Antiviral genes are not rapidly evolving in *Drosophila innubila*

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Abstract

Viruses make up a considerable proportion of the pathogens infecting animals. They can spread rapidly between hosts, and sicken or even kill their hosts to promote their own proliferation. Due to this strong selective pressure, antiviral immune genes are some of the fastest evolving genes across metazoans, as highlighted in mammals and insects. While *Drosophila melanogaster* are frequently exposed to pathogenic RNA viruses, little is known about *D. melanogaster*'s ecology in terms of viral exposure, or if they are representative of other *Drosophila* species. Here, we sequence and assemble the genome of a highly diverged, mushroom-feeding *Drosophila* species, *Drosophila innubila*, a species frequently exposed to a highly pathogenic DNA virus. We investigate the evolution of the immune system and find little evidence for rapid evolution of the antiviral RNAi genes, though we do find rapid evolution of several other pathways, suggesting alternate means of viral resistance. This contrasts with *D. melanogaster,* and suggests that evolution of resistance to DNA viruses differs greatly from that of RNA viruses.

Introduction

Viruses are a substantial pathogenic burden to nearly every species on the planet, providing a strong selective pressure for individuals experiencing infection to evolve resistance. There is considerable evidence for selection acting on genes involved in resistance to this pathogenic burden, as highlighted by several studies across Metazoans (Kimbrell and Beutler 2001; Enard et al. 2016) including the fruit fly model, *Drosophila melanogaster* (Sackton et al. 2007; Obbard et al. 2009). Most work concerning the evolution of the invertebrate antiviral immune system has focused on the *D. melanogaster,* where the antiviral immune response has been characterized mostly after infection with RNA viruses (Merkling and van Rij 2013; Tang and Wu 2013). In *D. melanogaster* and several members of the *Sophophora* subgenus, the canonical antiviral genes are some of the fastest evolving genes in the genome (Obbard et al. 2006; Darren J. Obbard et al. 2009; Palmer et al. 2018a). This suggests that viruses are a major selective pressure, requiring a rapid evolutionary response from the host (Daugherty and Malik 2012). However, recent work suggests that the canonical *D. melanogaster* antiviral immune pathway may not encompass the entire antiviral immune response – particularly concerning response to DNA virus infection (Palmer et al. 2018b; West and Silverman 2018). Therefore, a broader view of antiviral immune gene evolution across *Drosophila* is warranted.

One particular group in the *Drosophila* genus with a rich history of ecological study, and with great potential as a host/virus study system, is the *Drosophila quinaria* group (Jaenike and Perlman 2002; Perlman et al. 2003; Dyer et al. 2005; Jaenike and Dyer 2008; Unckless 2011; Unckless and Jaenike 2011). This species group is mycophagous, found developing and living on the fruiting bodies of several (sometimes toxic) mushrooms. These mushrooms are commonly inhabited by parasitic nematode worms, trypanosomes and a host of parasitic microbes (Dyer et al. 2005; Martinson et al. 2017). While most species in the quinaria group are broadly dispersed across temperate forests, *Drosophila innubila* is limited to the "Sky Islands", forest and woodlands on mountain tops in southwestern USA and Mexico (Patterson and Stone 1949). The flies are restricted to elevations of 900 to 1500m, and are active only during the monsoon season (late July to September) (Jaenike et al. 2003). *Drosophila innubila* is also the only species in the quinaria group frequently (25-46% in females) infected by a male-killing *Wolbachia* strain, leading to female biased sex-ratios (Dyer 2004). This *Wolbachia* is closely related to *wMel,* which infects *D. melanogaster* (but does not kill males) (Dyer and Jaenike 2005; Jaenike and Dyer 2008). Finally, and most importantly, *D. innubila* is also frequently (35-56%, n > 84) infected by Drosophila innubila Nudivirus (DiNV) (Unckless 2011; Hill and Unckless 2017). In contrast, the virus is found at lower frequencies in *D. innubila's* sister species, *D. falleni* (0-3%, n = 95) and undetected in the outgroup species, *D. phalerata* (0%, n = 7) (Unckless 2011). When infected with a similar DNA virus, *Drosophila melanogaster* show a standard antiviral immune response, including the induction of the antiviral siRNA pathway (Palmer et al. 2018a; Palmer et al. 2018b). Thus, despite lacking the genomic resources of *Drosophila melanogaster*, *Drosophila innubila* and *falleni* are potentially useful model systems to understand the evolution of the antiviral immune system, to identify if the signatures of selection are conserved in the canonical antiviral pathways between the highly-diverged *D. melanogaster* and quinaria groups. We predict that, like *D. melanogaster* (Sackton et al. 2007; Obbard et al. 2009), the immune system (especially antiviral pathways) will be rapidly evolving in this species group, particularly in *D. innubila*.

To this end, we survey the evolutionary divergence of genes within a trio of closely related mycophagous *Drosophila* species (*D. innubila, D. falleni* and *D. phalerata*). As a first step, we sequenced and assembled the genome for *D. innubila* resulting in an assembly which is on par with the *Drosophila* benchmark, the *D. melanogaster* release 6. Using short read

alignments of two closely-related species (*D. falleni* and *D. phalerata*) to *D. innubila*, we find

evidence of selective constraint on the antiviral RNAi pathway, but rapid adaptation of several

other immune pathways, including those involved in the Toll and JAK-STAT pathways.

Results

Genome sequencing and assembly

Drosophila innubila is a mushroom-feeding species found across the sky islands of the South-

Western USA and Western Mexico (Patterson and Stone 1949). It is in the quinaria group of the

Drosophila subgenus, approximately 50 million years diverged from the research workhorse, *D.*

melanogaster (Dyer 2004; Markow and O'Grady 2006), has a sister species in northern North

America, *D. falleni*, and the pair share an old-world outgroup species, *D. phalerata* (Figure 1B).

These species are highly diverged from all previously sequenced *Drosophila* genomes, and

represent a grossly genomically understudied group of the *Drosophila* subgenus (Jaenike et al.

2003; Markow and O'Grady 2006).

We sequenced and assembled the genome of *D. innubila* (Figure 1A, Table 1; Submitted

to NCBI upon acceptance of manuscript). The genome is 168 Mbp with an N50 of 29.59Mbp,

eclipsing release 6 of *D. melanogaster*, which is 25.29Mb (Chakraborty et al. 2017). Using a

combined transcriptome assembly of all life stages and protein databases from other species, we

annotated the genome and found 12,318 genes (including the mitochondrial genome), with

coding sequence making up 11.5% of the genome, at varying gene densities across the Muller

elements (Figure 1A blue, Supplementary Table 1-3). Of the annotated genes, 11,925 are shared

with other *Drosophila* species (among the 12 genomes available on Flybase.org), 7,094 have

orthologs in the human genome, and the annotation recovered 97.2% of the Dipteran BUSCO

protein library (Simão et al. 2015). The *D. innubila* genome averages 36.57% GC, varying across

the Muller elements (Figure 1A black/white). Using dnaPipeTE (Goubert et al. 2015),

RepeatModeler (Smit and Hubley 2008) and RepeatMasker (Smit and Hubley 2015), we

estimate 13.53% of the genome consists of transposable elements (TEs, Figure 1A red). Using

Mauve (Darling et al. 2004) we next compared our assembly to the best assembled genome

within the *Drosophila* subgenus, *D. virilis* and find most the *D. innubila* genome also has some

orthology to the *D. virilis* reference genome (Figure 1A green). A summary of the assembled

genome including codon bias, TE content, orphan genes, duplications and expression changes

across life stages can be found in the supplementary results (Supplementary Tables 1-18 and

Supplementary Figures 2-10).

Evolution of the immune system and RNAi pathways in D. innubila

Given the wealth of knowledge about host/parasite dynamics in *D. innubila* and its relatives, we

were motivated to study the evolution of immune-related genes in the group. Using short reads

from *D. falleni* and *D. phalerata* mapped to the *D. innubila* genome, we called species-specific

SNPs and generated consensus gene sequences for each species. We then aligned each species

version of each gene to the *D. innubila* ortholog (PRANK –codon +F) (Löytynoja 2014). For

each ortholog set, we identified the proportion of synonymous (*dS*) substitutions and amino acid

changing, non-synonymous substitutions (*dN*) (per possible synonymous or non-synonymous

substitution respectively) occurring on each branch of the phylogeny (codeML branch based

approach, model 0) (Yang 2007; McKenna et al. 2010; DePristo et al. 2011; Löytynoja 2014).

Using these measures, we calculated *dN/dS* to identify genes showing signatures of rapid

selection (*dN/dS* > 1, with more potentially functional substitutions than silent substitutions). We

found *dN/dS* is highly correlated between *D. melanogaster* and *D. innubila,* additionally

(Spearman rank correlation = 0.6856, GLM *t* = 1.232, *p*-value = 1.52e-06), most genes are under

selective constraint; only 25.6% of genes have *dN/dS* greater than 0.5 (Figure 2A). Though we

find no correlation between *dN/dS* and gene length (GLM *t* = 0.34, *p*-value = 0.81), we do find a

significant negative correlation between *dS* and *dN/dS* (Figure 1A, GLM *t* = -64.94, *p*-value <

2e-16). Most genes with high *dN/dS* have lower values of *dS*, possibly due to the short gene

branches (and low neutral divergence) between species inflating the proportion of non-

synonymous substitutions (Figure 2A). Because of the effect of *dS* on *dN/dS*, we extracted the

166 genes that were in the upper 97.5% *dN/dS* of genes per 0.01 *dS* window and with *dN/dS*

greater than 1 and labeled these genes as evolving most rapidly. Contrasting *D. melanogaster*

(Obbard et al. 2006), these genes are not enriched for antiviral genes and are instead significantly

enriched for the regulation of the Toll pathway (Figure 2A & B, Supplementary Table 5, GOrilla

FDR *p*-value = 0.00015, enrichment = 14.16) (Eden et al. 2009), the pathway responsible for the

induction of immune response to gram-positive bacteria and fungi (Janssens and Beyaert 2003;

Takeda and Akira 2005). Specifically, we find *spatzle4, necrotic, spheroide* and *modSP* are the

fastest evolving genes in this pathway, and among the fastest in the genome (Figure 2A). Most of

these genes are signaling genes, which were, as a class, not particularly fast evolving in the *D.*

melanogaster group (Sackton et al. 2007). Additionally, *Pp1apha-96A* and *Attacin D*, genes

involved in Gram-Negative bacterial response, are rapidly evolving (upper 97.5% of genes,

dN/dS > 1).

Since immune gene evolution is so well characterized in the *D. melanogaster* group, we

compared the molecular evolution in genes in each of these immune gene categories for the

melanogaster trio (*D. melanogaster, D. simulans* and *D. yakuba*) with the evolution of those

same genes in the *innubila* trio. These trios are of similar levels of divergence (Figure 1B) and

dN/dS is significantly positively correlated between the trios (Spearman rank correlation =

0.6856, *p*-value = 1.52e-06). Contrasting the *melanogaster* trio, only one antiviral RNAi gene

appears to be fast-evolving in the *innubila* trio, with most genes in this category close to the

median *dN/dS* for the *innubila* genome (Figure 2A & B). Interestingly, *pastrel*, the fast-evolving

antiviral gene in *D. innubila* trio is among the slowest evolving antiviral gene in the *D.*

melanogaster trio. Also, variation in *pastrel* is associated with survival after *Drosophila* C virus

infection (DCV), but is not likely involved with antiviral RNAi (Magwire et al. 2011; Magwire

et al. 2012; Barbier 2013).

As *dN/dS* may give false signals of rapid evolution due to multiple nucleotide

substitutions (Venkat et al. 2018), we calculated δ (another measurement of the rate of evolution)

using a method that can control for multinucleotide substitutions (Pond et al. 2005; Venkat et al.

2018). δ was positively correlated with *dN/dS* in both species (Spearman correlation = 0.17, *p* =

0.0192). Using this method, we again find that antiviral genes are rapidly evolving exclusively in

D. melanogaster compared to the background (Supplementary Figure 1, GLM *t* = 4.398, *p*-value

= 1.1e-05), while bacterial response genes are rapidly evolving only in *D. innubila* compared to

the background (Supplementary Figure 1, GLM *t* > 2.682, *p*-value < 0.00731).

Because non-synonymous divergence is elevated in genes with low synonymous

divergence in the *D. innubila* trio but not the *D. melanogaster* trio (Figure 2A & B), we

attempted to control for its effect. For each focal immune gene, we extracted genes on the same

chromosome with *dS* within 0.01 of the focal gene. We then found the differences in the median

dN/dS of these control genes and the focal genes *dN/dS*, for each branch on the tree, and

categorized these differences by immune category based on Flybase gene ontologies. Using this

method, we found most categories were slightly positive, suggesting faster evolution than the

background in the immune system (Figure 2B), similar to the *melanogaster* trio (Sackton et al.
2007). Specifically, the Toll signaling, Gram-positive and Gram-negative categories are
significantly higher than the background in the *D. innubila* trio (Figure 2C, Supplementary
Figure 4, *t*-test $t = 2.39$, *p*-value < 0.05). Again, in contrast to the *D. melanogaster* trio (Obbard
et al. 2006), there is no significant elevation of adaptation in antiviral genes in the *innubila* trio.

On some branches of the *D. innubila* trio phylogeny, we find differing signatures from
the total tree. Specifically, while the gram-positive bacterial signaling is fast evolving in *D.*
falleni, antifungal and gram-negative bacterial responses are fast evolving in *D. innubila* (Figure
2C, Supplementary Table 4, *t*-test $t = 2.11$, *p*-value < 0.05)*, potentially highlighting differences
in the pathogens and environments encountered by the two species.

Low antiviral expression in Drosophila innubila

We also examined immunity and RNAi genes in the context of baseline (e.g. constitutive)
gene expression in *D. innubila* compared to *D. melanogaster* gene expression data from
ModEncode (Consortium et al. 2011). We note this is not a well-controlled comparison and that
differences in expression could be due to different laboratory conditions or other experimental
variables as opposed to true baseline expression differences. The antiviral pathway is mostly shut
off in all life stages of *D. innubila* (Figure 2C, only 3 of 7 genes show expression greater than 1
read per million counts per kbp of gene), and significantly lower in expression than the rest of
the genome across all life stages (both before and after adjusting for gene length, Wilcoxon rank
sum *p*-value < 0.02). Comparatively, the piRNA pathway show appreciable levels of expression
and no difference from the background genome at any stage (Figure 2C, Wilcoxon rank sum *p*-
value > 0.05). This difference in expression between the antiviral RNAi and piRNA pathways
may be due to antiviral genes only being expressed upon infection, though AMPs, which are also
induced upon infection, here show high levels of constitutive expression compared to the
background (Wilcoxon Rank Sum test: *p*-value < 0.05). Additionally, the antiviral genes are
significantly more highly expressed compared to background genes in the *D. melanogaster*
expression data, even without a known infection, and are further induced upon infection with a
DNA virus (Wilcoxon Rank Sum test: $W = 80672$, *p*-value < 0.005) (Obbard et al. 2006; Obbard
et al. 2009; Ding 2010; Palmer et al. 2018a; Palmer et al. 2018c). Antiviral RNAi genes are
significantly more highly expressed in *D. melanogaster* than in *D. innubila* (Wilcoxon Rank

Sum test: W = 2, *p*-value = 0.0003), while immune signaling and immune recognition genes are

more highly expressed in *D. innubila* compared to *D. melanogaster* (Wilcoxon Rank Sum test:

W = 178 *p*-value = 0.0002).

Alternative antiviral pathways are rapidly evolving in the Drosophila innubila trio

Recent work has highlighted that the canonical antiviral genes are not the only pathways

induced upon DNA virus infection, in *D. melanogaster* (Palmer et al. 2018b). Additionally, the

JAK-STAT pathway likely plays a more prominent role in DNA virus survival, including the

induction of Turandot genes, a set of poorly described, rapidly evolving, secreted proteins

involved in stress-response (Ekengren and Hultmark 2001; Merkling and van Rij 2013; West and

Silverman 2018). Finally, there are also several genes annotated as associated with viral capsids

found in the genomes of both *D. melanogaster* and the quinaria group. Using these three lines of

evidence, we decided to examine the evolution of the JAK-STAT cascade and the viral capsid

associated genes (but not Turandots as we were unable to identify any during genome

annotation). The JAK-STAT genes are fast evolving across the *D. innubila trio*, and several

genes show consistent signatures in *D. innubila* and *D. melanogaster* (Figure 3, Supplementary

Table 4). Overlapping rapidly evolving genes included the JAK-STAT cytokines *upd2* and *upd3*,

and JAK-STAT regulatory genes *CG30423* and *asrij*. We repeated this analysis for genes

associated with host-viral capsid interaction and found these genes to also be rapidly evolving in

all species except *D. phalerata* (Figure 3, *dN/dS* > 1 for 6 of 8 genes, *t*-test *p*-value < 0.05 for

difference from background), suggesting that the hosts are also adapting to escape viral cell

entry, while genes within the GO term 'Defense response to virus' (and related terms) show no

significant difference from the background (*t*-test *p*-value > 0.12). After controlling for multiple

nucleotide substitutions with δ (Pond et al. 2005; Venkat et al. 2018), we find that both JAK-

STAT and viral capsid associated genes are rapidly evolving in both trios (Supplementary Figure

1, GLM *t* > 3.22, *p*-value > 0.00128), however viral capsid associated genes are even more

rapidly evolving in the *innubila* trio (Supplementary Figure 1, GLM *t* = 4.124, *p*-value = 3.73e-

05).

Discussion

Host-parasite coevolution is ubiquitous across the tree of life (Dawkins and Krebs 1979; Lively
1996). It is expected to result in rapid evolution in both the host and the parasite, as both
organisms are adapting to escape the selective pressure exerted by the other. In support of this,
the immune genes in *Drosophila* and other organisms evolve more rapidly than most other gene
categories (Kimbrell and Beutler 2001; Sackton et al. 2007; Obbard et al. 2009; Enard et al.
2016), the fastest among these being the antiviral genes (Obbard et al. 2006; Obbard et al. 2009;
Enard et al. 2016; Palmer et al. 2018a). We expected the known antiviral genes to also be rapidly
evolving in *D. innubila,* driven by a high frequency DNA virus infection compared to its sister
species *D. falleni* and *D. phalerata.* We therefore created a high quality, highly contiguous
genome for *D. innubila* and assessed the rates of evolution of genes across the genome with a
focus on genes involved in the immune response. Surprisingly, we find few of the canonical
antiviral genes to be fast evolving in this species, and these genes are significantly under
expressed in *D. innubila* (Figure 2). Interestingly, we find the JAK-STAT pathway and
associated genes (previously shown to be involved in DNA virus infection response (West and
Silverman 2018) are fast evolving in the *D. innubila* trio (Figure 3).

There are several explanations for the observed differences in immune evolution between
the *D. melanogaster* and *D. innubila* trios. The most obvious explanation is that the immune
response to DNA virus infection has diverged in the approximately 50 million years since the
Drosophila quinaria group and the *Drosophila melanogaster* group last shared a common
ancestor. They may fundamentally differ in the immune response to virus infection, possibly due
to the divergence of the small RNA pathways across the *Drosophila* groups (Lewis et al. 2018).
A second hypothesis is that the DNA virus response in *Drosophila* may include additional
pathways as well as the siRNA pathway used against RNA viruses. This is consistent with
previous studies of the DNA virus immune response in *D. melanogaster* (Palmer et al. 2018a;
Palmer et al. 2018b; West and Silverman 2018). As *D. innubila* seem to be less frequently
exposed to RNA viruses than DNA viruses (Unckless 2011), it makes sense that the canonical
RNA virus immune pathway is not fast evolving, while components of the JAK-STAT and IMD
pathway implicated in DNA virus defense are (Palmer et al. 2018a; West and Silverman 2018).
Furthermore, as DNA viruses still produce dsRNA due to overlapping transcripts their infection
still induces the siRNA pathway irrelevant of the source (Webster et al. 2015; Palmer et al.
2018c). The siRNA pathway in *D. melanogaster* may still be active against DNA viruses and

bolsters further response pathways (Palmer et al. 2018a; Palmer et al. 2018b; West and
Silverman 2018).

Beyond the siRNA pathway, there are several components of the immune system that
may play a role in the response to DNA virus infection. Previous work in *D. melanogaster* has
highlighted the role that Gram-negative commensal bacteria play in priming the antiviral
immune system (Sansone et al. 2015). As both the Gram-positive and Gram-negative signaling
pathways are rapidly evolving across the *innubila* trio, it is conceivable that this or a similar
pathway in conjunction with the JAK-STAT pathway, commensal bacteria and (currently
unidentified) Turandots may be the primary antiviral immune response in these groups. Studies
have also identified an interaction between *Wolbachia* infection and resistance or susceptibility
to viral infection (Teixeira et al. 2008; Martinez et al. 2014). The high frequency of *Wolbachia*
infection in *D. innubila* (Dyer and Jaenike 2005), may therefore provide some tolerance to viral
infection or may be involved in immune system priming.

Overall, we have worked to bring mycophagous *Drosophila* to the table as a modern
genomic model for the study of immune system evolution and have highlighted that the
evolution of the antiviral immune system among closely related trios of species may differ
drastically across the *Drosophila* genera. We find that across the *D. innubila* genome, while the
immune system is rapidly evolving, the canonical antiviral pathways are not evolving as if in an
arms race with viruses, though several alternative immune pathways may be evolving in
response to the high virus infection frequency.

Methods
DNA/RNA isolation, library preparation, genome sequencing and assembly
We extracted DNA following the protocol described in (Chakraborty et al. 2017) for *D.*
innubila, D. falleni and *D. phalerata* as further described in the supplementary materials. We
prepared the *D. innubila* DNA as a sequencing library using the Oxford Nanopore Technologies
Rapid 48-hour (SQK-RAD002) protocol, which was then sequenced using a MinION (Oxford
Nanopore Technologies, Oxford, UK; submitted to NCBI SRA upon acceptance) (Jain et al.
2016). The same DNA was also used to construct a fragment library with insert sizes of ~180bp,
~3000bp and ~7000bp, we sequenced this library on a MiSeq (300bp paired-end, Illumina, San
Diego, CA, USA; submitted to NCBI SRA upon acceptance). We prepared the *D. falleni* and *D.*

phalerata samples as Illumina libraries like *D. innubila* but with a 300bp insert size. We sequenced the *D. falleni* fragment library on one half of a MiSeq (300bp paired-end, Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA; submitted to NCBI SRA upon acceptance) by the KU CMADP Genome Sequencing Core. We sequenced the *D. phalerata* fragment library on a fraction of an Illumina HiSeq 4000 run (150bp paired end, Illumina, San Diego, CA; submitted to NCBI SRA upon acceptance).

For gene expression analyses, we obtained two replicate samples of female and male heads and whole bodies (including heads), embryos, larvae (pooled across all three instar stages) and pupae (all non-adults were unsexed). RNA was extracted using a standard Trizol procedure (Simms et al. 1993) with a DNAse step. RNA-sequencing libraries were constructed using the standard TruSeq protocol (McCoy et al. 2014) with ½ volume reactions to conserve reagents. Individually indexed RNA libraries (2 replicates from each tissue/sex) were sequenced on one lane of an Illumina "Rapid" run with 100bp single-end reads (submitted to NCBI SRA upon acceptance).

Bases were called *post hoc* using the built in read_fast5_basecaller.exe program with options: –f FLO-MIN106 –k SQK-RAD002 –r–t 4. Raw reads were assembled using CANU version 1.6 (Koren et al. 2016) with an estimated genome size of 150 million bases and the "nanopore-raw" flag. We then used Pilon to polish the genome with our Illumina fragment library (Walker et al. 2014). The resulting assembly was submitted to PhaseGenomics (Seattle, WA, USA) for scaffolding using Hi-C and further polished with Pilon for seven iterations. With each iteration, we evaluated the quality of the genome and the extent of improvement in quality, by calculating the N50 and using BUSCO to identify the presence of conserved genes in the genome, from a database of 2799 single copy Dipteran genes.

Repetitive regions were identified *de novo* using RepeatModeler (engine = NCBI) (Smit and Hubley 2008) and RepeatMasker (-gff –gcalc –s) (Smit and Hubley 2015).

These sequencing and assembly steps are further described in the supplementary methods, alongside additional steps taken to verify genes, identify additional contigs and genes, and find genes retained across all species.

Genome annotation

As further described in the supplementary methods, we assembled the transcriptome, using all

Illumina RNA reads following quality filtering, using Trinity (version 2.4.0) (Haas et al. 2013),

Oases (velvetg parameters: -exp_cov 100 -max_coverage 500 -min_contig_lgth 50 -read_trkg

yes) (Schulz et al. 2012), and SOAP*denovo* Trans (127mer with parameters: SOAPdenovo-

Trans-127mer -p 28 -e 4 and the following kmers: 95, 85, 75, 65, 55, 45, 35, 29, 25, 21) (Xie et

al. 2014) which we combined using EvidentialGene (Gilbert 2013;

http://eugenes.org/EvidentialGene/). We used the *D. innubila* transcriptome as well as protein

databases from *M. domestica*, *D. melanogaster*, and *D. virilis*, in MAKER2 (Holt and Yandell

2011) to annotate the *D. innubila* genome, including using *RepeatModeler* (Smit and Hubley

2008) to not mis-assign repetitive regions. This was repeated for three iterations to generate a

GFF file containing gene evidence generated by MAKER2 (Holt and Yandell 2011) (submitted

to NCBI with genome upon acceptance).

Drosophila quinaria group species on the Drosophila phylogeny

To build a phylogeny for the *Drosophila* species including *D. innubila, D. falleni* and *D.*

phalerata, we identified genes conserved across all *Drosophila* and humans and found in the

Dipteran BUSCO gene set (Simão et al. 2015). We then randomly sampled 100 of these genes,

extracted their coding sequence from our three focal species and 9 of the 12 *Drosophila* genomes

(Limited to nine due to our focus on the *Drosophila* subgenus and the close relation of several

species, Clark *et al.* 2007). We also searched for genomes in the *Drosophila* subgenus with

easily identifiable copies of these 100 conserved genes, settling on *D. busckii* (Zhou and

Bachtrog 2015)*, D. neotestactea* (Hamilton et al. 2014)*, D. immigrans* and *Scaptodrosophila*

lebanonensis (Zhou et al. 2012). We aligned these genes using MAFFT (--auto) (Katoh et al.

2002), concatenated all alignments and generated a phylogeny using PhyML with 500 bootstraps

(-M GTR, -Gamma 8, -B 500) (Guindon et al. 2010).

Signatures of adaptive molecular evolution among species

We mapped short read sequencing data of *D. innubila, D. falleni* and *D. phalerata* to the repeat-

masked *D. innubila* reference genome using BWA MEM (Li and Durbin 2009). As similar

proportions of reads mapped to the genome (97.6% for *D. innubila,* 96.1% for *D. falleni* and

94.3% for *D. phalerata*), covering a similar proportion of the reference genome (99.1% for *D.*

innubila, 98.5% for *D. falleni* and 97.1% for *D. phalerata*), we considered the *D. innubila*

genome to be of similar enough to these species to reliably call single nucleotide polymorphisms

and indels. We realigned around indels using GATK IndelRealigner then called variants using

HaplotypeCaller (default parameters) (McKenna et al. 2010; DePristo et al. 2011). We then used

GATK FastaReferenceMaker (default parameters) to generate an alternate, reference genome for

each of these species (McKenna et al. 2010; DePristo et al. 2011). We extracted the coding

sequence for each gene found in the genomes of *D. innubila, D. phalerata* and *D. falleni* and

aligned orthologs using PRANK (-codon +F –f=paml) (Löytynoja 2014). For each PRANK

generated gene alignment and gene tree, we used codeML (Yang 2007) for the branches model

(M0 model), to identify genes with signatures of rapid evolution on the *D. innubila, D. falleni, D.*

phalerata branches. For genes involved in RNAi or the immune system pathways, we attempted

to rescale for synonymous divergence. For each focal gene, we found genes with *dS* within 0.01

of the focal gene. We then found the difference in *dN/dS* between the focal gene and the median

of the control gene group.

For an independent contrast, we downloaded the coding sequences for *D. melanogaster,*

D. simulans and *D. yakuba* from Flybase.org and aligned orthologous genes using PRANK (-

codon +F –f=paml) (Löytynoja 2014). Following the generation of a gene alignment and gene

tree, we used codeML (Yang 2007) to identify genes with adaptive molecular signatures on each

branch of the phylogeny (using the branch based model, M0). Again, we found the difference in

dN/dS from background genes of similar *dS* (with 0.01) for all immune genes.

Finally, to control for possibly multiple nucleotide substitutions creating false signals of

rapid evolution (Venkat et al. 2018), we calculated δ using HyPhy (Pond et al. 2005) based on

the method presented in (Venkat et al. 2018). δ was calculated under both the null and alternative

models, with the best model selected based on the result of a Chi-squared test. We then

compared δ between each species and across immune gene categories.

RNA differential expression analysis

We used GSNAP (-sam –N 1) (Wu and Nacu 2010) to map each set of *D. innubila* RNA

sequencing short reads to the masked *D. innubila* genome with the TE sequences concatenated at

the end. We then counted the number of reads mapped to each gene per kb of gene using HTSeq

(Anders et al. 2015) for all mapped RNA sequencing data and normalized by counts per million

per dataset. Mapped RNA sequencing information for *D. melanogaster* across all life stages was

downloaded from ModEncode (modencode.org) (Chen et al. 2014). We compared *D.*

melanogaster data to *D. innubila* data using EdgeR (Robinson et al. 2009) to identify

differentially expressed genes, and also compared RNAseq reads per million reads per 1kbp of

exon (FPKM) between the immune genes of *D. innubila* and *D. melanogaster*.

Statistical analysis

All statistical analyses were performed using R (R Core Team 2013). We used the R packages

EdgeR (Robinson et al. 2009), RCircos (Zhang et al. 2013) and ggplot2 (Wickham 2009) for

statistical analysis and plot generation/visualization.

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 Tables and Figures

 Table 1: Summary of the major assembled scaffolds in the *D. innubila* genome, including the

 length in kilobase pairs (kbp), number of genes, number of orphan genes, gene lengths in base

 pairs (bp) and proportion of the scaffold that is repetitive content.

Scaffold (Muller element - *D. melanogaster* ortholog - ID)	Total Length (kbp)	Total Gene count	Orphan count	Mean gene length (bp)	Mean repeat content (%)
A-X-3	40479	2012	73	5090.7	31.7
B-2L-4	29570.5	2249	99	4394.6	13.9
B-2L-5	8037.1	160	13	4679.2	62.9
C-2R-1	25683.3	2518	58	4033.3	12.2
C-2R-27	16.5	0	0	NA	92.4
D-3L-0	27707.2	2345	68	4248.1	12.6
D-3L-29	45.7	0	0	NA	83.7
E-3R-2	32746.5	2863	73	4092.4	11.4
E-3R-11	18.4	1	1	282	75.6
F-4-6	2027.1	106	7	6992	35.5
Unassembled (489 contigs)	1699.4	46	1	1429	39.1
Mitochondria	16.1	18	0	1658.7	0
Total	**168031**	**12318**	**393**	**4350.7**	**13.5**

 Figure 1. A. A circular summary of the *D. innubila* genome limited to the assembled acrocentric

 chromosomes on ten major scaffolds. The rings (from the outside in) are the chromosome

 identity, the length of each segment, the percentage GC content, the coding density, the

 transposable element density (250 kilobase pairs windows, sliding 250 kilobase pairs), and the

 percentage of each window that aligns to *D. virilis* (identified with progressiveMauve, 250kbp

 windows, sliding 250kbp). **B.** Phylogenetic relationships of *D. innubila*, *D. falleni, D. phalerata*

 and the main lineages of *Drosophila*. We randomly sampled 100 genes, conserved across all

405   species and aligned each gene using MAFFT. We then concatenated these sequences and

406   assembled a maximum-likelihood phylogeny with 500 bootstraps in PhyML (shown as %

407   support on the nodes).

A - Genome summary

B - Phylogeny

Figure 2: A. The non-synonymous (potentially adaptive) divergence (dN) for each gene across
the *D. innubila* genome, compared to the gene's synonymous (neutral) divergence (dS). Genes
involved in antiviral and antibacterial (*Toll* and *IMD*) immune signaling pathways are
highlighted in color. The upper 97.5th percentile is shown as a dotted line, $dN/dS = 1$ is shown as
a dashed line. **B.** Comparison of dN/dS for all shared genes in the *D. melanogaster* and *D.*
innubila trios, highlighting antiviral and Toll signaling genes in each species. **C.** For each
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