

Supplement to "Generating high quality assemblies for genomic analysis of transposable elements"

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## 1 Supplementary figures

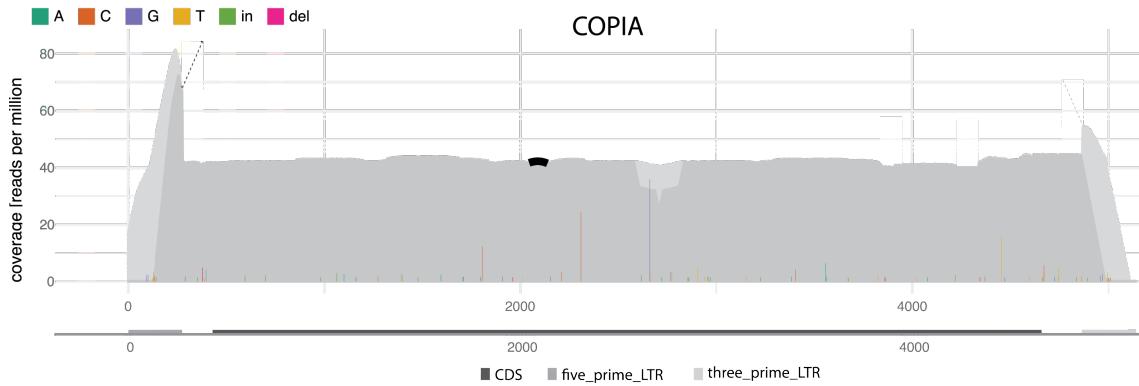


Figure 1: Abundance and diversity for *copia* elements in the *D. melanogaster* strain Canton-S. The coverage (TE abundance in rpm), the position of SNPs (colored lines) and the position of indels (bold arc at the top) are shown. The coverage based on unambiguously (dark grey) and ambiguously (light grey) mapped reads are shown. The plot was generated by DeviaTE (Weilguny and Kofler, 2019) based on Illumina paired end reads mapped to the consensus sequence of *copia* (30 coverage; 2x125bp) and

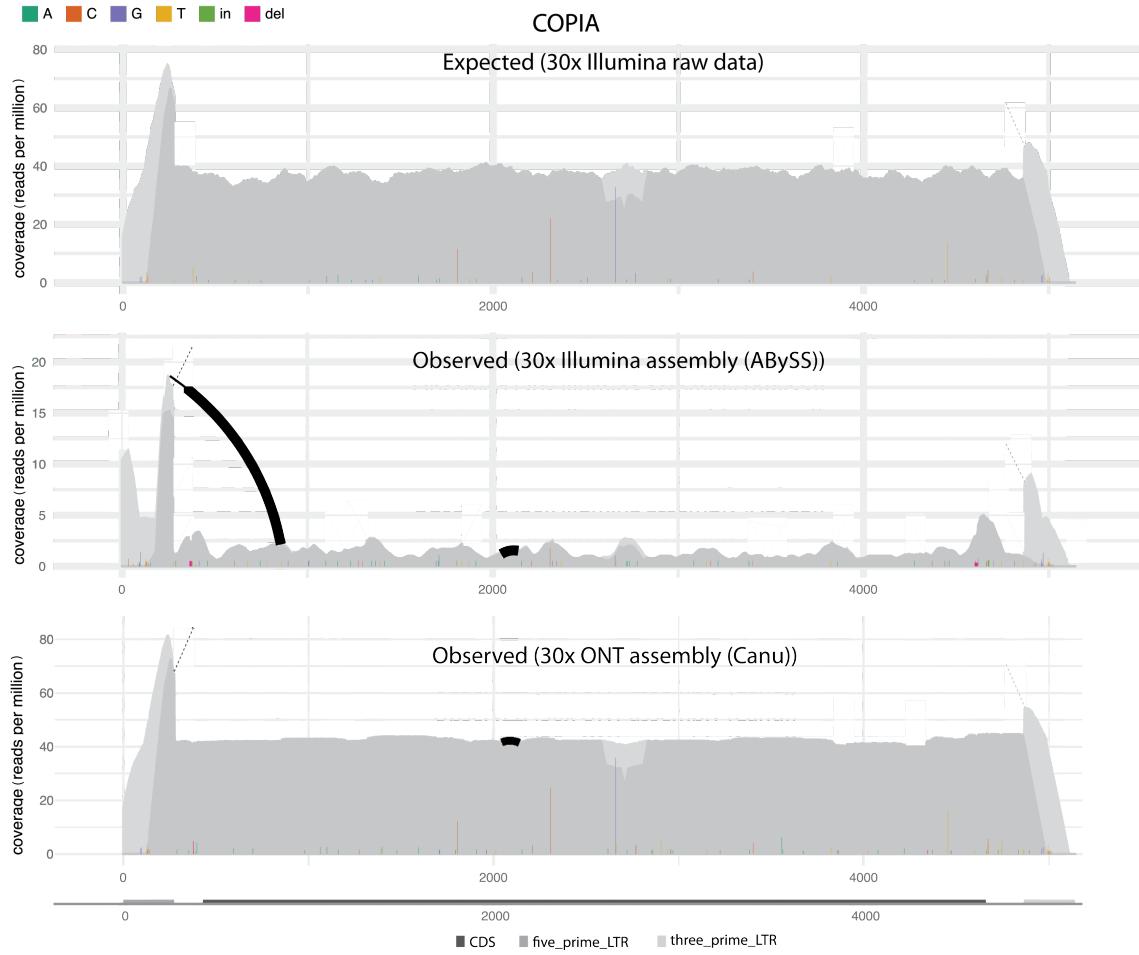


Figure 2: Expected and observed abundance and diversity of *copia* elements in Canton-S. Expected values are based on Illumina raw reads aligned to the consensus sequence of *copia*. Observed values are shown for assemblies based on short (ABySS) and long (Canu) reads. The normalised coverage is shown for ambiguously (light grey) and unambiguously (dark grey) mapped reads. The positions of SNPs (colored lines) and the position of indels (bold arcs) are shown. Note that both, the expected coverage (TE abundance) and diversity (SNPs and indels) of *copia*, are best reproduced by the long-read based assembly (Canu).

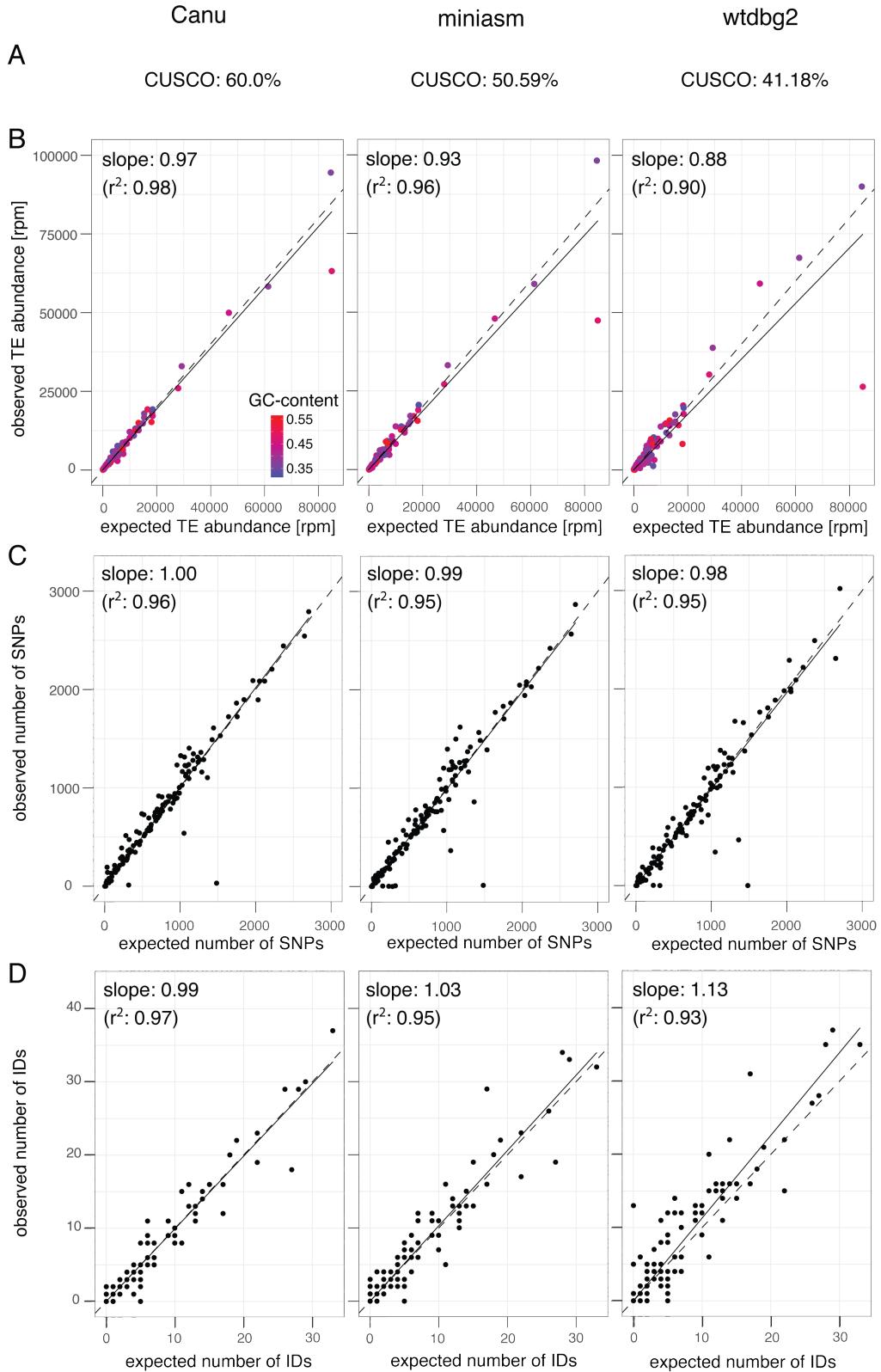


Figure 3: Influence of the assembly algorithm on the quality of assemblies of the *D. melanogaster* strain Canton-S. Assemblies are based on 30x coverage with ONT reads.

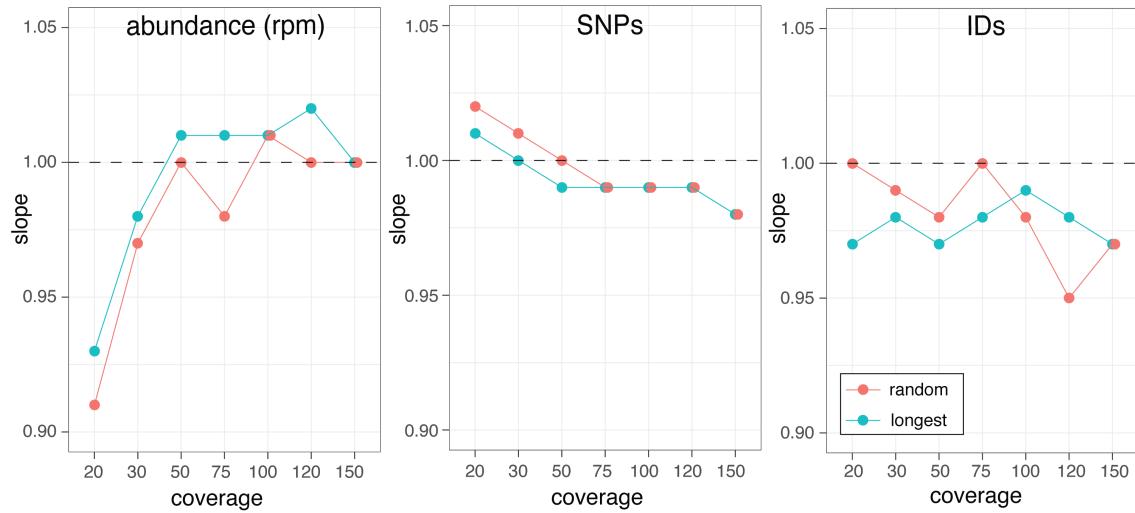


Figure 4: Assembly quality with different subsets of reads. Either random reads (random) or the longest reads (longest) were used to generate assemblies with Canu. The assembly quality is assessed using three of our TE-centered quality metrics (abundance, SNPs, IDs). The dashed lines indicate the optimal representation of TEs.

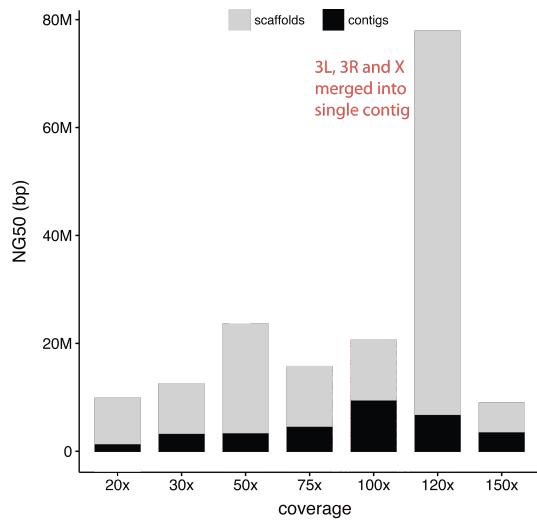


Figure 5: NG50 values of Canton-S assemblies generated with Canu and different subsamples of the longest reads. Values are shown before (contigs) and after Hi-C based scaffolding.

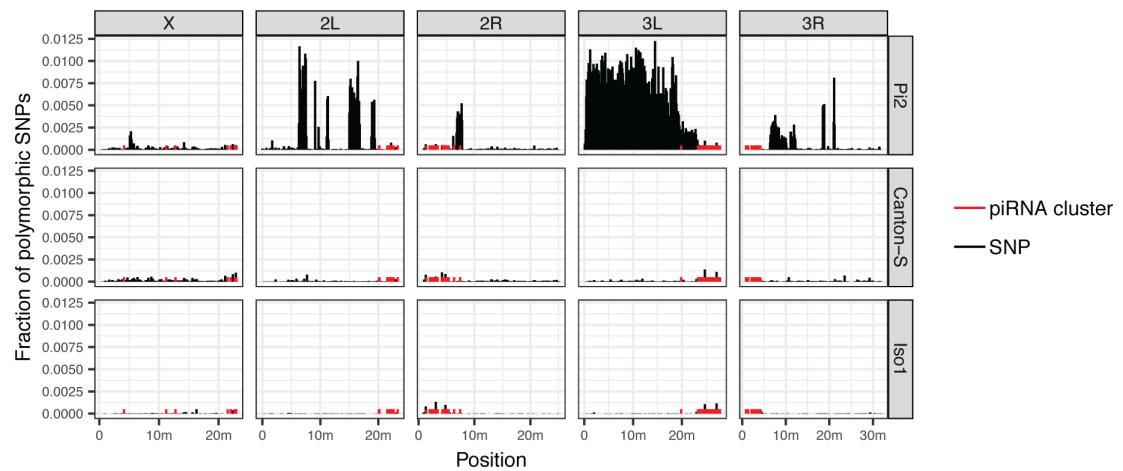


Figure 6: Location of piRNA clusters (red) and of regions with segregating polymorphisms (black) for several *D. melanogaster* strains. Segregating polymorphisms are shown for 100kb windows.

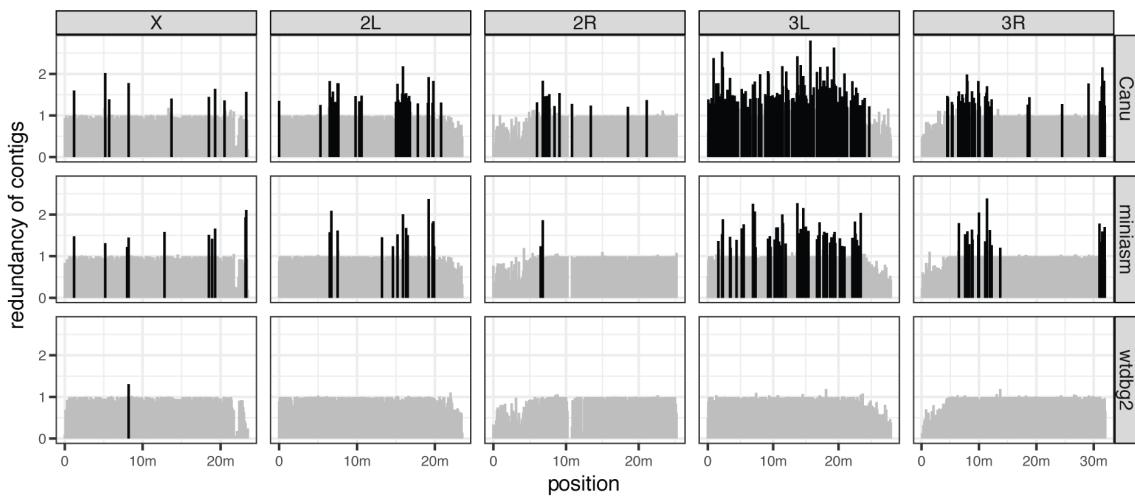


Figure 7: Origin of redundant contigs for assemblies generated by three different algorithm (right panel). Non-overlapping 1kb subsequences of an assembly were aligned to the reference. The average coverage per 100kb window is shown. Coverages  $> 1.2$  indicate redundant contigs (shown in black).

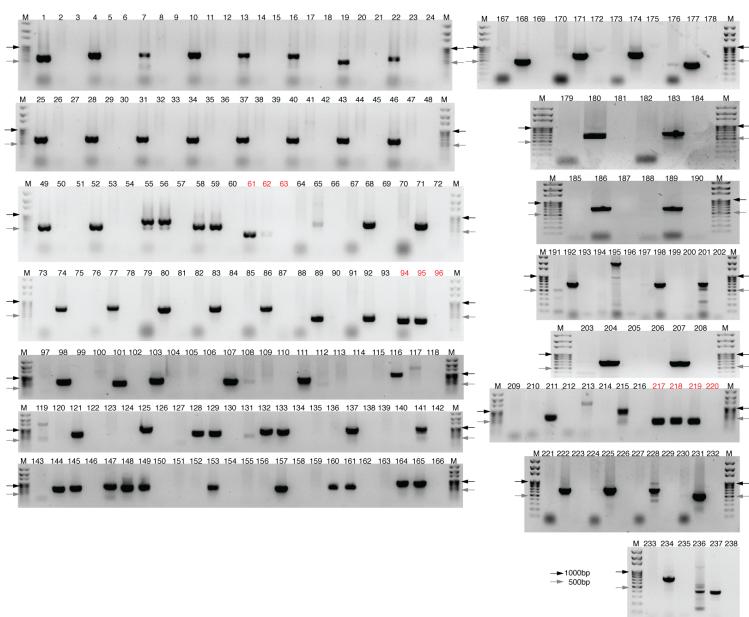


Figure 8: PCR validation of polymorphic TE insertions in piRNA clusters. Numbers above lanes refer to entries in supplementary tables 6 ; Arrows indicate the position of the 1000bp and 500bp size markers. Positive controls (*RpL32*) are labeled in red.

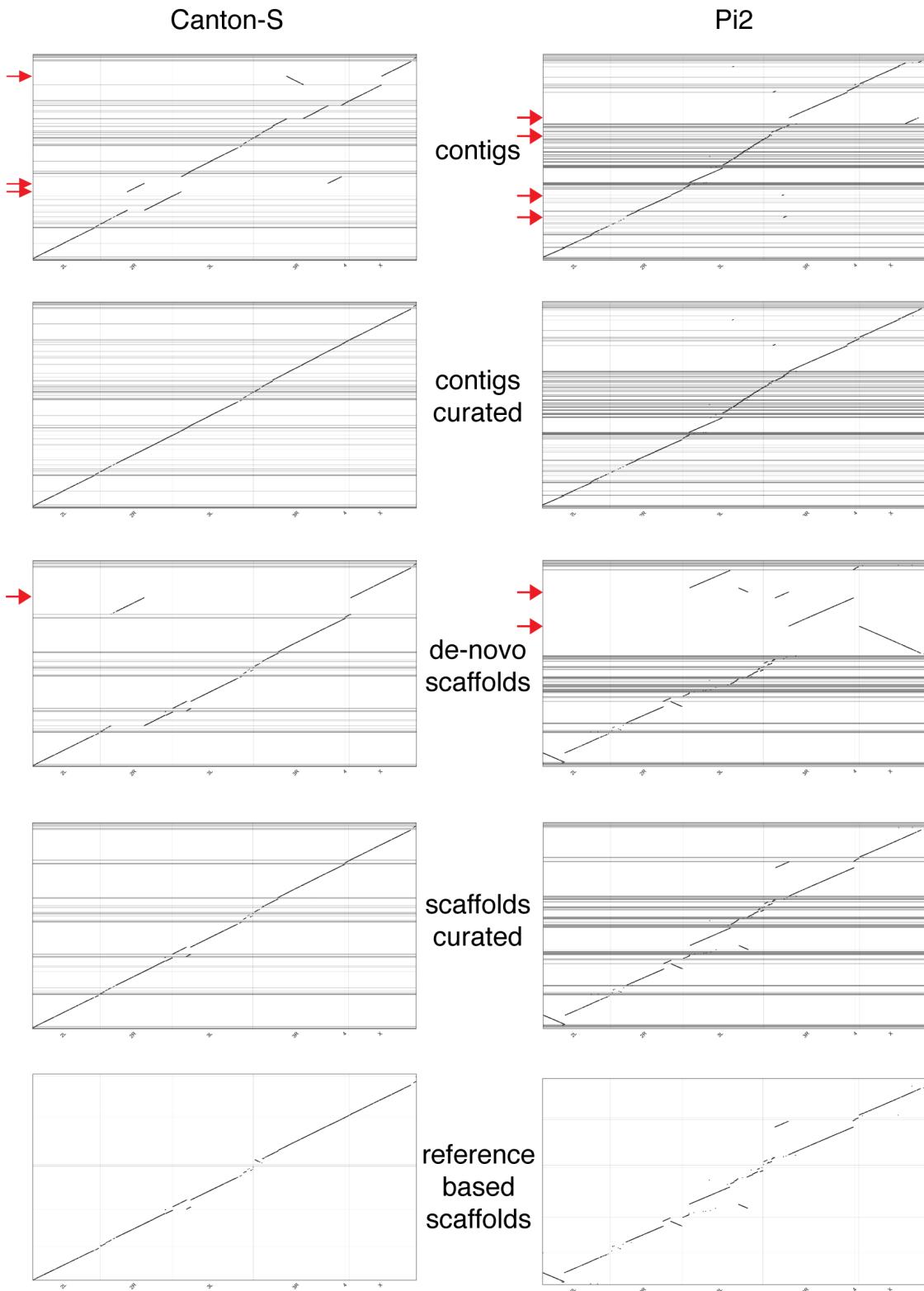


Figure 9: Manual curation steps of the final assemblies of Pi2 and Canton-S. Misassemblies (red arrows) were manually broken up at each step.

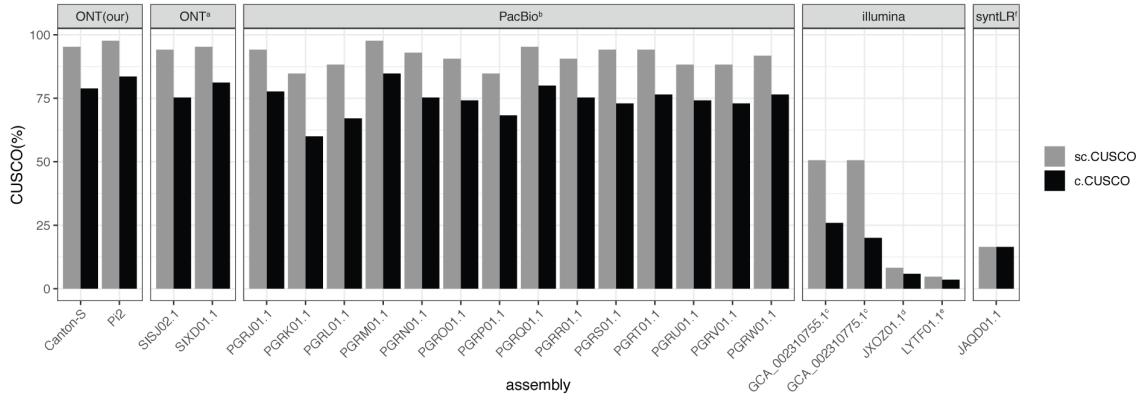


Figure 10: CUSCO values for our assemblies and publicly available assemblies of different *D. melanogaster* strains. We used assemblies from NCBI databases with following accession numbers: <sup>a</sup>WGS: SIXD01000000 and SISJ02000000 (Ellison and Cao, 2020) for ONT; <sup>b</sup>Bioproject: PRJNA418342 (Chakraborty et al., 2019) for PacBio; <sup>c</sup>Genbank: GCA\_002310755.1 and GCA\_002310775.1 (Anreiter et al., 2017), <sup>d</sup>WGS: JXOZ01000000 (Vicoso and Bachtrog, 2015), <sup>e</sup>WGS: LYTF01000000 (Singhal et al., 2017) for illumina; <sup>f</sup>WGS: JAQD01000000 (McCoy et al., 2014) for illumina synthetic long reads.

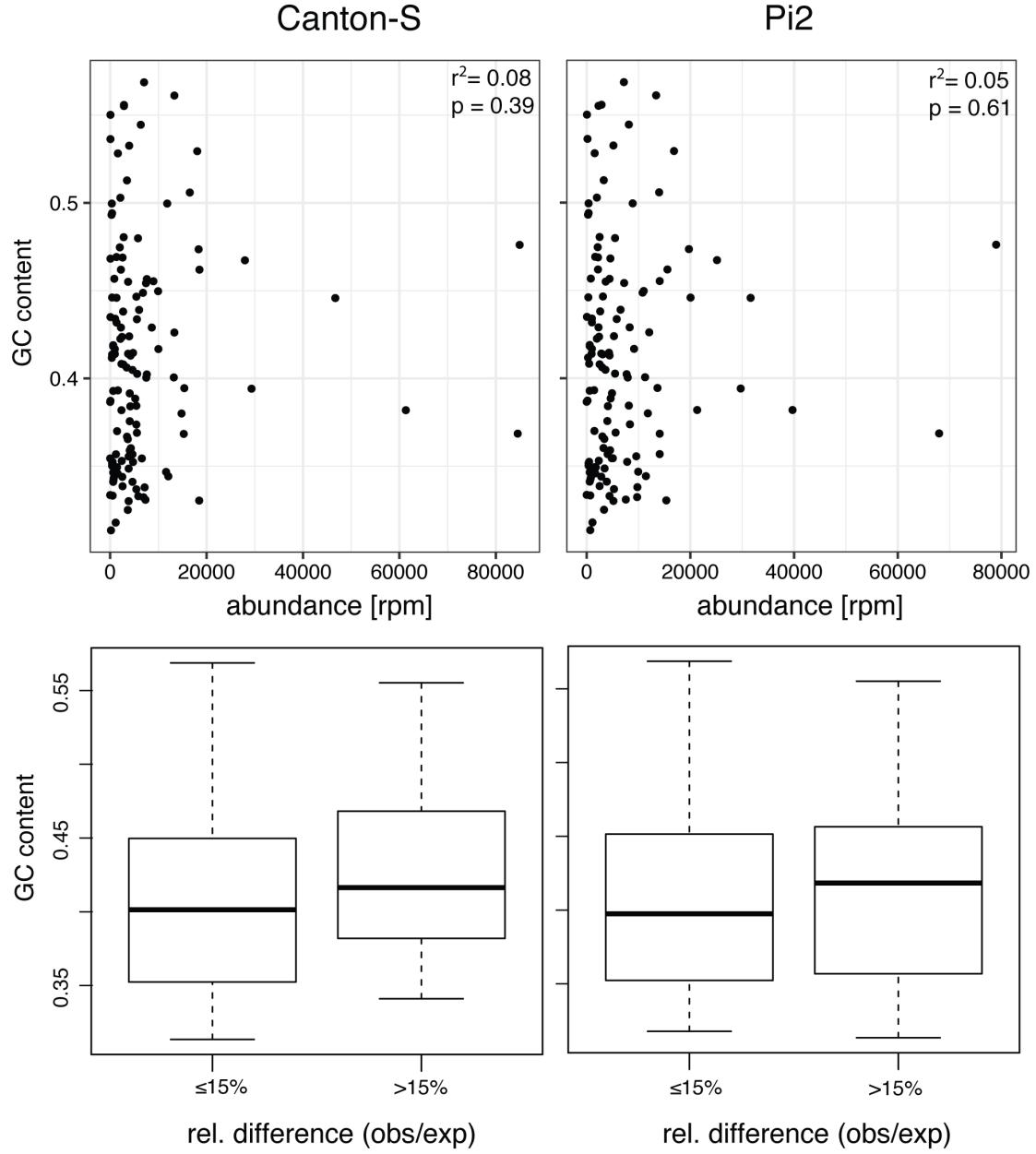


Figure 11: Influence of the GC-content on TE abundance for our assemblies of Canton-S and Pi2. A) Relationship between the the GC-content of a TE and the estimated abundance of a TE. Correlations were calculated with the spearman method. B) GC-content of TEs that strongly deviate from the expected abundance (difference between observed and expected TE abundance  $> 15\%$ ) compared to TEs that do not deviate from expectations (difference  $< 15\%$ ). For both Canton-S and Pi2 the differences between deviating and not-deviating TEs was not significant (Wilcoxon rank-sum test, two-sided:  $p_{CS} = 0.109$ ,  $p_{Pi2} = 0.3813$ )

## 2 Supplementary tables

Table 1: Overview of the raw data used for the assemblies; PE paired ends

	CantonS	Pi2
ONT, coverage	149x	199x
ONT, flow cells	2	3
ONT, mean read length	7146bp	8045bp
Illumina PE, coverage	30x	40x
Illumina PE, read length	125	125
Hi-C, coverage	591x	260x

Table 2: Influence of different polishing steps on the quality of Canton-S assemblies (30x coverage with long reads). Assembly quality is estimated with BUSCO and our four TE centered quality metrics (CUSCO, TE abundance, SNPs and IDs in TEs).

quality	raw	racon	pilon
BUSCO	76.8	85.6	98.4
Cusco	60.0	60.0	60.0
TE abu.	0.97	0.97	0.97
TE SNPs	0.93	0.99	1.00
TE IDs	0.91	0.97	0.99

Table 3: Effect of polishing on BUSCO values. We applied three rounds of polishing with Racon, picked the assembly with the highest BUSCO value (bold) and polished this assembly three times with Pilon, where we again kept the assembly with the highest BUSCO values (bold). In case BUSCO values did not improve between two successive iterations we kept the assembly requiring the fewest polishing steps. The finally used polishing strategy (polishing s.) for each assembly is shown at the bottom (R .. Racon, P.. Pilon). All ONT reads were used for these assemblies.

	CantonS			Pi2		
	Canu	miniasm	wtdbg2	Canu	miniasm	wtdbg2
unpolished	83.0	1.1	74.9	87	0.8	76.1
1x Racon	91.0	80.2	90.5	93.0	84.2	92.3
2x Racon	91.0	90.2	91.4	92.9	90.3	<b>92.9</b>
3x Racon	<b>91.6</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>93.3</b>	92.6
1x Pilon	98.6	98.2	98.5	98.2	98.3	96.9
2x Pilon	98.8	98.6	<b>98.9</b>	98.4	<b>98.5</b>	<b>97.7</b>
3x Pilon	<b>98.9</b>	<b>98.8</b>	98.8	<b>98.4</b>	98.5	97.4
polishing s.	3R,3P	3R,3P	3R,2P	3R,3P	3R,2P	3R,2P

Table 4: BUSCO values for assemblies generated with different assemblers and coverages for Canton-S. For each assembly the optimized number of polishing rounds performed with Racon (R) and Pilon (P) are shown (for optimization procedure see supplementary table 3).

	coverage	20x	30x	50x	75x	100x	120x	150x
Canu	polishing	3R,3P	3R,3P	3R,3P	2R,3P	3R,2P	3R,3P	3R,3P
	BUSCO	98.4	98.4	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.8	98.9
miniasm	polishing	3R,3P	3R,2P	3R,3P	3R,2P	3R,3P	3R,3P	3R,3P
	BUSCO	98.4	98.4	98.6	98.6	98.6	98.8	98.8
wtdbg2	polishing	1R,3P	2R,3P	2R,3P	3R,3P	3R,2P	2R,3P	3R,2P
	BUSCO	98.8	98.6	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.6	98.9

Table 5: Overview of the final assemblies of Canton-S and Pi2. The assembly quality is assessed with classic quality metrics (NG50, BUSCO) as well as our TE centered quality metrics. Misassembled contigs and scaffolds were broken manually (based on dot-plots; supplementary fig. 1). c.CUSCO contig-CUSCO, sc.CUSCO scaffold-CUSCO

		CantonS	Pi2
ONT	Assembler	Canu	Canu
	Coverage	100x	100x
	contigs	335	625
	NG50	6.8m	4.1m
	length	148m	169m
	BUSCO	82.3	85.8
	c.Cusco	80.00	77.65
	TE abu.	1.02	1.04
	TE SNPs	0.95	0.97
pol.	TE IDs	0.93	0.95
	strategy	2R,2P	2R,2P
	contigs	335	625
	NG50	4.6m	4.1m
	length	149m	169m
	BUSCO	98.7	98.3
	c.Cusco	81.18	83.53
	TE abu.	1.01	1.04
	TE SNPs	0.99	1.01
Hi-C	TE IDs	0.99	1.01
	scaffolds	266	483
	NG50	21.4m	23.6m
	length	149m	169m
	BUSCO	98.7	98.3
	sc.Cusco	84.71	91.76
	TE abu.	1.01	1.04
	TE SNPs	0.99	1.01
	TE IDs	0.99	1.01
ref. scaf.	scaffolds	15	16
	NG50	28.2m	37.2m
	length	149m	169m
	BUSCO	98.6	98.2
	sc.Cusco	95.29	97.65
	TE abu.	1.01	1.04
	TE SNPs	0.99	1.01
	TE IDs	0.98	1.00

Table 6: Overview of validated presence/absence polymorphisms in piRNA clusters. For each polymorphism, we show the primers, the cluster, the TE family, the length of the expected fragment, the position and indicate whether or not the polymorphism is present in Canton-S, Pi2 or Iso-1 (y..yes, n..no). Numbers in brackets refer to lane numbers in the PCR gels (supplementary fig. 8).

PCR-ID	strain of prescence	Canton-S	Pi2	Iso-1	piRNA cluster	TE family	start	end	length	primer #1	primer #2
cs19L	Canton-S	y(13)	n(14)	-	cl112	doc	14527	15230	704	GCAGAGAGGGAGGACAAGAA	TTTGAACCTGGCCCTTACGG
cs19R	Canton-S	y(16)	n(17)	-	cl112	doc	9735	10435	701	TATTCACACTGGCCCTTCCTG	AATCCCCTCGCAAGAAAACCT
cs16L	Canton-S	y(7)	n(8)	-	cl133	mdg1	15190	15885	696	TCACGGCTGCCCATGTAGTTA	TCCCTCGGTGGTCTTAATTTC
cs16R	Canton-S	y(10)	n(11)	-	cl133	mdg1	7521	8235	715	GCTAAAGAACCCACCGATA	GCACCTTGCGTGTACAAAGAG
cs14R	Canton-S	y(4)	n(5)	-	cl140	doc	58054	58752	699	TGGCGTAATAATGTCGTATG	GTGCTCGATCACCGATTG
cs14L	Canton-S	y(1)	n(2)	-	cl140	doc	62711	63311	601	ACTATGCTCGAGCTGTG	CCCGAAAACCGTTAACATCAG
cs8R	Canton-S	y(52)	n(53)	-	cl15	412	52318	52917	600	AGCGTAGTTGGTGTAGGCC	GGTGGCCATGTAAATGATGAA
cs8L	Canton-S	y(49)	n(50)	-	cl15	412	59624	60219	596	CCCACTCGAAGGCAAAGTA	GAGGCCATTATGCCAAGTT
cs7R	Canton-S	y(46)	n(47)	-	cl15	F-element	74840	75448	609	GCTACTGCGTGTACCGATGT	AGCGTCTCTTTCGCTTCAG
cs7L	Canton-S	y(43)	n(44)	-	cl15	F-element	79627	80231	605	TTCAGCGAGCACAAATCAAAG	TCAAAACGCAATCGGTATA
cs9R	Canton-S	y(58)	y(59)	-	cl15	springer	27385	27982	598	AAGCTGCTGTGCAAGTGTGA	ACTTACGCCCTGTATGTCG
cs9L	Canton-S	y(55)	y(56)	-	cl15	springer	30676	31482	807	GGTCAATTTCGCAACCTACC	CCTAGCAATGGCTCAGGAAA
cs6R	Canton-S	y(40)	n(41)	-	cl16	297	40121	40727	607	ACTACCGACTTCCATCG	TCAAAACACACCAACAAACAA
cs6L	Canton-S	y(37)	n(38)	-	cl16	297	47115	47710	596	GCAGCTGGGATACGTTATGG	CCAAGCCGGTCTGTATTGTT
cs4R	Canton-S	y(34)	n(35)	-	cl20	roo	119943	120547	605	GATGCGCTCAAGGTTGTTT	CCTTGGTAGGGGAAACTG
cs4L	Canton-S	y(31)	n(32)	-	cl20	roo	129025	129624	600	CGATAAGGGGGACTATTT	CCTICGGTCAAACACCTTGT
cs3R	Canton-S	y(28)	n(29)	-	cl26	juan	78770	79374	605	CAAATAAACGGCGAACACTG	GGTACACTGTGTTGGGTAGA
cs3L	Canton-S	y(25)	n(26)	-	cl26	juan	82718	83336	619	AGCTGCAATTGAAACACTCCA	TTTCAGCGATCCAATAA
cs1L	Canton-S	y(19)	n(20)	-	cl6	quasimodo	49383	49885	503	GCCCTTCGCTTAAGCTTTC	AGCCTTCGTTGCAAATTAA
cs1R	Canton-S	y(22)	n(23)	-	cl6	quasimodo	56976	57581	606	TTTGCACAGAAATTGGGTTC	GGCGCTTTTAAACGGAAG
pi22L	Pi2	n(179)	y(180)	-	cl1	invader1	18945	19546	602	TCTTCGGCTCATCCCTATC	CGGCAGACAACCGTATAGAT
pi22R	Pi2	n(182)	y(183)	-	cl1	invader1	22817	23509	693	CATCGAAATGCCCTTCTTC	CTTATTGAGTCCGAGAAACG
pi25L	Pi2	n(97)	y(98)	-	cl1	P-element	267796	-	600	GGGATTCCTGGATTGATT	TTGGTTAACGATGCTTTG
pi25R	Pi2	n(100)	y(101)	-	cl1	P-element	-	268773	474	GTGGATGTCTTGC	GTTCTCAGTTGGGTACGAT
pi23	Pi2	n(191)	y(192)	-	cl1	rover	30040	30743	704	CAAATCCAACCTGATCACCA	TTGCTGTTGCAATTGTTGTT
pi24	Pi2	n(194)	y(195)	-	cl1	duplication	53683	55687	2005	GCATTAAGTCAGCAGGAAA	CCACGGACCTTCAGCAGCAA
pi17R	Pi2	n(224)	y(225)	-	cl130	copia	18413	19115	703	AGGTCTGCTGGTACGATTTC	TTCAAAACATTATCCCTGCAC
pi17L	Pi2	n(221)	y(222)	-	cl130	copia	23883	24580	698	AATGGCCACACCTTTATGC	ATATGTCGGCAAACAGGAG
pi18L	Pi2	n(227)	y(228)	-	cl130	idefix	13300	14003	704	ATCCAAGAAAGCGAAAG	GGTGGGCTTAAGCAGGAA
pi18R	Pi2	n(230)	y(231)	-	cl130	idefix	5858	6371	514	CCGGATCTGCAAGGAGAG	TTACGCGTCAAGTAAATAC
pi15R	Pi2	n(91)	y(92)	-	cl137	297	11479	11880	402	GCAACAAACACGAAATCGAAG	TAGCGTTGAAAGAGGGCAGT
pi15L	Pi2	n(88)	y(89)	-	cl137	297	2696	3085	390	CTGTCACGGTCCGCAATATA	CCGTTTATTGCTAGGGTT
pi12R	Pi2	n(79)	y(80)	-	cl140	F-element	28851	29541	691	CACACAAACGGTCCATATA	CCGCTTATTGCTAGGGTT
pi12L	Pi2	n(76)	y(77)	-	cl140	F-element	33426	34123	698	CAACCGAACATCGGAACTTA	TTGACCTTTGGTGGGAAATA
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pi13L	Pi2	n(82)	y(83)	-	cl140	F-element	8614	9318	705	TTCAGCGAGCACAAATCAAAG	AACAAACGTGTTGGGTTA
pi11R	Pi2	n(73)	y(74)	-	cl140	gypsy	69269	69959	691	CGAAACATTCGCCATCTT	GGCTCAITGCCGTTAACAT
pi11L	Pi2	n(70)	y(71)	-	cl140	gypsy	76745	77449	705	GGCGATAGCATTGTTGATTG	AACCGTCCACGGTTTACATGG
pi10R	Pi2	n(67)	y(68)	-	cl15	F-element	77867	78569	703	CTTCCTGGCTCATCTCC	CTCGCTCAGCTAGATCAC
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pi28L	Pi2	n(197)	y(198)	-	cl16	mdg1	21932	22610	679	CGACTCCACACTTCATCA	AGGACTTGGCTGTCAAAAGA
pi28R	Pi2	n(200)	y(201)	-	cl16	mdg1	29643	30335	693	CTCTTGACAGCGCAAGTGC	GAGAATCGAAACGGAAATCG
pi5R	Pi2	n(188)	y(189)	-	cl19	gypsy5	12115	12808	694	AAGTAGTGTGCGTGA	TATACCGGGGAAAGTGA
pi5L	Pi2	n(185)	y(186)	-	cl19	gypsy5	4604	5309	706	TGTTCTGACCCACTCCACTG	GGCCCTACTTATTCAGG
pi2R	Pi2	n(206)	y(207)	-	cl26	mdg3	75530	76216	687	GAGGCATACGGTTGGTAAAA	AGGAACGGCCGAGTTGAGTA
pi2L	Pi2	n(203)	y(204)	-	cl26	mdg3	81089	81790	702	GGGTTCTGAGGAAAGGTG	CACATGTATCCCCATCTG
pi21R	Pi2	y(176)	y(177)	-	cl5	copia	12622	13018	397	ATTTCCCTTGACGAAATG	ACCAGCACCGACACTTC
pi21L	Pi2	n(173)	y(174)	-	cl5	copia	17489	18199	711	CCATCGAAATCTGTAAGAA	AGGATCATCTGGCAGACTC
pi20R	Pi2	n(170)	y(171)	-	cl5	gtwin	29656	30354	699	CAACCAAGATAGCTGATCCA	GCTCGCAGCGTAAATATC
pi20L	Pi2	n(167)	y(168)	-	cl5	gtwin	51179	51671	493	CAATGCATCACGCCATAAAG	AGCAATCATGATGTCGTTCA
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cs29L	CS	y(234)	n(233)	-	cl1	copia	272690	273429	704	CGCTTGTAGTCTATCCCTAAC	CCACCCACATTGATAGTTAC
iso34L	Iso-1	n(135)	y(136)	y(137)	cl1	1731	91808	92595	788	GAATCTGTTACGGCCATTC	CATGAAAGAGGGTCACGGTT
iso34R	Iso-1	n(139)	n(140)	y(141)	cl1	1731	96320	97224	905	TCTTCGGCTCATCTGAGT	TTGCTGGCATTTGGGAAAT
iso32L	Iso-1	n(119)	n(120)	y(121)	cl1	F-element	57380	57965	586	AATGGGAATTGTTGCTT	TCCCTGGCTATGGTTATTG
iso32R	Iso-1	n(123)	n(124)	y(125)	cl1	F-element	61836	62648	813	CTCCGTCAGCGCTAGATCAC	CITTTGGAGGCAAAATTCCAA
iso35L	Iso-1/Pi2	n(143)	y(144)	y(145)	cl1	F-element	131490	132095	606	CGAACCTCATCCAACTCTCA	CCTACCAACCCAGCGAAATA
iso35R	Iso-1/Pi2	y(147)	y(148)	y(149)	cl1	F-element	136291	136888	598	TCCCTGGCTATGGTTATTG	ATTGGTCTGGTGACCGCTCT
iso38L	Iso-1	n(209)	n(210)	y(211)	cl1	F-element	239670	240262	593	TTGTCAGACTGACCTCC	CACTGGCTCATCAACTCTGG
iso38R	Iso-1	n(213)	n(214)	y(215)	cl1	F-element	244111	245067	957	TCTCTGGGCTATGGTTATTG	TGTGTCACCCATAAATGTTG
iso37L	Iso-1/Pi2	n(159)	y(160)	y(161)	cl1	invader3	215863	216462	600	GCTACGCTGTGGACAACTT	TGCTGTCGATCGGTATTG
iso37R	Iso-1/Pi2	n(163)	y(164)	y(165)	cl1	invader3	221147	221746	600	GCCGAGTTGTTGGTAGGTGA	CCCAAGGTGTCAGGGCTAA
iso36L	Iso-1	n(151)	n(152)	y(153)	cl1	juan	156015	156659	645	TTCAACATGCTGATGGCTTA	CCTGTGTTGGGTAGATGTC
iso36R	Iso-1	n(155)	n(156)	y(157)	cl1	juan	160009	160613	605	AGCTGTCATGAAACACTCCA	CACGACAGAGAGGGTACGACA
iso33L	Iso-1/Pi2	n(127)	y(128)	y(129)	cl1	stalker4	75075	75679	605	CCTCTAGACATCGGACTGT	AAGTGTCAATGCTCTTC
iso33R	Iso-1/Pi2	n(131)	y(132)	y(133)	cl1	stalker4	82606	83307	702	GCAGACAGGCAATTGACACTT	GACCAACCTGACGATCAAAC
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