lage *et al.* 1990; Rose *et al.* 1992; Toda and Kimura 1997; Karan and Parkash 1998; Hoffmann *et al.* 2005b; Sørensen *et al.* 2007; Lee and Jang 2014). In particular, increased starvation resistance is often negatively correlated with fecundity and positively correlated with longevity, energy storage, and other stress response traits (Service *et al.* 1985; Rose *et al.* 1992; Hoffmann and Parsons 1993; Chippindale *et al.* 1993; Harshman *et al.* 1999; Bochdanovits and de Jong 2003; Bubliy and Loeschcke 2005; Sørensen *et al.* 2007; Schwasinger-Schmidt *et al.* 2012; Lee and Jang 2014). Because of pervasive phenotypic and genetic correlations between starvation resistance and these other traits, the evolution of starvation resistance in natural populations is complex, and is driven by adaptation to heterogeneous environments, phenotypic plasticity, and extensive pleiotropy (Service and Rose 1985; Hoffmann and Parsons 1991, 1993; Chippindale *et al.* 1993; Toda and Kimura 1997; Karan and Parkash 1998; Harshman *et al.* 1999; Harbison *et al.* 2004; Pijpe *et al.* 2007; Rion and Kawecki 2007; Bauerfeind *et al.* 2014; Colinet *et al.* 2015; Everman and Morgan 2018).

Artificial selection for starvation resistance often results in a concomitant increase in desiccation resistance (Hoffmann and Parsons 1989a; Chippindale *et al.* 1996; Hoffmann and Harshman 1999; Harshman *et al.* 1999; Hoffmann *et al.* 2001), and selection specifically on desiccation resistance can also result in a corresponding rapid increase in starvation resistance (Hoffmann and Parsons 1989b). Nonetheless, surveys of natural populations in several *Drosophila* species have shown that starvation and desiccation resistance can also independently vary (Davidson 1990; Karan and Parkash 1998; Karan *et al.* 1998; Chippindale *et al.* 1998; Hoffmann and Harshman 1999; Gilchrist *et al.* 2008; Goenaga *et al.* 2013). Given these variable

patterns, Karan and Parkash (1998) and Da Lage *et al.* (1990) suggest that desiccation and
starvation resistance may not routinely be associated. Rather, both traits may be directly and
indirectly influenced by climate variability, and selection on other correlated traits such as
diapause or thermal tolerance in seasonally variable temperate environments (Hoffmann and
Parsons 1989b; Schmidt *et al.* 2005; Sørensen *et al.* 2007; Rion and Kawecki 2007; Goenaga *et al.*
2013; Rajpurohit *et al.* 2018).

Similar to desiccation, artificial selection for increased starvation resistance often results
in an increase in lipid levels in *D. melanogaster* (Chippindale *et al.* 1996, 1998; Djawdan *et al.*
1998; Harshman *et al.* 1999; Schwasinger-Schmidt *et al.* 2012; Goenaga *et al.* 2013; Hardy *et al.*
2018), suggesting that energy storage is one important mechanism that contributes to starvation
resistance. However, variation in the association between these traits has also been observed.
For example, while Chippindale *et al.* (1996) provided evidence of a strong positive correlation
between starvation resistance and lipid concentration following 60 generations of selection for
starvation resistance, Hoffmann *et al.* (2001) found that total lipid concentration and starvation
resistance in isofemale lines derived from natural populations were not correlated. Thus, the
association between starvation resistance and lipid level is likely dependent upon genetic
background and the evolutionary history of a population, resulting in across-population variation
in the strength and direction of the correlation between these traits.

Genetic dissection of starvation resistance can both lead to the identification of loci
impacting phenotypic variation and help understand how this trait is associated with desiccation
resistance and lipid level. Several studies have examined the genetic basis of starvation resistance
in *D. melanogaster* using a combination of selection experiments (Rose *et al.* 1992; Chippindale
et al. 1996; Harshman *et al.* 1999; Bochdanovits and de Jong 2003; Bubliy and Loeschcke 2005;
Schwasinger-Schmidt *et al.* 2012; Hardy *et al.* 2018; Michalak *et al.* 2018), gene expression studies
following exposure to starvation stress (Harbison *et al.* 2005; Sørensen *et al.* 2007), and genetic
mapping (Harbison *et al.* 2004; Mackay *et al.* 2012; Huang *et al.* 2014; Everman and Morgan
2018). These studies have provided extensive lists of candidate genes and variants, some of which
have been functionally validated (Lin *et al.* 1998; Clancy *et al.* 2001; Harbison *et al.* 2004, 2005;
Sørensen *et al.* 2007). However, up to this point few studies have undertaken an examination of

the genetic architecture of triglyceride or lipid content in the same genetically diverse panel used

to examine variation in starvation resistance. Doing so would allow a detailed comparison of

quantitative trait loci (QTL) that contribute to variation in each trait, provide insight into the

similarity of the genetic architectures of starvation resistance and correlated traits, and facilitate

a better understanding of their evolution, and the mechanisms underlying their variation.

In this study we use two powerful *D. melanogaster* mapping panels - the *Drosophila*

Synthetic Population Resource (DSPR) and the *Drosophila* Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP) - to

genetically dissect phenotypic variation, and to explore the phenotypic and genetic relationships

among traits, among mapping panels, and among laboratories. Our approach allows us to

accomplish three primary objectives. First, by measuring starvation resistance and triglyceride

level in the DSPR, we assess overlap in the loci that contribute to variation in each trait. Prior

work on these traits in flies suggests they would show similar genetic architectures with many

pleiotropic loci. However, despite a significant phenotypic correlation, we report limited overlap

among mapped loci contributing to variation in starvation resistance and triglyceride level,

suggesting that the genetic basis of these traits is largely independent in the DSPR. This highlights

the role that other physiological mechanisms, such as activity level and desiccation resistance

that also we explore here, may have in influencing starvation resistance.

Second, by measuring starvation resistance in both the DSPR and the DGRP under the

same environmental conditions, we address variation in the genetic architecture of this trait

between two distinct populations. In common with some previous studies using both panels to

dissect a trait (e.g. Najarro *et al.* 2015, 2017), we also find little overlap in the loci associated with

starvation resistance between mapping panels. This is likely the combined result of the

populations having unique genetic backgrounds (King and Long 2017), distinct evolutionary

histories, and differences in power to detect causative loci (Long *et al.* 2014).

Third, we leverage the ability to repeatedly measure trait variation on the same, stable

set of inbred genotypes to compare our DGRP starvation data to two previous starvation

resistance datasets collected by different laboratories (Mackay *et al.* 2012; Everman and Morgan

2018). We found that the sign of the additive effects of the most strongly-associated SNPs were

consistent across datasets. This suggests these SNPs contribute to variation in starvation

resistance in the DGRP, but have sufficiently small effects that they are regularly not identified

following genomewide multiple testing correction. This across-study comparison of the genetic

architecture of starvation resistance provides both technical insight into the use of genomewide

association (GWA) studies to understand the genetic basis of complex traits, and biological insight

into the phenotypic effects of loci that contribute to trait variation.

Materials and Methods

Mapping populations

Drosophila *Synthetic Population Resource*

The DSPR is a multiparental population that consists of two synthetic populations (pA and

pB) that were each established following an intercross of eight highly-inbred founder lines, with

one founder line shared between the two populations (King *et al.* 2012a). Flies were maintained

in pairs of subpopulations (pA1, pA2, pB1, pB2) at high population density for 50 generations

prior to the establishment of >1600 genotyped recombinant inbred lines (RILs) via 25 generations

of full-sib inbreeding (King *et al.* 2012a; b). Founder lines for the pA and pB panels have also been

sequenced at 50x coverage, enabling inference of the haplotype structure of each RIL via a hidden

Markov model (described in King *et al.* (2012a)).

Drosophila *Genetic Reference Panel*

The DGRP was established from mated females collected from a natural population in

Raleigh, North Carolina, with inbred lines derived from 20 generations of full-sib mating (Mackay

et al. 2012). Each of the 205 DGRP lines have been re-sequenced and genotyped allowing GWA

mapping to be carried out in the panel (Mackay *et al.* 2012; Huang *et al.* 2014).

Phenotyping assays and analysis

Large-scale starvation resistance assay

Strains from the DSPR and DGRP were duplicated from stocks, and flies were allowed to

lay eggs for up to 2 days. Vials were inspected twice daily, and laying adults were cleared when

necessary to maintain a relatively even egg density across experimental vials. While this visual

method of density control is less precise than counting eggs, experiments with 20 randomly-

selected DSPR RILs showed that the effect on starvation resistance of rearing flies via egg

counting or by visually-assessing egg number is extremely limited (variance explained = 0.9%; Fig

S1; see Table S1 for full breakdown of variance components).

In the following generation, experimental flies (2-4 days old) were sorted by sex over light

CO_2 anesthesia and placed in groups of same-sex individuals on new cornmeal-molasses-yeast

media for 1 day until the start of the starvation assay. The assay was initiated by placing flies on

1.5% agar media that additionally contained preservatives - a mix of propionic and phosphoric

acids, and benzoic acid (Tegosept, Genesee Scientific) dissolved in ethanol (see starvation media

recipe Text S1). Starvation media was made within 24 hours of the initiation of each block of the

assay and was not replaced throughout its duration. Vials were barcoded during the screen,

blinding experimenters to strain identification number, and assisting with efficient data collection

and analysis.

Death was assessed for each vial twice per day at approximately 0900 and 2100 hrs. The

first assessment of survival was made 24 hours after flies were transferred to starvation media.

Dead flies at this initial assessment point were not included in the analysis as their death may

have resulted from handling during the initial transfer to experimental vials rather than

starvation stress. Vials containing flies that had become entangled in the cotton vial plug at any

point during the assay were also excluded from the analysis. Flies were considered dead if they

were not moving or were unable to dislodge themselves from the starvation media. The

phenotype used for mapping was the mean time to death in hours per strain across the vial

replicates. Flies for this screen were reared and tested at approximately 23°C, 30-60% humidity,

with constant light.

We screened the DSPR (861 pA1/pA2 and 864 pB1/pB2 RILs) in a series of batches across

a seven-month period in 2010. Each batch included the majority of RILs that belonged to a

particular subpopulation. Starvation resistance was measured in 168 DGRP lines in a single batch

in 2012. In both mapping panels, survival was measured across 2 vial replicates per sex in ~85%

of strains, with ~90% of vials containing 10 flies (minimum flies per vial = 6). Finally, we measured

starvation resistance in the 15 DSPR founder lines, using 5 vial replicates per founder, in one
batch.

We assessed variation in starvation resistance due to subpopulation and sex in the DSPR
with a two-way ANOVA, including the interaction, and treated subpopulation (pA1, pA2, pB1,
pB2) and sex as fixed factors. Male and female-specific differences among the four
subpopulations were tested using Tukey's HSD post hoc comparisons with an experiment-wide
α = 0.05. Differences in starvation resistance due to sex among the DGRP lines were analyzed
with a one-way ANOVA, treating sex as a fixed factor.

Desiccation resistance assay

To investigate the correlation between starvation and desiccation resistance, we
measured desiccation resistance in a subset of pA1/pA2 RILs that exhibited very low (17 RILs) or
very high (16 RILs) average female starvation resistance in the large-scale screen. Desiccation
resistance of female flies from all 33 strains was assessed in a single batch with two vial replicates
per RIL, where 92.9% of vials contained 10 flies (minimum flies per vial = 8). We placed
experimental flies, reared as described above, in empty vials plugged with cotton inside an
airtight desiccator (Cleatech, LLC). Relative humidity was reduced to < 5% throughout the
experiment by adding a large quantity of Drierite (calcium sulfate) to the chamber. Survival was
assessed every hour following initiation of the experiment, and mean desiccation resistance per
RIL was used in all analyses.

Activity assay

We employed the *Drosophila* Activity Monitoring System (DAM2, TriKinetics, Inc.) to
assess activity levels both prior to, and during starvation for a subset of DSPR RILs, selecting 16
(19) pA1/pA2 RILs that exhibited high (low) female starvation resistance in the large-scale screen.
Sixteen flies of each sex were tested per RIL. Flies for these assays were reared and tested at
25°C, 50% relative humidity, with a 12:12hr light:dark photoperiod. These environment
conditions are different from our large-scale screen, but in line with those used in previous
starvation resistance studies in *D. melanogaster* (Mackay *et al.* 2012; Everman and Morgan

2018). This change allowed us to examine the stability of DSPR starvation phenotypes across
assay environments.

One day prior to adding flies to monitor tubes, cornmeal-yeast-dextrose media was
poured into 100mm diameter petri dishes and allowed to set. Polycarbonate activity monitor
tubes (5mm diameter x 65mm length) were filled to approximately 10mm by pushing them into
the media, and the food plug in each tube was sealed with paraffin wax. A single fly was aspirated
into each tube, and the tubes were capped with small pieces of Droso-Plugs (Genesee Scientific).
Flies were allowed to acclimate to the tubes for 24 hours, and then we measured activity for the
next 24 hours under non-stressful conditions. Subsequently, each fly was tipped to a second
monitor tube containing starvation media (Text S1) and activity was continuously monitored until
each fly died.

To determine differences in activity under non-stressful conditions due to starvation
resistance rank (high versus low), we used a full three-way ANOVA model with interactions, and
treated starvation rank, sex, and light status (light versus dark) as fixed effects. The effect size of
the main effects and interactions were calculated using Cohen's F, which determines the effect
size as a ratio of the between-group and between-replicate standard deviations (R package:
sjstats) (Cohen 1988; Quinn and Keough 2002; Lüdecke 2018).

Triglyceride level assay

We duplicated 311 pA1/pA2 and 628 pB1/pB2 DSPR RILs from stocks to two replicate
vials, clearing parental flies when necessary to maintain relatively even egg density over test vials.
Eleven days following the start of egg laying we collected two sets of 10-12 females from each
parental vial, resulting in four collection vials from each RIL. Flies were aged for three additional
days before measuring triglyceride level.

Experimental females from each collection vial were anesthetized using CO_2, and groups
of 5 were arrayed into deep well plates (Axygen, P-DW-11-C) over ice, with each well pre-loaded
with a single glass bead. This resulted in 8 replicate samples of 5 females per RIL. Immediately
after finishing a plate, we added 400µl of cold homogenization buffer (10mM potassium
phosphate monobasic, 1mM EDTA, 0.05% Tween-20) to each well, homogenized for 45sec in a

Mini-BeadBeater-96 (Bio Spec Products, Inc.), and centrifuged for 4min at 2,500g. We then

moved 50µl of the supernatant to a standard PCR plate, incubated the plate in a thermocycler at

70°C for 5min, and then placed the plate on ice for 5min.

During the incubation steps, we added 30µl of homogenization buffer to 92 of the 96

wells of a flat-bottom, polystyrene assay plate (Greiner, 655101), and subsequently added 20µl

of the heat-deactivated fly homogenate to each. The four remaining wells of every assay plate

were dedicated to controls; one blank well contained 50µl of homogenization buffer only, and

three wells contained 5µl of Glycerol Standard Solution (SigmaAldrich, G7793, 2.5mg/ml) along

with 45µl of homogenization buffer.

The assay plate was then inserted into a BioTek Powerwave XS2 instrument pre-heated

to 37°C and read at 540nm (baseline absorbance scan). After the scan, and within 10min, we

added 100µl of Free Glycerol Reagent (SigmaAldrich, F6428) to each well. The plate was then re-

inserted into the instrument, incubated at 37°C for 5min, and read again at 540nm (free glycerol

absorbance scan). After this second scan, and again within 10min, we added 25µl of Triglyceride

Reagent (SigmaAldrich, T2449) to each well. The plate was again incubated at 37°C for 5min in

the machine and read for a third time at 540nm (triglyceride, or final absorbance scan).

For each sample, we obtained the final absorbance for each sample (FA_{sample}) and

calculated the initial absorbance (IA_{sample}) as the free glycerol measurement minus the baseline

measurement. We also generated the average final absorbance for the three standard wells

(FA_{std}) and the initial absorbance for the one blank well (IA_{blank}). We then estimated the true

serum triglyceride level as

$$\left[FA_{sample} - \left(IA_{sample} \times F\right)\right]/\left[FA_{std} - \left(IA_{blank} \times F\right)\right]$$

where F = 0.8. We then multiplied this value by the concentration of the glycerol standard

solution (2.5mg/ml) and used the average value across all 8 replicate samples as the RIL mean

triglyceride level for mapping and analysis. For precise details of the enzyme assay and

triglyceride calculation, see the SigmaAldrich Serum Triglyceride Determination kit product insert

(TR0100). Differences in triglyceride level due to DSPR subpopulation were investigated with a

one-way ANOVA followed by *post hoc* comparisons using Tukey's HSD (experiment-wide α =

0.05).

Correlations among traits

We assessed the relationship between the DSPR RIL mean starvation phenotypes from

the large-scale screen with those from the activity monitor experiment, the desiccation

resistance measures, and triglyceride level using general linear models. Subpopulation (pA1, pA2,

pB1, pB2) was included as a factor in the analysis examining starvation resistance and triglyceride

content.

Correlations among three DGRP starvation datasets - that from Mackay et al. (2012),

Everman and Morgan (2018), and the new screen we report here - were examined in a pairwise

manner using line means, accounting for multiple comparisons with a Bonferroni-adjusted alpha

level. Differences in the overall mean starvation resistance among the three datasets were

analyzed with a one-way ANOVA, treating study as a fixed factor.

Heritability

The genetic and phenotypic variances of starvation resistance and triglyceride content for

the pA and pB DSPR panels, and of starvation resistance for the DGRP panel, were estimated with

a linear mixed model using the lme and varcomp functions in R (R package: APE, Paradis *et al.*

2004; R package: nlme, Pinheiro *et al.* 2017). We calculated broad-sense heritability as the

proportion of the total variance of the strain-specific response explained by the estimated

genetic variance component (Lynch and Walsh 1998).

QTL mapping in the DSPR

Methods for QTL analysis, and the power and resolution of mapping using the DSPR panel

are discussed in detail in King *et al.* (2012a,b). Briefly, QTL mapping and peak analysis were

executed for starvation resistance and triglyceride data using the DSPRqtl R package

(github.com/egking/DSPRqtl; FlyRILs.org), regressing the mean trait response for each RIL on the

additive probabilities that each of the 8 founders contributed the haplotype of the RIL at each

mapped position. Significance thresholds were assigned following 1000 permutations of the data,

and positions of putative causative loci were estimated with 2-LOD support intervals, which

approximate 95% confidence intervals for QTL position in the DSPR (King *et al.* 2012a). Mean

starvation resistance varied between sexes in both the pA and pB panel ($F_{3,3440}$ = 18.317; p <

0.0001; Fig S2; Table S2), and subpopulation influenced female starvation resistance in the pA

panel (Tukey's HSD p < 0.0001; Fig S2). Therefore, QTL mapping was performed for males and

females of each panel separately, and subpopulation was included as a covariate in the analysis

of pA females. Mean female triglyceride level was similar between the pA1 and pA2

subpopulations (Tukey's HSD p = 0.75; Fig S3; Table S3) but varied between the pB1 and pB2

subpopulations (Tukey's HSD p < 0.0001; Fig S3; Table S3), so subpopulation was included as a

covariate in QTL analysis of the pB triglyceride data.

Analysis of DGRP starvation data

Variants associated with male and female starvation resistance in the DGRP were

identified using the DGRP2 web-based GWA mapping tool (http://dgrp2.gnets.ncsu.edu), which

takes into account variable *Wolbachia* infection status and large inversions that segregate among

the lines (Mackay *et al.* 2012; Huang *et al.* 2014). We performed GWA analysis on data collected

in this study and additionally reanalyzed starvation data from Mackay *et al.* (2012) and starvation

of young flies (5 – 7 days old) from Everman and Morgan (2018). We additionally assigned the

150 DGRP lines that are shared between the three datasets an across-study mean and performed

GWA analysis on this summary measure of starvation resistance.

SNPs associated with starvation resistance were identified within each of the four

datasets following FDR correction for multiple comparisons (Benjamini and Hochberg 1995) in R

(p.adjust; R Core Team 2017)*.* Since we found no significantly associated SNPs with an FDR

adjusted p-value < 0.05 for any starvation resistance dataset in either sex, we relaxed the

significance threshold to an FDR adjusted p-value < 0.2. As a significance threshold of P < 10^{-5} is

commonly used in the DGRP (e.g. Mackay *et al.* 2012; Morozova *et al.* 2014; Huang *et al.* 2014;

Everman and Morgan 2018), we also present variants associated with starvation resistance in

each of the four datasets using this threshold.

There was minimal overlap in the identity of the above-threshold, starvation-associated

variants in each study. Thus, we sought to examine whether the sign of the additive effects of

these sets of variants was preserved across studies. Additive effects were calculated as one-half

the difference in starvation resistance between lines homozygous for the major allele and lines

homozygous for the minor allele (major allele frequency > 0.5), after accounting for *Wolbachia*

infection and TE insertions (Falconer and Mackay 1996; Huang *et al.* 2014). To determine the

proportion of SNPs that are expected by chance to have additive effects of the same sign across

studies, we obtained random samples of 50 SNPs from all of the DGRP SNP calls (~ 2 million SNPs)

and calculated the additive effects of the sampled SNPs across pairs of datasets for each sex. To

account for the possibility that the frequency spectrum of above-threshold ($P < 10^{-5}$), associated

SNPs is not represented by a set of randomly-selected variants, we stratified the random subsets

of 50 SNPs according to the distribution of allele frequencies of the top 50 SNPs associated with

starvation resistance for each sex in each study. Allele frequency bins used in this stratification

were 0.05 – 0.1, > 0.1 – 0.2, > 0.2 – 0.3, > 0.3 – 0.4, and > 0.4 – 0. 5. The exact stratification for

each sex and dataset is provided in Table S4. This process was repeated 1000 times for each

paired comparison of datasets (6 comparisons total) using an ordinary nonparametric

bootstrapping procedure with the R package boot (Davison and Hinkley 1997; Canty and Ripley

2017). For each iteration, we used a custom R function (see File S1) to calculate the proportion

of the 50 random stratified SNPs that had positive additive effects in both of the datasets being

compared.

Data availability

DGRP data from Mackay *et al.* (2012) are available online from

http://dgrp2.gnets.ncsu.edu, and DGRP data from Everman and Morgan (2018) are available

from Dryad (DOI: https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.vq087). Data collected in this study is available

from Dryad (available upon acceptance), including all raw data for starvation resistance in the

DSPR and DGRP, raw desiccation resistance, triglyceride level, and activity data collected using

the DSPR, and all mapping results (see File S2). R code for bootstrapping analysis and additive

effect calculations in the DGRP is available in File S1.

Results and Discussion

Extensive phenotypic variation in starvation resistance in the DSPR and DGRP

Starvation resistance in both the DSPR and DGRP was highly variable among strains (Fig

1, Fig 2), and the broad sense heritability for starvation resistance was routinely high (Table 1).

Males were typically less starvation resistant than females (Fig S2, Fig S4, Table S2, Table S5),

although despite this male and female starvation resistance were significantly correlated in both

the DSPR (pA: R^2 = 53.0%; pB: R^2 = 57.0%; Fig S5) and DGRP (R^2 = 68.0%; Fig S6). Such sex-specific

differences in starvation resistance are likely influenced by a combination of higher glycogen and

triglyceride levels and larger body size, which are often observed for females relative to males

(Chippindale *et al.* 1996; Toda and Kimura 1997; Schwasinger-Schmidt *et al.* 2012; Goenaga *et al.*

2013).

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Panel	Trait	Sex	Heritability
DSPR pA	Starvation	Female	80.0%
DSPR pA	Starvation	Male	73.1%
DSPR pB	Starvation	Female	74.4%
DSPR pB	Starvation	Male	71.5%
DGRP	Starvation	Female	87.1%
DGRP	Starvation	Male	87.0%
DSPR pA	Triglycerides	Female	77.5%
DSPR pB	Triglycerides	Female	82.3%

Figure 1. *Variation in mean (± SD) starvation resistance for each sex. A-D shows data for DSPR RIL panels pA and pB. E and F show data for the founder lines. In E and F, names of the founder lines are shown on the x-axis; the founder line AB8 is the founder shared by the two mapping panels.*

Figure 2. *Variation in mean DGRP (±SD) starvation resistance in females (orange) and males (red).*

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We screened the DSPR and DGRP for starvation resistance at 23°C and under constant

light conditions. Since starvation resistance is sensitive to the thermal environment (van

Herrewege and David 1997; Karan and Parkash 1998; Karan *et al.* 1998; Hoffmann *et al.* 2005a;

Bauerfeind *et al.* 2014) and may vary under different photoperiods (Sheeba *et al.* 2000; Xu *et al.*

2008; Seay and Thummel 2011), we sought to re-measure starvation resistance for a subset of

DSPR RILs at 25°C and with a 12 hour : 12 hour light/dark cycle, conditions that have been used

in other starvation studies (e.g. Mackay *et al.* 2012; Everman and Morgan 2018). Overall,

starvation resistance of the re-tested RILs was lower in both sexes compared to that measured

in the original large-scale starvation assay (effect of assay: $F_{1,136}$ = 31.60, p < 0.0001; Fig S7A).

Despite this, starvation resistance in the subset of RILs was significantly correlated between the

two experiments (Females: β = 0.43 ± 0.04, t = 9.7, p < 0.0001, R^2 = 73.9%; Males: β = 0.59 ± 0.05,

t = 10.9, p < 0.0001, R^2 = 78.3%; Fig S7B).

We similarly compared starvation resistance phenotypes for the DGRP measured in the

current study with data generated by Mackay *et al.* (2012) and Everman and Morgan (2018). In

our study, the DGRP exhibited considerably higher resistance than in these previous works ($F_{2,532}$

= 1457.5, p < 0.0001; Fig S8). This discrepancy was not due to differences across studies in the

frequency with which flies were counted (every 4, 8, or 12 hours depending on the study, Fig S8).

To investigate whether the difference was due to the environmental conditions experienced by

the experimental animals, we raised and tested 12 randomly-selected DGRP lines under the same

conditions as described for our initial screen (i.e., 23°C, 30-60% relative humidity, and constant

light) and under conditions that more closely mimic those described in Mackay *et al.* (2012) and

Everman and Morgan (2018) (i.e. 25°C, 50% relative humidity, and 12:12hr light:dark).

Furthermore, for both environments, we assayed starvation on agar media containing

preservatives (see Text S1), and on media lacking preservatives, as used by Everman and Morgan

(2018) and Mackay *et al.* (2012). The inclusion of preservatives in the assay media had the largest

effect on variation in starvation resistance among studies (Preservatives: $F_{1,327}$ = 1628.9, p <<

0.0001; variance explained = 81.2%; Fig S9), with rearing/testing environment explaining very

little of the variation (see Table S6 for the full breakdown of ANOVA variance components). We

speculate that the antibiotic properties of the preservatives extend lifespan under starvation

conditions by limiting growth of pathogenic microorganisms.

Even given the large across-study difference in mean starvation resistance in the DGRP,

we found moderately strong correlations in both sexes over datasets, ranging from 50.8% to

64.4% (Fig S10). The high correspondence among these three DGRP datasets, coupled with the

phenotypic correlation between the subset of DSPR strains assayed using two different

approaches (see above), suggests that fundamental aspects of the genetic control of starvation

resistance are generally consistent over experiments, even when environmental conditions such

as temperature are quite different. The differences we observe in starvation resistance between

studies may reflect ecologically-relevant phenotypic plasticity. The temporally variable thermal

environment is a particularly important source of selection for ectothermic organisms (Bell 2010;

Bergland *et al.* 2014). Plastic shifts in starvation resistance in response to temperature can have

important fitness benefits, including seasonal adaptation to fluctuating resource availability as

has been reported in the butterfly *Bicyclus anynana* (Pijpe *et al.* 2007) and following the induction

of diapause in *D. melanogaster* (Schmidt *et al.* 2005; Rion and Kawecki 2007). Collectively, these

previous studies and our data speak to the important influence of both phenotypic plasticity and

genotype on variation in starvation resistance in natural populations.

Starvation resistance is associated with desiccation resistance and low activity in the DSPR

Environmental stress can exert selection pressure on energy use and storage, and

environmental stressors that impact one type of stress resistance often impact a suit of other

stress-related traits (Hoffmann and Parsons 1989b). Several artificial selection studies for

starvation resistance have shown a correlated change in desiccation resistance, suggesting these

stress traits are related (Hoffmann and Parsons 1989a; b; Chippindale *et al.* 1996; Hoffmann and

Harshman 1999; Harshman *et al.* 1999; Hoffmann *et al.* 2001). For instance, a detailed study of

this correlated response by Hoffmann and Parsons (1989b) demonstrated a rapid phenotypic

response in both desiccation and starvation resistance following four generations of strong

selection for increased desiccation resistance, and in part this was attributed to selection acting

on a general stress response mechanism. Subsequent genomics studies have suggested that this

rapid phenotypic response is accompanied by rapid and extensive genomic change (Kang *et al.*

2016), and that extensive pleiotropy underlies desiccation resistance (Telonis-Scott *et al.* 2012,

2016; Kang *et al.* 2016; Griffin *et al.* 2017).

We investigated the association between starvation and desiccation resistance in the

DSPR by measuring female desiccation resistance in RILs chosen from the two tails of the

phenotypic distribution of female starvation resistance. We found that desiccation and starvation

resistance were significantly correlated (R^2 = 43.8, $F_{1,31}$ = 24.11, p < 0.0001; Fig 3). Since mean

desiccation resistance was considerably lower than mean starvation resistance for all lines tested

(compare Figs 1 and 3), flies experiencing desiccation conditions are unlikely to be dying from

starvation. In addition, since DSPR lines with very low starvation resistance do not also have low

larval viability (data from Marriage *et al.* 2014) or reduced adult lifespan (data from Highfill *et al.*

2016) it does not appear that DSPR lines with very low resistance to starvation and desiccation

are simply "sick" (Fig S11). The relationship between starvation and desiccation resistance in the

present study provides support for the genetic correlation and shared physiological mechanisms

that have been proposed to exist between these traits (Hoffmann and Parsons 1989a; b, 1993;

Harshman *et al.* 1999; Kennington *et al.* 2001). However, the correlation we observed is modest,

and does not rule out the possibility that the covariation observed between starvation and

desiccation resistance may be influenced by genetic variation in one or more other resistance-

associated traits. A more intensive sampling of the DSPR would be necessary to thoroughly

investigate the genetic correlation between starvation and desiccation resistance.

Figure 3. *Mean starvation and desiccation resistance are correlated in the DSPR ($F_{1,31}$ = 21.11, p < 0.0001).*
Desiccation resistance is presented as RIL means ($\pm$SD). Open symbols indicate "low" starvation resistance
RILs; filled symbols indicate "high" starvation resistance RILs, and the dashed vertical line separates these
RIL classes.

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493   One physiological mechanism that may increase tolerance to environmental stressors is

a reduction in metabolic rate (Lighton and Bartholomew 1988; Hoffmann and Parsons 1989a; b,

1991; Chippindale *et al.* 1996; Djawdan *et al.* 1997; Marron *et al.* 2003; Rion and Kawecki 2007;

Schwasinger-Schmidt *et al.* 2012; Slocumb *et al.* 2015). Indeed, selection for both starvation and

desiccation resistance has been shown to lead to a correlated change in activity level, an indirect

proxy for metabolic rate (Hoffmann and Parsons 1989b, 1993; Schwasinger-Schmidt *et al.* 2012).

Here, we assessed activity of a subset of RILs exhibiting high and low starvation resistance to

understand how genetic variability in starvation resistance relates to activity levels under non-

stressful conditions. In the presence of nutritive media males and females differed in activity level

across the light and dark period ($F_{1,132}$ = 16.9, p < 0.0001; Fig 4; Table S7), with high starvation

resistance RILs exhibiting significantly lower activity levels than low starvation resistance RILs

($F_{1,132}$ = 12.5, p < 0.001; Fig 4; Table S7). The effects of starvation resistance rank (high vs low),

sex, and the light status (light versus dark) on activity were similar in magnitude (Cohen's F: 0.21-

0.36; Table S7), suggesting that these factors contribute similarly to variation in waking activity

levels.

Figure 4. *Activity level on regular media for males (red) and females (black) from a subset of high and low*
female starvation resistance RILs. Panels indicate the light and dark periods of a 24-hour monitoring
period. Activity while awake was influenced by both a sex-by-light interaction ($F_{1,132}$ = 16.9, P < 0.001) and
by starvation resistance class (i.e. high or low; $F_{1,132}$ = 12.5, P < 0.001).

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The differences in activity between high and low starvation resistance lines on regular,

nutritive media (Fig 4) were preserved under starvation stress conditions, with the high

starvation resistant lines being less active than the low starvation resistant lines throughout the

starvation process (Fig S13; Table S8). This pattern aligns with that from previous studies. For

instance, Schwasinger-Schmidt *et al.* (2012) found that activity of flies with high starvation

resistance was reduced following 15 generations of selection for starvation resistance in both

males and females. Slocumb *et al.* (2015) also found that waking activity was reduced in lines

selected to have high starvation resistance. Although previous associations between increased

starvation tolerance and lower activity levels, metabolic rate, and changes in behavior have been

observed (Murphey and Hall 1969; Hoffmann and Parsons 1989a; Blows and Hoffman 1993;

Djawdan *et al.* 1997; Karan *et al.* 1998; Schwasinger-Schmidt *et al.* 2012; Masek *et al.* 2014), our

findings present a novel addition to our understanding of how increased starvation resistance

may occur. Behavioral components of energy conservation are likely to play a role in how

individuals compensate for stressful conditions (van Dijk *et al.* 2002; McCue 2010; Masek *et al.*

2014) and represent an additional facet of the complex nature of phenotypic variability in

starvation resistance.

Starvation resistance and triglyceride level are correlated in the DSPR

Periods of starvation have been shown to significantly reduce triglyceride levels in both

males and females (Schwasinger-Schmidt *et al.* 2012), and others have suggested that fat stores

and starvation resistance may be genetically correlated (Service *et al.* 1985; Rose *et al.* 1992;

Chippindale *et al.* 1996; Harshman *et al.* 1999; Schwasinger-Schmidt *et al.* 2012; Slocumb *et al.*

2015). To investigate the relationship between these traits in the DSPR, we measured mean

female triglyceride level in a subset of the pA and pB DSPR RILs and found substantial phenotypic

and genetic variation among RILs (Table 1; Fig 5). Mean starvation resistance and triglyceride

level were positively correlated in both DSPR panels, although the correlation in the pA and pB

panels was significantly different (Fig 6). Overall, variation in mean starvation resistance

explained 23.7% of the variation observed in mean triglyceride level among the DSPR RILs across

the two mapping panels ($R^2 = 23.7\%$, $F_{3,929} = 95.96$, $p < 0.0001$; Fig 6), suggesting that a proportion

of variation in female starvation resistance can be explained by variation in triglyceride level in

the DSPR.

Figure 5. *Variation in mean DSPR triglyceride level (±SD) for females in the pA panel (A) and pB panel (B).*

Figure 6. *Mean starvation resistance and triglyceride level are positively correlated in females ($F_{3,929}$ = 95.96, p < 0.0001). The strength of the correlation varied between the two mapping panels (interaction: $F_{1,929}$ = 9.32, p < 0. 01). Points are colored to indicate subpopulation for each mapping panel, although subpopulation was not included in the regression analysis.*

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The correlation between triglyceride level (or total lipid level, depending on the study)

and starvation resistance has been measured in numerous natural and artificially selected

Drosophila populations, and a positive relationship is often described (Chippindale *et al.* 1996;

Djawdan *et al.* 1997; van Herrewege and David 1997; Harshman *et al.* 1999; Schwasinger-Schmidt

et al. 2012; Goenaga *et al.* 2013; Slocumb *et al.* 2015; Hardy *et al.* 2018). For example, in

isofemale lines derived from populations distributed across approximately 14.4 degrees of

latitude, Goenaga *et al.* (2015) found that 12% of the variation in female starvation resistance

was accounted for by lipid content. Similarly, Chippindale *et al.* (1996) found a very strong

positive relationship between total lipids and starvation resistance following extended selection

for increased starvation resistance and suggested that lipid levels may directly determine

starvation resistance. However, a strong correspondence between lipid content and starvation

resistance is not always observed in strains derived from natural populations (Robinson *et al.*

2000; Hoffmann *et al.* 2001; Jumbo-Lucioni *et al.* 2010). For example, Jumbo-Lucioni *et al.* (2010)

found no correlation between triacylglycerol levels and starvation resistance measured in inbred

lines derived from a natural population. Hoffman *et al.* (2001) suggested that variation in the

strength of the correlation between triglycerides and starvation resistance may be due to the

evolutionary history of the study population. Evolutionary tradeoffs between increased lipid

storage and other aspects of fitness may also influence the correlation between starvation

resistance and lipid levels (Huang *et al.* 2014; Hardy *et al.* 2015, 2018). Furthermore, artificial

selection may increase starvation resistance via mechanisms that preferentially modify lipid

accumulation or metabolism, rather than by impacting energy level or energy-saving behavioral

strategies (Hoffmann and Parsons 1989a; Blows and Hoffman 1993; Hoffmann *et al.* 2001;

Marron *et al.* 2003; Rion and Kawecki 2007; Masek *et al.* 2014; Slocumb *et al.* 2015). The

relationship observed between triglyceride levels and starvation resistance in our study supports

the hypothesis that triglyceride levels and starvation resistance are likely physiologically related.

Equally, it is evident from our data that triglyceride level likely influences starvation resistance to

a lesser degree than proposed by Chippindale *et al.* (1996) and Hoffmann and Harshman (1999),

and that starvation resistance and triglyceride level have the potential to evolve independently

under natural selection.

Starvation resistance QTL allow prediction of DSPR founder phenotypes

We identified 8 QTL for starvation resistance in the pA panel and 7 QTL in the pB panel,

several of which overlapped between sexes (Fig S14). Both sets of QTL explained a substantial

amount of variation in starvation resistance, with individual peaks accounting for 3.7-13.2% of

the variation (Table 2). The total variance explained by QTL in the pA (pB) population was 26.1%

(32.8%) in females and 17.5% (37.9%) in males, assuming QTL are independent and additive

(Table 2). None of the QTL identified in the pA and pB mapping panels overlapped, and since

power to detect 5% QTL is expected to be high in our study (King *et al.* 2012a) and all DSPR

phenotyping was completed within seven months using the same design and environmental

conditions, this likely reflects genetic variation among the different sets of founders used to

establish the two sets of lines.

Table 2. Summary of QTL identified for starvation resistance and triglyceride level in the DSPR.

Starvation Resistance QTL: pA DSPR panel

QTL	Sex	Peak LOD	Chr	Physical Interval (Mb)	Genetic Interval (cM)	Variance Explained	No. Genes	No. Potential Starvation Candidate Genes[a]
SA1	M	7.41	2L	0.34-0.64	0.36-1.02	3.90	52	3
SA2	F	10.85	2R	4.90-5.53	59.39-60.64	6.01	122	10
SA2	M	10.59	2R	4.87-5.58	59.32-60.74	5.52	126	10
SA3	F	8.05	2R	12.85-13.43	80.75-82.81	4.23	110	9
SA4	F	7.03	2R	14.18-14.72	84.14-86.68	3.70	105	7
SA5	F	10.13	3L	3.40-3.92	6.89-8.88	5.29	52	4
SA6	F	13.21	3R	0.79-2.37	47.10-47.52	6.85	244	11
SA7	M	7.66	3R	15.55-15.86	66.52-67.36	4.03	52	4
SA8	M	7.73	3R	21.07-21.48	86.77-88.20	4.06	80	3

Starvation Resistance QTL: pB DSPR panel

QTL	Sex	Peak LOD	Chr	Physical Interval (Mb)	Genetic Interval (cM)	Variance Explained	No. Genes	No. Potential Starvation Candidate Genes[a]
SB1	F	7.68	2L	7.02-7.30	23.69-25.20	4.05	33	1
SB2	M	8.35	2L	10.10-10.50	39.24-40.93	4.39	110	13
SB3	F	7.13	2L	12.14-12.65	45.94-46.96	3.77	44	4
SB3	M	7.05	2L	12.13-12.63	45.92-46.93	3.72	45	4
SB4	F	12.28	2R	1.10-2.70	54.93-55.73	6.41	148	10
SB4	M	19.40	2R	2.01-2.69	55.21-55.72	9.91	81	8
SB5	F	18.98	3L	18.94-19.42	45.48-45.75	9.73	54	5
SB5	M	26.40	3L	19.00-19.43	45.51-45.76	13.24	46	3
SB6	F	9.07	3R	8.86-9.20	52.50-53.29	4.77	48	7

QTL	Sex	Peak LOD	Chr	Physical Interval (Mb)	Genetic Interval (cM)	Variance Explained	No. Genes	No. Potential Starvation Candidate Genes[a]
SB6	M	12.77	3R	8.57-9.21	52.33-53.30	6.64	90	9
SB7	F	7.72	3R	25.65-26.15	99.12-100.11	4.08	111	8

Triglyceride Level QTL: pB DSPR panel

QTL	Sex	Peak LOD	Chr	Physical Interval (Mb)	Genetic Interval (cM)	Variance Explained	No. Genes	No. Potential Starvation Candidate Genes[a]
TB1	F	8.73	3L	3.45-4.09	7.08-9.52	6.22	84	7
TB2	F	7.90	3R	7.18-8.01	50.50-51.54	5.64	118	5
TB3	F	8.45	3R	8.31-8.71	51.96-52.54	6.03	54	8
TB4	F	7.71	X	17.34-17.43	57.17-57.44	5.51	4	0

[a]Genes and functions associated with starvation resistance are listed in Table S9. The number of genes associated with starvation resistance (SR) was determined by cross-referencing genes within each QTL interval with previously reported candidates and biological functions reported by FlyBase (Lin et al. 1998; Clancy et al. 2001; FlyBase Curators et al. 2004; Harbison et al. 2004; Sørensen et al. 2007; Nuzhdin et al. 2007).

Because we can estimate the effect associated with each founder haplotype at each

mapped QTL in the DSPR, it follows that a combination of the estimates across all QTL can be

used to predict the actual phenotypes of the original founder strains. We measured starvation

resistance in the 15 DSPR founder lines (Fig 1E, F) to test this prediction. It is likely that the

strength of the correlation between the estimated and actual trait response is influenced by the

number and effect size of each QTL mapped for the trait. To account for differences in the degree

to which starvation resistance is influenced by QTL of varying effect sizes, we calculated the

predicted mean trait for each founder line weighted by the variance explained by each QTL.

As anticipated, using a general linear model the weighted mean predicted starvation

resistance of the founders based on QTL effects was significantly correlated with the sex-

averaged mean starvation resistance measured for the founder lines (R^2 = 60.8%, $F_{3,13}$ = 6.12, p <

0.01; Fig 7). The slope of this relationship is relatively small (β = 0.13 $\pm$ 0.07), suggesting that

while a large component of variation in starvation resistance is clearly genetic (supported by

heritability estimates for each panel, Table 1), substantial variation in the phenotype is

unaccounted for by additive genetic effects at mapped QTL. This unaccounted-for genetic

variation in starvation resistance is likely due to many QTL with very small effects beyond our

power to detect them (King *et al.* 2012a) and/or epistatic interactions among QTL (Evans *et al.*;

Mackay 2014). Epistasis may be especially important when comparing actual founder strain

phenotypes with those inferred via QTL effects due to the many generations of recombination

employed while establishing the DSPR from the inbred founders. However, the strength of the

correlation between predicted and actual responses does suggest that QTL identified from the

DSPR mapping panels identify causative loci that influence the level of starvation resistance

among the progenitors of the RILs.

Figure 7. *Estimated starvation resistance weighted by the variance explained by each QTL and actual*
starvation resistance measured for the 15 founder lines of the DSPR were significantly correlated ($\beta = 0.13$
±0.07; $F_{3,13} = 6.21$, $p < 0.01$). AB8 identifies the founder line shared between the pA and pB mapping panels
estimated independently in each QTL analysis. Grey shading indicates the 95% CI of the regression.

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Limited overlap between the genetic architecture of starvation resistance and triglyceride level in the DSPR

To further understand the relationship between starvation resistance and triglyceride

level in the DSPR we compared the genetic architectures of these two traits. We mapped four

distinct QTL for triglyceride level in the pB population, each of which accounted for 5.5-6.2% of

the variation in this trait (Table 2; Fig S15), in total explaining 23.4% of the variation in pB. No QTL

for triglyceride level were detected in the pA panel, likely due to the reduced number of pA RILs

assessed (pA N = 311; pB N = 628). However, even with this reduced power, the QTL map for pA

suggests that the genetic architecture for triglyceride level is different between the two mapping

panels, as there is no evidence of near-significant peaks in pA within QTL intervals statistically

identified in the pB panel (Fig S15).

Given the phenotypic correlation between triglyceride level and starvation resistance in

the DSPR (Fig 6) and similar correlations previously reported in other studies (Chippindale *et al.*

1998; Hoffmann and Harshman 1999), one might predict overlap of QTL associated with these

traits. However, we see only limited evidence for this. Triglyceride QTL TB1 (mapped in the pB

panel) and starvation QTL SA5 (mapped in the pA panel) do physically overlap, but given the

complete lack of evidence for QTL for the same trait co-localizing in both the pA and pB DSPR

mapping panels, it is unlikely the variant(s) underlying these QTL are the same. To investigate the

relationship between the two QTL that do overlap within the same panel (SB6 and TB3), we

assessed the influence of haplotype structure at the overlapping QTL on the positive phenotypic

correlation between triglyceride level and starvation resistance (Fig 6). In this analysis, we first

identified the founder haplotype for each RIL at the positions of the overlapping QTL peaks, and

calculated the average phenotype of each of the founder haplotypes. We then assessed the

correlation between haplotype-specific mean triglyceride level and starvation resistance with a

general linear model. After accounting for the haplotype structure at the overlapping peaks, we

found that mean starvation resistance and triglyceride level were significantly correlated ($F_{1,7}$ =

7.72, $p < 0.05$, R^2 = 52.4%; Fig S16), suggesting some pleiotropic variants may be responsible for

this pair of overlapping starvation resistance and triglyceride level QTL.

The limited overlap in the QTL intervals associated with starvation and triglyceride level

suggests that the genetic bases of this pair of traits are largely independent, or at least not tightly

linked at QTL with moderate to large effects. In natural populations, increased starvation

resistance may evolve as a result of selection on diverse traits including metabolic rate, activity

level, lifespan, development rate, thermal tolerance, and fecundity (Service *et al.* 1985;

Hoffmann and Parsons 1989b, 1993; Rose *et al.* 1992; Chippindale *et al.* 1993; Djawdan *et al.*

1997; Harshman *et al.* 1999; Bochdanovits and de Jong 2003; Marron *et al.* 2003; Bubliy and

Loeschcke 2005; Rion and Kawecki 2007; Schwasinger-Schmidt *et al.* 2012), and triglyceride levels

may be influenced by genetic variation in each of these traits. Our evidence of minimal overlap

between the genetic architectures of starvation resistance and triglyceride levels, coupled with

a phenotypic correlation between these traits, may be indicative of a series of complex

correlations between traits that influence stress tolerance, energy metabolism, and life history

in the DSPR.

Candidate genes underlying fitness trait variation

Across all QTL identified for starvation resistance and triglyceride level in this study,

several genes within mapped QTL intervals have functions related to these and other correlated

traits (Table 2, Table S9). Of particular interest are the 30 genes that fall within our QTL intervals

that were identified in previous starvation resistance studies (Clancy *et al.* 2001; Harbison *et al.*

2005; Sørensen *et al.* 2007) (Table S9). Gene ontology analyses performed for each trait and panel

revealed enrichment of genes within pA starvation QTL related to glutathione metabolic process

(6.91-fold enrichment, FDR corrected P = 0.000146; Table S10), as well as several categories that

were enriched for genes implicated by mapped triglyceride QTL (Table S10). This enrichment

could assist with the resolution of the functional genes within QTL regions. However, it should be

noted that the sets of genes implicated by QTL mapping in the DSPR (3-244 genes per interval in

this study) are extremely unlikely to all contribute to trait variation, and their presence within

QTL intervals cannot alone be taken as evidence for causality.

Upon examination of the genes within the overlapping starvation resistance and

triglyceride interval (TB3 and SB6), we found several genes that have either been predicted or

experimentally demonstrated to be associated with traits related to starvation resistance and

triglycerides or metabolism (Table S9 and references therein). Genes that fall within the intervals

of the overlapping peaks include those that influence adult lifespan (e.g. *ry*, *Men*, *Gnmt*

(Simonsen *et al.* 2006; Paik *et al.* 2012; Obata and Miura 2015)), lipid metabolic processes

(including *Lip3*, *CG11598*, *CG11608*, *CG18530* (FlyBase Curators *et al.* 2004)), insulin signaling

(e.g. *poly* (Bolukbasi *et al.* 2012)), response to starvation (e.g. *mthl12*, *Gnmt* (UniProt Curators

2002; Obata *et al.* 2014)), larval feeding behavior (e.g. *Hug* (Melcher and Pankratz 2005)),

circadian rhythm and sleep (e.g. *timeout*, *Men* (Harbison *et al.* 2004; Benna *et al.* 2010)), and

triglyceride homeostasis (*Gnmt* (Obata *et al.* 2014)) (Table S9). These genes are promising

candidates for future studies seeking to examine the functional genetic relationship between

these two traits.

Different mapping approaches reveal unique genetic architectures for starvation

resistance

Dissection of a quantitative genetic trait using different approaches can allow greater

resolution of the genetic architecture, and provide insight into how alleles unique to different

mapping panels contribute to phenotypic variation. To gain this additional understanding we

assessed the genetic architecture of starvation resistance in the DGRP using GWA mapping of

four starvation resistance datasets: new data collected in this study, data from Mackay *et al.*

(2012), data from Everman and Morgan (2018), and a consensus, across-study starvation

resistance measure calculated as the mean response across the three starvation datasets (150

lines were measured across the three studies). Using an FDR threshold of 20%, between 0 and 12

SNPs were associated with starvation resistance in each dataset and sex (Table 3; Table S11).

Aside from 3 SNPs that overlap between the across-study mean dataset and the Mackay *et al.*

(2012) dataset, none of these above-threshold SNPs were the same (Table 3; Table S11). Using

the more lenient significance threshold of $P < 10^{-5}$ (see Table 3 for the equivalent FDR values),

between 17 and 48 SNPs were associated with starvation resistance for each dataset and sex

(Table 3). However, overlap in associated SNPs among datasets was still minimal (Fig S17). The

SNPs identified using the more lenient significance threshold include all those identified at the

FDR threshold of 20%, so all subsequent analyses are performed on the larger set of associated

SNPs, and we acknowledge that these sets may include larger fractions of false-positive

associations.

 Table 3. Summary of DGRP GWA results and lines measured in this study, Mackay et al. **(2012) and**
Everman and Morgan (2018).

Study[a]	Significance Threshold	Equivalent FDR		No. Strains	No. SNPs[b]:	
		Female	Male		Female	Male
This Study	FDR 0.2	-	-	168	2	3
	P < 10^-5	0.78	0.79	168	23	19
Mackay et al. (2012)	*FDR 0.2*	*-*	*-*	*203*	*11*	*0*
	P < 10^-5	*0.49*	*0.82*	*203*	*39**	*17**
Everman and Morgan (2018)	*FDR 0.2*	*-*	*-*	*164*	*0*	*0*
	P < 10^-5	*0.67*	*0.65*	*164*	*25**	*22**
Across-Study Mean Response	FDR 0.2	-	-	150	12	0
	P < 10^-5	0.43	0.80	150	48	22

[a]Text in italics indicates results from the reanalysis of starvation data previously presented by Mackay
et al. (2012) and Huang et al. (2014) and Everman and Morgan (2018).
[b]Asterisks indicate results that match those reported in the original studies.

Across all four datasets reporting starvation resistance in the DGRP, 12 SNPs (associated with seven genes) identified using the P < 10^-5 significance threshold fell within QTL intervals identified for starvation resistance in the DSPR (Fig S18; Table S11). In females, one SNP associated with starvation resistance from Mackay *et al.* (2012) is within QTL SA4 (gene *CG30118*), and one SNP associated with starvation resistance in this study is present in QTL SA3 (gene *mbl*). One SNP associated with starvation resistance from Everman and Morgan (2018) is within QTL SB7 (gene *hdc*), and one SNP from the average of starvation resistance across the DGRP datasets is within QTL SB5 (gene *Gbs-76A*). In males, one SNP associated with starvation resistance from Mackay *et al.* (2012) is within QTL SB3 and was not associated with a gene. Four SNPs (one from this study and three from the average of starvation resistance) fell within QTL SB5 and were all near the gene *fz2*; one additional SNP associated with the average of starvation resistance was also within SB5 and was associated with the gene *pip*. One SNP associated with starvation resistance from Everman and Morgan (2018) was within QTL SB6 (gene *beat-Vc*). Only one of these seven genes has been previously associated with starvation resistance (*CG30118*; (Sørensen *et al.* 2007)), and none have reported functions specifically related to starvation resistance or general stress response (FlyBase Curators *et al.* 2004). Furthermore, none of the overlapping genes survived an FDR threshold of 0.2, increasing the possibility that these genes

may be false positives. Therefore, with the possible exception of *CG30118*, these genes may not

be promising candidates, despite their overlap among studies.

Compared to genes implicated by QTL identified in the DSPR, which include several that

have been previously associated with starvation or related phenotypes (e.g., lifespan or lipid

content), DGRP GWAS hits implicate fewer *a priori* strong candidate genes. Additionally, we did

not observe any GO enrichment following analyses of SNPs associated with the four starvation

resistance datasets, although we acknowledge that the limited number of implicated genes likely

compromised the power of these analyses. Of the total 127 unique genes associated with

starvation resistance in the DGRP across studies and sexes, only two have been previously

identified as associated with starvation resistance in other mapping populations (*CG30118*, *scaf6*;

Table S11; (see Table S2 in Sørensen *et al.* 2007)). More generally, five had previously been

associated with the determination of adult lifespan (e.g. *cnc* and *Egfr*; Table S11; (Sykiotis and

Bohmann 2008; Kamakura 2011)), and 5 have been previously associated with lipid metabolism

or metabolic processes (e.g. *GlcAT-P* and *Ugt86Dj*; Table S11; (FlyBase Curators *et al.* 2004;

Gaudet *et al.* 2010)). Given the relative lack of power of a GWA study using less than 200

genotypes (Long *et al.* 2014), and our use of a permissive genomewide threshold, it could be that

many of the GWAS associations are incorrect, explaining why associations do not typically tag

known candidates. Equally, it could be the case that a series of novel pathways are involved in

natural variation for starvation resistance, and that traditional candidates - often identified via

mutagenesis screens rather than through examination of segregating allelic variation - typically

do not harbor the functional natural variants detectable in a GWAS (Mackay *et al.* 2009).

The general lack of correspondence among the loci associated with starvation resistance

in each mapping panel does not invalidate either approach as a strategy to uncover functional

variation. It is likely that many genes contribute to variation in this trait with effects that are

either fairly small, or that have effects only in a specific genetic background (i.e., exhibit genetic

epistasis), and we would not expect to routinely identify such loci. In addition, comparison of the

genetic architecture of quantitative genetic traits across multiple panels is complicated by a

number of additional factors. The genetic structure of the mapping panel (e.g., whether it is a

multiparental panel like the DSPR or a population-based association study panel like the DGRP)

influences the analytical strategy, and the power and resolution of mapping (Long et al. 2014).

The complement of alleles present in the panel, and the frequency with which they segregate,

will also affect the ability to identify the same locus across mapping panels (e.g., King and Long

2017). This point is especially true for the comparisons made here, since the DSPR represents a

global sampling of genetic variation represented by the 15 founder strains, whereas the variation

present in the DGRP is a direct reflection of the genetic variability in a single population at a single

point in time. Therefore, a lack of overlap in the identified QTL for a complex, highly-polygenic

trait between the DSPR and the DGRP is perhaps not unexpected.

Repeatability in the SNPs associated with starvation resistance across DGRP studies

787   The public availability of starvation resistance data for the DGRP from multiple studies

788   provides a novel opportunity to investigate the reliability and repeatability of associations

789   identified for a classic quantitative trait in the same mapping panel across independent

790   phenotypic screens (Lithgow *et al.* 2017). Despite the moderately high phenotypic correlation

791   between starvation resistance measured in the three studies (Fig S8), only a single variant was

792   implicated in more than one of the three studies (Fig S17).

793   The lack of overlap in SNPs associated with starvation resistance could be due to

differences in the rearing/testing environments of the three studies (discussed above), where

genotype-by-environment effects - often pervasive for complex traits (Gurganus *et al.* 1998) -

could lead to different sites impacting variation in different studies. However, it is potentially

more likely that the sets of associated SNPs have real, but extremely small effects on starvation

resistance variation, and power in a GWA panel of modest size is too low to consistently detect

them (Boyle *et al.* 2017). If true, one would predict that - in contrast to random SNPs - the "top

SNPs" identified within each starvation resistance dataset would have additive effects of the

same sign across all studies. In essence, significantly associated SNPs with positive effects on

starvation resistance from data collected in this study would be expected to have positive

additive effects on starvation resistance measured in Mackay *et al.* (2012) and Everman and

Morgan (2018) more often than expected by random chance.

To test this prediction, we first collected the sign of the additive effects of SNPs that

survived the significance threshold (P < 10^{-5}) in each dataset for both sexes (Table S11), and

determined whether these top SNPs had additive effects of the same sign in every other dataset.

We then established a null distribution of SNP additive effect signs across pairs of datasets. This

was accomplished by taking samples of 50 SNPs segregating in the DGRP and extracting the sign

of the additive effect of each SNP in the pair of datasets, regardless of the association statistic

for that SNP. The proportion of the 50 SNPs that had a positive additive effect on the trait was

recorded for each of 1000 iterations and used to build an expected distribution of SNP effect sign

sharing for each pair of datasets. We note that to compensate for any allele frequency bias in the

variants that are actually most associated with phenotype, we ensured that the frequencies of

the randomly-sampled SNPs were stratified to match the top 50 SNPs associated with each sex

and dataset (see Materials and Methods; Table S3).

Finally, we compared the proportion of top SNPs for which the sign stayed the same

across studies to our expected distribution for each pair of datasets (Fig 8). We found that for the

random samples of SNPs, the probability that the additive effects were positive in both datasets

compared was greater than 50% for most comparisons (distribution means ranging from 45.9-

72.1%; Fig 8). This implies that a random SNP is slightly more likely to have the same sign effect

across data sets, which may be explained in part by the phenotypic correlation between the

datasets (Fig S10). Even given this skew, far more top SNPs than expected by chance had additive

effects of the same sign in each of the other starvation resistance studies (Fig 8; Table S3; Fig

S19). This may suggest that there is phenotypic signal even in SNPs that have very small effects,

and that are not clearly associated with starvation resistance in the GWAS (see Yang *et al.* 2010).

Generally, the consistency of the additive effects of SNPs associated with starvation resistance in

the DGRP calculated across datasets implies that starvation resistance is a highly polygenic trait,

with a large number of QTL with very small effects that influence variation in this trait (Mackay

2004; Boyle *et al.* 2017).

Figure 8. *Distribution of the proportion of SNPs that are expected to have additive effects of the same sign in pairwise comparisons of data from this study, Mackay* et al. *(2012) and Everman and Morgan (2018). Data shown were obtained for random samples of 50 SNPs with 1000 iterations. In each plot, red indicates female data, blue indicates male data, and corresponding vertical lines and text annotation indicate the mean of the sex-specific samples. The shaded tails represent the upper and lower 95% confidence intervals of each distribution. The triangles in each plot represent the sex-specific observed proportion of top SNPs from each GWA analysis (P < 10^-5) that had additive effects that were the same sign across studies (Fig S19). For example, in A, 100% of the SNPs associated with female starvation resistance in this study had additive effects of the same sign when calculated for starvation resistance reported in Mackay* et al. *(2012). The dataset comparison is indicated above each plot. In every case, top SNPs from one study were more*

843   *likely to have the same additive effect sign in a second study than a random set of frequency-matched*
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Conclusions

In this study, we have described the complex quantitative genetics of starvation

resistance in two large *D. melanogaster* mapping panels that have been thoroughly genomically

characterized. The DSPR and DGRP panels have the advantage of increased, stable genetic

diversity and provide a unique comparison to many previous quantitative genetic studies of

starvation resistance that may be limited by genetic diversity or mapping power. Correlations

between starvation resistance and the additional traits described in this study offer insight into

the genetic control of related stress response traits and provide support for the hypothesis that

the genetic architecture of stress traits varies by population and is dependent upon sex,

environment, and the evolutionary history of the populations studied. The relationships between

the traits analyzed in this study also offer insight into the broader responses of organisms to

starvation stress, given the high conservation of mechanisms related to starvation resistance in

diverse species (Partridge *et al.* 2005; Rion and Kawecki 2007). Here, we have demonstrated that

traits related to survival under starvation conditions, energy storage, activity levels, and survival

under desiccation stress are phenotypically correlated in the DSPR, consistent with previous

artificial selection studies as well as some natural populations. However, we also clearly

demonstrate that starvation resistance and triglyceride level are largely genetically independent

traits, indicating that evolutionary constraint between these two traits is unlikely. We

additionally describe the highly polygenic nature of starvation resistance using the DGRP,

leveraging previously published phenotypes on the same lines to compare the genetic

architecture of the trait across three studies. Our work shows that despite a lack of overlap across

studies in the identity of the variants associated with phenotype at a nominal genomewide

threshold, the sign of the additive effects of such top SNPs are conserved across studies

conducted by different labs. In turn this suggests that these variants do contribute to the

phenotype but have sufficiently small effects that they are not routinely captured following a

severe, genomewide correction for multiple tests. From this, we gain a much more detailed

understanding of the genetic control of trait variation in a genetically diverse panel and provide

insight into the utility of across-study and across-panel comparisons.

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Supplemental Figures

Figure S1. *Egg density in vials used to generate experimental individuals has a limited influence on starvation resistance. This was tested in 20 randomly-selected DSPR RILs by rearing experimental individuals according to two treatments: with 60 eggs per vial (60 EPV) or with 1-2 days of oviposition (1-2 DO). The total number of adults emerging from each source vial was also counted. Starvation resistance of the experimental individuals from each density treatment was measured as described for the large-scale starvation screen. A. Percent survival per vial at each 12-hr assessment point was very similar throughout the course of this experiment regardless of rearing density. Bold lines and points indicate the overall mean (±95% CI) survival for each treatment group at each 12-hr assessment point. B. Mean (±95% CI) starvation resistance for each of the 20 randomly-selected DSPR RILs was rarely influenced by the density treatment. Overall, density treatment had a minor effect on the average lifespan of each DSPR RIL ($F_{1,19}$ = 18.15, P < 0.0001, % Variance Explained = 0.90%; see Table S1 for full breakdown of variance components). C. Mean starvation resistance by DSPR RIL was strongly correlated between the two density treatments. D. The mean number of individuals per source vial of experimental flies did not explain a significant amount of variation in starvation resistance. In A, B, and D, black corresponds to the 1-2 day oviposition treatment; blue corresponds to the 60 eggs per vial treatment. In C and D, grey shading represents the 95% CI of the regression.*

Figure S2. *Mean (± 95% CI) starvation resistance per subpopulation and sex. Sex and subpopulation interact to influence starvation resistance ($F_{3,3440}$ = 18.317; p < 0.0001), though only females from the pA1 and pA2 subpopulations were significantly different within a panel (Tukey's HSD adj. p < 0.0001).*

Figure S3. *Mean female triglyceride level per subpopulation ($\pm$ 95% CI). Subpopulation influenced triglyceride level ($F_{3,935}$ = 37.099; $p < 0.0001$), though this was driven by differences between the pB subpopulations (Tukey's HSD adj. $p < 0.0001$)*

Figure S4. *Mean starvation resistance ($\pm$ 95% CI) for males and females in the DGRP ($F_{1,334}$ = 118.21, p < 0.0001).*

Figure S5. *Correlation between sex-specific mean starvation resistance for the DSPR pA mapping panel (A) and pB mapping panel (B). Sex-specific responses were significantly correlated for both panels (pA: $F_{1,859}$ = 968.5, P < 0.0001; pB: $F_{1,860}$ = 1138, p < 0.0001). Grey shading around the regression line in both plots indicates the 95% confidence interval.*

Figure S6. *Male and female mean starvation resistance was significantly correlated in the DGRP ($F_{1,334}$ = 118.21, P < 0.0001). Grey shading around the regression line indicates the 95% confidence interval.*

Figure S7. *A. Starvation resistance was significantly higher in the large-scale starvation screen of all DSPR RILs compared to the DAM (Drosophila Activity Monitor) starvation assay for the selected subset of RILs (Assay: $F_{1,136}$ = 31.60, p < 0.0001). Mean starvation resistance across RIL means is presented ($\pm$95% CI). B. Mean starvation resistance measured in the large-scale starvation resistance screen (x-axis) was correlated with mean starvation resistance measured in the DAM assay (y-axis) in the DSPR (Females: β = 0.43 $\pm$ 0.04, t = 9.7, p < 0.0001, R^2 = 73.9%; Males: β = 0.59 $\pm$ 0.05, t = 10.9, p < 0.0001, R^2 = 78.3%). The multiple R^2 value in the plot includes the interaction between starvation resistance measured under different assay conditions with sex.*

Figure S8. *A. Mean starvation resistance ($\pm$ 95% CI) was significantly higher in this study compared to Mackay* et al. *(2012) and Everman and Morgan (2018) ($F_{2.532}$ = 1457.5, P < 0.0001). The increased mean and variation in starvation resistance observed in this study was not driven by differences in the frequency at which survival was assessed, since a re-analysis of data from Everman and Morgan (2018) with a longer interval between fly counting events matching the interval from the present study, revealed essentially no difference in the phenotypes assayed. B. Mean starvation resistance by line and sex measured according to the 4-hr sampling interval was highly correlated to our re-analysis of the Everman and Morgan (2018) data using a 12-hr sampling interval.*

Figure S9. *Flies maintained on starvation media with preservatives lived much longer than flies on starvation media without preservatives, regardless of environmental conditions (24-hr light, 23°C as used in the large-scale starvation screen vs. 12:12hr L:D, 25°C as used in Mackay* et al. *(2012) and Everman and Morgan (2018)). This was tested in 12 randomly-selected DGRP lines. A. Percent survival per vial was different between the two media treatments, and differed slightly due to environment, but only when media did not contain preservatives. Black lines and points indicate media with no preservatives; blue lines and points indicate media with preservatives; solid lines indicate the 24hr Light, 23°C environment; dashed lines indicate the 12:12hr L:D, 25°C treatment. The bold points and lines for each treatment indicate the overall mean (±95% CI) survival of each treatment group at each 12-hr assessment point. B. Mean (±95% CI) starvation resistance for each of the 12 randomly selected DGRP lines was rarely influenced by the environment treatment (closed symbols = 24hr Light, 23°C; open symbols = 12:12hr L:D, 25°C), but media preservatives consistently resulted in higher survival for each DGRP line. C. Mean starvation resistance by DGRP line was significantly correlated between the two media treatments. D. DGRP line, preservatives in the media, and environmental conditions together explained nearly all phenotypic variation in starvation resistance. The full reporting of variance components is presented in Table S6. In C and D, grey shading represents the 95% CI of the regression.*

Figure S10. *Correlation between sex-specific mean starvation resistance in the DGRP panel for 150 lines that overlap between this study, Mackay* et al. *2012, and Everman and Morgan 2018. Red points indicate males and black points indicate females. All comparisons showed that the three independent measures of starvation resistance were significantly correlated (A: $F_{3,296}$ = 52.69, p < 0.0001; B: $F_{3, 296}$ = 50.66, p < 0.0001; C: $F_{3.296}$ = 78.18, p < 0.0001).*

Figure S11. *DSPR RILs with low starvation resistance ranged from low to high for other measures of fitness. A. Distribution of mean female lifespan in DSPR pB RILs (Highfill* et al. *(2016). RILs with low female starvation resistance (in the bottom 25% of the distribution) are shown in solid black symbols, while other RILs are shown in gray. B. The correlation between mean female starvation resistance and mean female lifespan is minimal, suggesting there is no association between low starvation resistance and reduced lifespan. C. Distribution of mean larval viability measured as the proportion of 1st instar larvae reared under control conditions that emerged as adults (Marriage* et al. *(2014). RILs with low female starvation resistance (in the bottom 25% of the distribution) are shown in solid black symbols, while other RILs are shown in gray. D. The weak correlation between mean female starvation resistance and mean larval viability again suggests that there is no association between low starvation resistance and low larval viability. We also fail to find strong associations between starvation resistance and other measures of fitness in the DGRP (Fig S12).*

Figure S12. *DGRP Lines with low starvation resistance ranged from low to high for other measures of fitness. A. Distribution of mean female lifespan in the DGRP (Ivanov* et al. *(2015). Lines with low female starvation resistance (in the bottom 25% of the distribution) are shown in solid black symbols, while other lines are shown in gray. B. The correlation between mean female starvation resistance and mean female lifespan is minimal, suggesting there is little association between low starvation resistance and reduced lifespan. C. Distribution of lifetime fecundity (Durham* et al. *(2014). Lines with low female starvation resistance (in the bottom 25% of the distribution) are shown in solid black symbols, while other lines are shown in gray. D. The weak correlation between mean female starvation resistance and fecundity suggests that there is no association between low starvation resistance and this measure of fitness.*

Figure S13. *Mean activity levels for females (top panel, black points) and males (bottom panel, red points) (± 95% CI) across the 12-hr daily light or dark periods during starvation in the DAM (Drosophila Activity Monitor) assay until death. Low starvation resistance RILs (solid line) tended to be more active during starvation compared to high starvation resistance RILs (dashed line) under both light and dark conditions. Light status (dark versus light) influenced the overall activity level of females but did not influence male activity. Data were analyzed with a repeated measures ANOVA; results are presented in Table S8. Similar to the pre-starvation period (Fig 4), waking activity levels of individuals during the DAM starvation experiment were primarily driven by starvation resistance rank in both sexes (females: $F_{1,8}$ = 14.87, p < 0.01; males: $F_{1,6}$ = 13.87, p < 0.01; Table S8). Light status did not influence activity between days for either sex (females: $F_{1,8}$ = 0.84, p = 0.39; males: $F_{1,6}$ = 0.23, p = 0.65; Table S8). However, light status did significantly influence activity in females within each day (females: $F_{1,8}$ = 43.09, p < 0.0001; Table S8), indicating that female activity in both high and low starvation resistance RILs was consistently higher during times when lights were on. Male activity of high and low starvation resistance RILs tended to remain constant under different light conditions. The larger influence of light status on females is consistent with patterns observed in activity during the pre-starvation period (Fig 4).*

Figure S14. *Starvation resistance QTL and estimated allele effects at each QTL. Data are presented as RIL means (±SE) for estimated starvation resistance when the founder haplotype was present in more than 5 RILs. As has been seen in a number of studies using the DSPR and other multiparental populations (King et al. 2012b; Giraud et al. 2014; Najarro et al. 2015), the estimated phenotypic effects of each founder haplotype suggest that multiple alleles may be present at our starvation QTL, since the effects do not fall into two clear "high" and "low" classes.*

Figure S14 continued.

Figure S15. *Triglyceride level QTL and estimated allele effects of founders at each QTL. Data are presented as RIL means (±SE) for estimated triglyceride level when the founder haplotype was present in more than 5 RILs. Similar to starvation resistance, the estimated phenotypic effects of each founder haplotype suggest that multiple alleles may be present at our triglyceride QTL.*

Figure S16. *Triglyceride level and starvation resistance were correlated after accounting for variation due to founder haplotype at the overlapping peaks TB3 and SB6 ($F_{1,7}$ = 7.72, P < 0.05). Data presented are averages for each founder haplotype in the pB panel, including "NA" for RILs that could not be assigned with confidence to a known haplotype. Point size relates the number of RILs per haplotype for the starvation resistance peak (smallest = 1 RIL; largest = 193 RILs); point color relates the number of RILs per haplotype for the triglyceride level peak (black = 1 RIL; lightest blue = 181 RILs). Grey shading around the regression line indicates the 95% confidence interval.*

A.

B.

Figure S17. *Overlap in SNPs associated with starvation resistance for each DGRP dataset using the P < 10⁻⁵ significance threshold. Overlap between data sets was minimal. Plot A presents results for females; plot B presents results for males.*

Figure S18. *Manhattan plots of mean starvation resistance in the DGRP with SNPs that were associated with starvation resistance in previous studies and intervals of sex-specific QTL identified for starvation resistance in the DSPR highlighted. Plots are broken up by chromosome arm in A for females and in B for males. In all plots, points highlighted in black indicate SNPs that are associated with starvation resistance in the DGRP from data obtained in this study; red points indicate SNPs associated with starvation resistance in Everman and Morgan 2018; green points indicate SNPs associated with starvation resistance in Mackay et al. 2012; blue points indicate SNPs associated with starvation resistance averaged across the three datasets. A genomewide significance threshold of $P < 10^{-5}$ is shown with the blue line. Yellow shaded boxes and labels correspond to QTL intervals around peaks mapped in the pB DSPR panel; orange shaded boxes correspond to QTL intervals around peaks mapped in the pA DSPR panel.*

Figure S18. *Additive effects of SNPs associated with starvation resistance (at P < 10⁻⁵) in each study, along with their additive effects estimated in the other two studies. Female data is presented in the left column of plots; male data is presented in the right column of plots. SNPs that passed the FDR threshold of 0.2 are highlighted in red. Generally, SNPs had similar effects (of the same +/- sign) on starvation resistance in all three experiments.*

Supplemental Tables

Table S1. Analysis of variance of the effect of DSPR rearing density on starvation resistance.

Source	df	SS	MS	F	P	% Var. Exp.
Density	1	1758.00	1758.20	18.15	< 0.0001	0.90
DSPR RIL	19	148747	7828.80	80.83	<< 0.0001	80.2
Density x DSPR RIL	19	8905	468.70	4.84	< 0.0001	4.80
Residual	269	26054	96.90			

Table S2. Analysis of variance of mean starvation resistance in the DSPR.

Source	df	SS	MS	F	P
Subpopulation[a]	3	330782	110261	183.702	< 0.0001
Sex	1	342197	342197	570.121	< 0.0001
Subpopulation x Sex	3	32982	10994	18.317	< 0.0001
Residual	3440	2064747	600		

[a] We note that since most RILs from a given subpopulation were tested in the same batch, batch effects may contribute to some of the subpopulation-to-subpopulation differences we report.

Table S3. Analysis of variance of mean triglyceride level in the DSPR.

Source	df	SS	MS	F	P
Subpopulation	3	46.81	15.6020	37.099	< 0.0001
Residual	935	393.22	0.4206		

Table S4. Stratification of the top 50 SNPs associated with starvation resistance in the DGRP across five frequency bins.

Study	Sex	Allele Frequency Bin	No. SNPs
This Study	F	0.05 - 0.1	14
This Study	F	> 0.1 - 0.2	9
This Study	F	> 0.2 - 0.3	13
This Study	F	> 0.3 - 0.4	6
This Study	F	> 0.4 - 0.5	8
This Study	M	0.05 - 0.1	11
This Study	M	> 0.1 - 0.2	12
This Study	M	> 0.2 - 0.3	13
This Study	M	> 0.3 - 0.4	3
This Study	M	> 0.4 - 0.5	11
Mackay *et al.* 2012	F	0.05 - 0.1	28
Mackay *et al.* 2012	F	> 0.1 - 0.2	11
Mackay *et al.* 2012	F	> 0.2 - 0.3	5
Mackay *et al.* 2012	F	> 0.3 - 0.4	2
Mackay *et al.* 2012	F	> 0.4 - 0.5	4
Mackay *et al.* 2012	M	0.05 - 0.1	21
Mackay *et al.* 2012	M	> 0.1 - 0.2	13
Mackay *et al.* 2012	M	> 0.2 - 0.3	7
Mackay *et al.* 2012	M	> 0.3 - 0.4	2
Mackay *et al.* 2012	M	> 0.4 - 0.5	7
Everman and Morgan 2018	F	0.05 - 0.1	11
Everman and Morgan 2018	F	> 0.1 - 0.2	13
Everman and Morgan 2018	F	> 0.2 - 0.3	10
Everman and Morgan 2018	F	> 0.3 - 0.4	8
Everman and Morgan 2018	F	> 0.4 - 0.5	8
Everman and Morgan 2018	M	0.05 - 0.1	18
Everman and Morgan 2018	M	> 0.1 - 0.2	13
Everman and Morgan 2018	M	> 0.2 - 0.3	12
Everman and Morgan 2018	M	> 0.3 - 0.4	4
Everman and Morgan 2018	M	> 0.4 - 0.5	3

Table S5. Analysis of variance of mean starvation resistance in the DGRP.

Source	df	SS	MS	F	P
Sex	1	97213	97213	118.21	< 0.0001
Residual	334	274680	822		

Table S6. Analysis of variance of the effect of preservatives and environment on starvation resistance in the DGRP.

Source	df	SS	MS	F value	P	% Var. Exp.
Environment	1	2400	2400	16.71	< 0.0001	0.30
Preservatives	1	604184	604184	4205.70	< 0.0001	81.17
DGRP Line	11	63653	5787	40.28	< 0.0001	8.55
Environment x Preservatives	1	155	155	1.08	0.30	0.02
Environment x DGRP Line	11	7289	663	4.61	< 0.0001	0.98
Preservatives x DGRP Line	11	14718	1338	9.31	< 0.0001	1.98
Environment x Preservatives x DGRP Line	11	4961	451	3.14	< 0.001	0.67
Residual	327	46976	144			

Table S7. Analysis of variance of activity during the 24-hour period prior to the DAM (Drosophila Activity Monitor) starvation assay.

Source	df	SS	MS	F value	P	Effect Size
Starvation Resistance Rank (High vs. Low)	1	1.37	1.37	12.48	< 0.001	0.31
Sex	1	0.61	0.61	5.57	< 0.05	0.21
Lights On/Off	1	1.55	1.55	14.11	< 0.001	0.33
Starvation Resistance Rank x Sex	1	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.92	0.01
Starvation Resistance Rank x Lights On/Off	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.98	0.00
Sex x Lights On/Off	1	1.85	1.85	16.87	< 0.0001	0.36
Starvation Resistance Rank x Sex x Lights On/Off	1	0.02	0.02	0.21	0.64	0.04
Residuals	132	14.49	0.11	0.00		

Table S8. Repeated measures analysis of variance across days for activity during the DAM (Drosophila Activity Monitor) starvation assay for males and females.

Female Activity During Starvation
Between Days

Source	df	SS	MS	F value	P
Starvation Resistance Rank (High vs. Low)	1	11.15	11.15	14.19	< 0.01
Lights On/Off	1	0.66	0.66	0.84	0.39
Starvation Resistance Rank (High vs. Low) x Lights On/Off	1	0.48	0.48	0.61	0.46
Residuals	8	6.29	0.79		

Within Day

Source	df	SS	MS	F value	P
Starvation Resistance Rank (High vs. Low)	1	19.06	19.06	115.58	< 0.0001
Lights On/Off	1	7.10	7.11	43.09	< 0.0001
Starvation Resistance Rank (High vs. Low) x Lights On/Off	1	0.16	0.16	0.99	0.32
Residuals	575	94.81	0.17		

Male Activity During Starvation
Between Days

Source	df	SS	MS	F value	P
Starvation Resistance Rank (High vs. Low)	1	5.47	5.47	13.79	< 0.01
Lights On/Off	1	0.09	0.09	0.23	0.65
Starvation Resistance Rank (High vs. Low) x Lights On/Off	1	0.67	0.67	1.69	0.24
Residuals	6	2.38	0.40		

Within Day

Source	df	SS	MS	F value	P
Starvation Resistance Rank (High vs. Low)	1	5.03	5.04	46.70	< 0.0001
Lights On/Off	1	0.32	0.32	2.93	0.09
Starvation Resistance Rank (High vs. Low) x Lights On/Off	1	0.12	0.12	1.14	0.29
Residuals	471	50.78	0.11		

Table S9. Data from genes mapped to the region under QTL intervals for starvation resistance in the pA and pB DSPR mapping panels and triglyceride level in the pB DSPR mapping panel based on Flybase release version FB2018_1. *Highlighted genes indicate those previously identified in QTL mapping studies of starvation resistance.*

Table S10. Gene ontology analysis of genes that are included within QTL intervals for starvation resistance and triglyceride level.

Starvation Resistance GO Analysis: pA DSPR Panel

Category	Fold Enrichment	FDR
glutathione metabolic process (GO:0006749)	6.91	1.46E-04
cellular modified amino acid metabolic process (GO:0006575)	3.85	1.79E-02

Triglyceride Level GO Analysis: pB DSPR Panel

Category	Fold Enrichment	FDR
heat shock-mediated polytene chromosome puffing (GO:0035080)	42.66	4.25E-04
polytene chromosome puffing (GO:0035079)	38.39	3.35E-04
sensory perception of sweet taste (GO:0050916)	27.42	7.71E-04
detection of chemical stimulus involved in sensory perception of taste (GO:0050912)	19.47	7.16E-04
chaperone cofactor-dependent protein refolding (GO:0051085)	16	5.94E-03
'de novo' posttranslational protein folding (GO:0051084)	16	5.19E-03
protein refolding (GO:0042026)	15.36	5.65E-03
'de novo' protein folding (GO:0006458)	13.24	9.68E-03
cellular response to unfolded protein (GO:0034620)	12.8	4.87E-03
response to unfolded protein (GO:0006986)	12.44	4.78E-03
cellular response to topologically incorrect protein (GO:0035967)	9.95	1.06E-02
response to topologically incorrect protein (GO:0035966)	9.74	1.00E-02
cellular response to heat (GO:0034605)	8.93	5.11E-02
chaperone-mediated protein folding (GO:0061077)	8.93	4.79E-02
response to hypoxia (GO:0001666)	7.22	4.89E-02
sensory perception of taste (GO:0050909)	6.65	2.84E-02

Gene lists used in each analysis included all genes unique to male and female analyses for each trait. GO analysis was performed using the PANTHER Overrepresentation Analysis (Released 2018-05-21) with Fisher's Exact test with FDR multiple test correction. We found no GO enrichment among the genes implicated by QTL mapped for starvation resistance in the pB panel or genes associated with SNPs implicated in the DGRP.

Table S11. Data from GWA, generated from the DGRP Freeze 2.0 pipeline, based on Flybase release version FB2018_1. All SNPs shown passed the $P < 10^{-5}$ significance threshold; highlighted SNPs passed the FDR threshold of 0.2.

Supplemental Text

Text S1. *Starvation media recipe.*

1000 ml	De-ionized water
15 g	Agar
12 ml	Propionic/Phosphoric acid mix*
2 g	Tegosept (Genesee Scientific, Cat: 20-258) dissolved in 20 ml 95% EtOH

* Acid mix:

330 ml	De-ionized water
259 ml	Propionic acid
31 ml	o-Phosphoric acid (85%)

Bring agar in water to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in acid mix and tegosept. Cool slightly before pouring vials.

Supplemental Files

File S1. All code associated with the bootstrapping analysis of SNPs associated with starvation resistance measured in the DGRP in this study, Mackay *et al.* (2012), and Everman and Morgan (2018).

File S2. *Description of each dataset associated with this study.*

README for Datafiles (in RawData.zip) Accompanying Everman et al. 2019

DSPR_Data/:

DSPR_1.txt

Tab-separated txt file of raw DSPR Starvation and Desiccation Resistance reported in hours for each fly per experimental vial.
Data are presented in Figure 1, Figure 3, Figure 6, Figure S2, Figure S5, Figure S7, Figure S11.
Column headers:

      Mapping.Panel = DSPR, Drosophila Synthetic Population Resource

      Trait = StarvationResistance or DesiccationResistance

      RIL.ID = Recombinant Inbred Line ID from the DSPR

      VialID = Unique number corresponding to each experimental vial

      Sex = (m) Male or (f) Female

      FlyID = Unique identifier for individual flies in each vial

      LifespanHrs = Lifespan in hours for each individual fly

DSPR_2.txt

Tab-separated txt file of raw Founder Starvation Resistance reported in hours for each fly per experimental vial.
Data are presented in Figure 1.
Column headers:

      Trait = StarvationResistance

      DSPR.founder = DSPR founder line ID

      Sex = (m) Male or (f) Female

      RepVial = Vial replicate number

      FlyID = Unique identifier for individual flies in each vial

      LifespanHrs = Lifespan in hours for each individual fly

DSPR_3.txt

Tab-separated txt file of raw female DSPR Triglyceride Levels reported per well.
Data are presented in Figure 5, Figure 6, Figure S3.
Column headers:

       Mapping.Panel = DSPR, Drosophila Synthetic Population Resource

       Trait = TriglycerideLevel

       RIL.ID = Recombinant Inbred Line ID from the DSPR

       NumericPlateID = Unique number corresponding to each plate

       WellID = ID corresponding to each well of the plate

       SampleID = Unique identifier for samples

       TrueSerumTriglyConc = Triglyceride level per sample based on five females per sample

DSPR_4.txt

Tab-separated txt file of raw DSPR Starvation Resistance reported in hours using Drosophila Activity Monitors (DAM).
Data are presented in Figure S7.
Column headers:

       Mapping.Panel = DSPR, Drosophila Synthetic Population Resource

       Trait = StarvationResistance

       RIL.ID = Recombinant Inbred Line ID from the DSPR

       StarvationClass = Categorical variable (HighStarvClass or LowStarvClass) based on data from DSPR_1.txt

       Sex = (M) Male or (F) Female

       MonitorID = Unique identifier for DAM

       MonitorTubeID = Unique identifier for each tube in each DAM

       LifespanHrs = Lifespan in hours for each fly

DSPR_5.txt

Tab-separated txt file of DSPR Activity reported under non-stressful conditions using Drosophila Activity Monitors (DAM).
Data are presented in Figure 4.
Column headers:

       Mapping.Panel = DSPR, Drosophila Synthetic Population Resource

       RIL.ID = Recombinant Inbred Line ID from the DSPR

       Trait = Activity

       Sex = (m) Male or (f) Female

       StarvationClass = Categorical variable (HighStarvClass or LowStarvClass) based on data from DSPR_1.txt

N = Number of flies tested
ActLight.Mean = Mean activity levels under light conditions
ActLight.SD = Standard deviation for activity levels under light conditions
ActDark.Mean = Mean activity levels under dark conditions
ActDark.SD = Standard deviation for activity levels under dark conditions

DSPR_6.txt

Tab-separated txt file of DSPR Activity reported under starvation conditions using Drosophila
Activity Monitors (DAM).
Data are presented in Figure S13.
Column headers:
      Mapping.Panel = DSPR, Drosophila Synthetic Population Resource
      RIL.ID = Recombinant Inbred Line ID from the DSPR
      LightStatus = (L) light or (D) dark
      SamplingPeriod = Day of experiment
      FemaleMeanActivity = Mean activity of females
      MaleMeanActivity = Mean activity of males

DSPR_7.txt

Tab-separated txt file of DSPR Average Starvation Resistance reported in hours under different
rearing density treatments.
Data are presented in Figure S1.
Column headers:
      Mapping.Panel = DSPR, Drosophila Synthetic Population Resource
      Trait = StarvationResistance
      RIL.ID = Recombinant Inbred Line ID from the DSPR
      Treatment = Density (60 eggs placed into rearing vials) or Population (females laid eggs
      for 1-2 days with visual assessment of density)
      TotalAdults = Total number of flies that emerged from each vial
      VialID = Unique identifier for each experimental vial
      N = Number of flies per experimental vial
      LifespanHrs = Average lifespan in hours for each experimental vial

DSPR_8.txt

Tab-separated txt file of DSPR % survival on starvation media under different rearing density treatments.
Data are presented in Figure S1.
Column headers:
  Mapping.Panel = DSPR, Drosophila Synthetic Population Resource
  Trait = StarvationResistance
  RIL.ID = Recombinant Inbred Line ID from the DSPR
  Treatment = Density (60 eggs placed into rearing vials) or Population (females laid eggs for 1-2 days with visual assessment of density)
  TotalAdults = Total number of flies that emerged from each vial
  VialID = Unique identifier for each experimental vial
  ScreenpointHrs = Hour intervals at which flies in each vial were counted
  Survival% = Percent of flies in each vial that were alive at each screenpoint

DSPR_9.txt

Tab-separated txt file of DSPR LOD score from QTL mapping analysis.
Data are presented in Figure S14 and Figure S15.
Column headers:
  DSPR.Panel = pA or pB mapping panel from the DSPR
  Trait = StarvationResistance or TriglycerideLevels
  sex = (m) Male or (f) Female
  chr = Chromosome (X, 2L, 2R, 3L, 3R)
  Ppos = Position on chromosome based on assembly 5.0
  Gpos = Genetic position
  LOD = LOD score from QTL mapping analysis

DSPR_10.txt

Tab-separated txt file of DSPR observed and estimated starvation resistance.
Data are presented in Figure 7.
Column headers:
  DSPR.founder = pA or pB mapping panel from the DSPR
  ObservedStarvationResistance = Mean observed starvation resistance of each founder line
  EstimatedStarvationResistance = Weighted estimated mean starvation resistance of each founder line determined from QTL analysis

DSPR_11.txt

Tab-separated txt file of DSPR starvation resistance and triglyceride level after accounting for variation due to haplotype at overlapping peaks.
Data are presented in Figure S16.
Column headers:

       FounderHaplotype = Predicted haplotype at overlapping QTL

       StarvationResistance = Mean starvation resistance

       TriglycerideLevel = Mean triglyceride level

       N_Starv = Number of RILs with the corresponding predicted founder haplotype for Starvation QTL

       N_Tri = Number of RILs with the corresponding predicted founder haplotype for Triglyceride QTL

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DGRP_Data/:

DGRP_1.txt

Tab-separated txt file of raw DGRP Starvation Resistance reported in hours for each fly per experimental vial. Average response per sex and line was used in GWA.
Data are presented in Figure 2, Figure S4, Figure S5, Figure S8, Figure S12, used to generate Figure 17, Figure S18, Figure S19.
Column headers:

       Mapping.Panel = DGRP, Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel

       Trait = StarvationResistance

       RAL.ID = Line ID based on RAL identifier

       Bloomington.ID = Bloomington stock ID

       Sex = (M) Male or (F) Female

       VialID = Unique identifier for each experimental vial

       FlyID = Unique identifier for individual flies in each vial

       LifespanHrs = Lifespan in hours for each individual fly

DGRP_2.txt

Tab-separated txt file of DGRP Average Starvation Resistance reported in hours in different environments and on different starvation media types.
Data are presented in Figure S9.

Column headers:

       Mapping.Panel = DGRP, Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel

       Trait = StarvationResistance

       RAL.ID = Line ID based on RAL identifier

       Environment = Flies were maintained at 25°C with a 12:12hr L:D cycle (25°C_12hr) or 23°C with constant light (23°C_24hr)

       Media = Preservatives or NoPreservatives in the starvation media

       VialID = Unique identifier for each experimental vial

       N = Number of flies per experimental vial

       LifespanHrs = Average lifespan in hours for each experimental vial

DGRP_3.txt

Tab-separated txt file of DGRP % survival in different environments and on different starvation media types.

Data are presented in Figure S9.

Column headers:

       Mapping.Panel = DGRP, Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel

       Trait = StarvationResistance

       RAL.ID = Line ID based on RAL identifier

       Media = Preservatives or NoPreservatives in the starvation media

       Environment = Flies were maintained at 25°C with a 12:12hr L:D cycle (25°C_12hr) or 23°C with constant light (23°C_24hr)

       VialID = Unique identifier for each experimental vial

       ScreenpointHrs = Hour intervals at which flies in each vial were counted

       Survival% = Percent of flies in each vial that were alive at each screenpoint

DGRP_4.txt

Tab-separated txt file of DGRP Starvation Resistance for lines shared between this study, Mackay et al. 2012, and Everman and Morgan 2018.

Data are presented in Figure S8, Figure S10.

Column headers:

       RAL.ID = Line ID based on RAL identifier

       Sex = (M) Male or (F) Female

       LifespanHrs_EvermanetAl.2019 = Mean starvation resistance reported in this study

       LifespanHrs_MackayEtAl.2012 = Mean starvation resistance reported in Mackay et al. 2012

       LifespanHrs_Everman&Morgan.2018 = Mean starvation resistance reported in Everman and Morgan 2018

DGRP_5.txt

Tab-separated txt file of bootstrap results of the sign of SNPs across DGRP data collected in this study, Mackay et al. 2012 and Everman and Morgan 2018.
These data are compiled from original bootstrap files; code presented in File S1 is formatted to read each file by DataID.
Data are presented in Figure 8.
Column headers:

      %SNPs_SameSign = Percent of SNPs that have the same sign between studies following boostrap analysis of random samples of SNPs.
      Density = Density calculated from original bootstrap files
      Sex = Female or Male
      DataID = Dataset ID for plotting in File S1
      Comparison = Direction of comparison of SNPs (ThisStudy_vs_MackayEtAl2012, ThisStudy_vs_Everman&Morgan2018, Everman&Morgan2018_vs_ThisStudy, Everman&Morgan2018_vs_MackayEtAl2012, MackayEtAl2012_vs_ThisStudy, or MackayEtAl2012_vs_Everman&Morgan2018)

DGRP_6.txt

Tab-separated txt file of adjusted mean starvation resistance DGRP data collected in this study, Mackay et al. 2012 and Everman and Morgan 2018.
These data are compiled from original GWA-generated files; code presented in File S1 is formatted to read each file by Study.
Data are used in bootstrap analysis.
Column headers:

      RAL.ID = Line ID based on RAL identifier
      AdjustedMeanStarvationResistance = Adjusted mean phenotype from GWA of each study
      Study = Study in which the original starvation resistance data was collected (ThisStudy, MackayEtAl2012, or Everman&Morgan2018)
      Sex = (f) female or (m) male

DGRP_7.txt

Comma-separated txt file of SNP frequencies for bootstrap analysis, used in File S1, generated from dgrp.t.txt in code file.

Data are used in bootstrap analysis.
Column headers:

    rAF = Reference allele frequency
    aAf = Alternate allele frequqncy
    SNP = SNP ID

DGRP_8.txt

Large space-separated matrix of SNP calls for bootstrap analysis, used in File S1, called as dgrp.t.txt in code file. Data originally available from dgrp2.gnets.ncsu.edu.
Data are used in bootstrap analysis.
Column headers:

    id = Line ID based on RAL identifier, formatted "line_XXX"
    *Remaining Columns: SNP id

Additional Files:
/GWAS_AVG_Starvation/

    Contains output files for the average starvation resistance calculated for overlapping DGRP lines between this study, Mackay et al. 2012 and Everman and Morgan 2018.

/GWAS_SJM_Starvation/

    Contains output files for the average starvation resistance from this study.