



## 25 Introduction

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27 Parasitic nematodes are important parasites of humans, livestock and other animals. In  
28 humans, parasitic nematodes are responsible for 4 of the twenty World Health Organization-  
29 defined Neglected Tropical Diseases (WHO 2021). In natural ecosystems parasitic  
30 nematodes are highly abundant and so a major force affecting host populations (Lafferty *et*  
31 *al.*, 2005; Kuris *et al.*, 2008), so understanding parasites' biology is critical in understanding  
32 wider ecological patterns and processes. Study of the population genetics of parasitic  
33 nematodes can give important insights into their biology and patterns of transmission in host  
34 populations. This has been studied extensively in nematodes parasitizing livestock, for  
35 example finding that they exist with very large effective populations sizes, showing limited  
36 population genetic substructure, likely due to the high rate of livestock movement (Blouin *et*  
37 *al.* 1985; Redman *et al.*, 2015; Sallé *et al.*, 2019). The population genetics of parasitic  
38 nematodes infecting humans has also been investigated to understand their host range and  
39 zoonotic potential (Criscione *et al.*, 2007; Thiele *et al.*, 2018). In contrast, there has been  
40 much more limited study of the population genetics and genomics of nematodes infecting  
41 natural, unmanaged species (Cole and Viney, 2018).

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43 *Strongyloides* spp. are a genus of parasitic nematodes, with two species – *S. stercoralis* and  
44 *S. fuelleborni* – infecting some 100-200 million people worldwide. *S. ratti* is a common  
45 parasite of rats, *Rattus norvegicus* (Fisher and Viney, 1998). In the *Strongyloides* spp. life  
46 cycle hosts are infected by parasitic female worms only that reproduce parthenogenetically  
47 (Viney, 1994), producing eggs that pass out of the host in its faeces. Outside of the hosts,  
48 larvae can develop directly into infective larvae that then infect new hosts. Alternatively, and  
49 facultatively, larvae outside of the host can develop into a single generation of free-living  
50 adult males and females that reproduce sexually (Viney *et al.*, 1993), with their progeny then  
51 also developing into infective larvae to infect new hosts. Genetically, this means that  
52 *Strongyloides* reproduces by obligatory mitotic parthenogenesis inside the host and by  
53 facultative sexual reproduction outside of the host. The choice between asexual, direct  
54 development and sexual, indirect development is affected by environmental conditions  
55 (particularly the host immune response and the temperature outside of the host), but  
56 genotypes also differ in their propensity for these two developmental routes (Viney *et al.*  
57 1992; Harvey *et al.* 2000).

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59 *Strongyloides*' mode of reproduction is very likely to affect its population genetics. If  
60 reproduction is exclusively by mitotic parthenogenesis, then the only source of genetic  
61 variation is mutation, and such a population would consist of an assemblage of different  
62 genetic lineages. In this scenario the mutation rate of a species is key in determining the  
63 extent of variation within a population. The occurrence of some sexual reproduction would  
64 allow genetic lineages of parasites to recombine, though the extent to which this will happen  
65 depends on the frequency with which sexual reproduction occurs. A three locus study of *S.*  
66 *ratti* in the UK found that it consists of one interbreeding population, likely mainly reproducing  
67 by direct, asexual reproduction (Fisher and Viney, 1998).

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69 *S. ratti* has a compact 43 Mbp genome consisting of 2 autosomes and an X chromosome,  
70 and its genome assembly is the second most contiguous assembled nematode genome

71 after the *C. elegans* reference genome. This facilitates the population genomic analysis of  
72 wild *S. ratti*. Further, genomic, transcriptomic and proteomic analyses have identified genes  
73 that are putatively critical to *Strongyloides*' parasitic lifestyle. These were characterised in  
74 two ways: genes whose expression was significantly greater in the parasitic female stage  
75 compared with the free-living female stage; and genomic clusters of genes coding for  
76 proteins belonging to one of three families (astacin-like metallopeptidases, CAP domain-  
77 containing proteins, acetylcholinesterases), which are gene families that have expanded as  
78 *Strongyloides* nematodes evolved to be parasites (Hunt *et al.*, 2016).

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80 In many, but not all, host-parasite systems, parasites can locally adapt to their host  
81 population, which enhances the fitness of those parasite genotypes (Greischar *et al.*, 2007).  
82 The genes and gene products underlying parasite local adaptation are not well known. In  
83 *Strongyloides* the genes that have been shown to be central to its parasitism are at the  
84 interface between the parasite and its host and therefore may play a role in such adaptation.  
85 In such a scenario these genes could be under different selection pressures compared with  
86 the rest of the genome and so may have population genetic patterns that differ from the rest  
87 of the genome.

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89 Here we report the whole-genome, fine-scale population genomics of *S. ratti* in a wild rat  
90 population, describing how parasite genotypes are distributed among individual hosts. We  
91 find that *S. ratti* populations exist as a mixture of asexual lineages. Comparison of these  
92 lineages with historical, geographically dispersed samples suggests that some of these  
93 lineages may be very widely spatially and temporally dispersed. We find that genes and  
94 gene clusters critical to the parasitic phase of the *S. ratti* life cycle are genetically  
95 hyperdiverse, compared with the rest of the genome, which may contribute to *S. ratti*'s local  
96 adaptation to its hosts within the context of existing as long-lived asexual lineages.

## 97 Results

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### 99 ***S. rattii* is a common parasite of rats**

100 We sampled rat faecal pellets from three sites in the southwest UK (**Figure 1**), from which  
101 we isolated 10,471 *S. rattii* infective larvae from 114 pellets (from a sample of 308). The  
102 proportion of infected faecal pellets significantly differed among the three sites (13, 47 and  
103 62 % at sites CA, AM and LA respectively;  $\chi^2 = 48.9$ ,  $df = 2$ ,  $P < 0.0001$ ) (**Figure 1**;  
104 **Supplementary Table 1**), but is consistent with a previous report of a high prevalence of *S.*  
105 *rattii* in wild rats in the UK (Fisher and Viney, 1998). The number of *S. rattii* larvae per pellet  
106 ranged from 1 – 1,730 (**Supplementary Figure 1**). While culturing these faeces for *S. rattii*  
107 we did not observe any sexual free-living adults. We genotyped rat faecal pellets to assign  
108 these to individual rats finding that 132 genotyped pellets belonged to 112 rats.

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### 110 ***S. rattii* is partially genetically clustered at sample sites**

111 We investigated the population genetics of *S. rattii* by analysing whole genome sequence of  
112 90 individual infective larvae collected from the three sites. We identified 170,666 SNPs,  
113 giving an average density of 4.1 SNPs per kb. A total of 614 SNPs were tri-allelic, the  
114 remainder bi-allelic, with a ratio of 1.77 of transitions to transversions. Considering all SNPs  
115 together, the 90 parasites were in HWE ( $\chi^2 = 13.65$ ,  $df = 19.35$ ,  $P = 0.48$ ) but this varied  
116 among SNPs. Overall, there was more heterozygosity than expected; specifically, allele  
117 frequencies predicted that 28% of SNP loci would be heterozygous in individual worms,  
118 whereas 36% (range 28-58%) were.

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120 We analysed the pattern of parasite population genetic variation (i) within and among rat  
121 hosts, and (ii) within and among sampling sites, finding evidence of some differentiation of  
122 the parasites among the sample sites. The pairwise relatedness ( $\Phi$ ) among the 90 parasites  
123 was non-normal (Shapiro-Wilkes test for normalcy  $W = 0.902$ ,  $P < 0.0001$ ), suggesting  
124 genetic clustering among the worms at some level (**Supplementary Figure 2**). *S. rattii*  
125 parasitic females reproduce by mitotic parthenogenesis (Viney, 1994) and so siblings will  
126 be genetically identical save for individual-specific mutations. We did not detect putative  
127 sibling parasites within individual rats, despite sampling up to 4 parasites from each rat.  
128 (**Supplementary Figure 3**). This suggests that faecal pellets commonly contained larvae of  
129 more than 4 genotypes. In faecal pellets containing  $\geq 10$  larvae, if there indeed had only  
130 been 4 genotypes present then our chance of detecting the 4 was  $\leq 0.19$ . It is more likely  
131 that faecal pellets contained worms of more than 4 genotypes. Specifically, we had a  $\geq 0.50$   
132 chance of detecting 4 unique genotypes when:  $\geq 6$  genotypes were actually present in  
133 pellets containing 12-18 larvae;  $\geq 7$  genotypes were present in pellets containing 19-31  
134 larvae. The average relatedness among pairs of parasites from the same rat and among  
135 parasites from different rats ( $\Phi = 0.22$  and  $0.214$ , respectively), was not significantly different  
136 ( $t = -0.32$ ,  $df = 108.81$ ,  $P = 0.75$ ). Thus, we conclude that individual rats contain genetically  
137 diverse parasites (consistent with our *S. rattii* RFLP genotyping, see Materials and Methods  
138 section), meaning that genetic clustering of parasites is not at the level of the rat.

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140 However, parasites from the same sample site were more closely related (mean same site  
141  $\Phi = 0.225$ ; single, same site  $\Phi$ , CA = 0.128, LA = 0.258, AM = 0.227) than parasites from  
142 different sample sites ( $\Phi = 0.206$ ) ( $t = -3.68$ ,  $df = 3975.9$ ,  $P \leq 0.001$ ) (**Figure 2**). Overall,  $F_{ST}$

143 was very low (0.02), and indeed zero between parasites at the two English sample sites  
144 (**Figure 2**). Together, these results show that there is some genetic clustering of *S. ratti* at  
145 the level of the sampling site, but not at the level of individual rats.

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### 147 ***S. ratti* consists of divergent genetic clades that are widely distributed**

148 We examined the parasite diversity more closely by constructing neighbour-joining  
149 dendrograms. This revealed five parasite clades, with most worms (78 of the 90) in one of  
150 three clades (clades 1 – 3) (**Figure 3A**). Maximum likelihood trees also confirmed the  
151 existence of these clades (**Figure 3B; Supplementary Figure 4**). We examined the  
152 admixture among the 90 parasites, which most reliably grouped the parasites into five  
153 genetic groups, corresponding to the five clades defined by the neighbour-joining tree  
154 (**Figure 3C; Supplementary Figure 5**).

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156 Parasites belonging to the three main clades were present in all three sampling sites, in  
157 ratios expected based on the number of sequenced parasites from each sampling site  
158 (Fisher's exact test,  $P = 0.14$ ). Individual rats contained parasites from multiple clades;  
159 specifically, 11 rats contained parasites from two clades, and 3 rats contained parasites from  
160 three clades. Principal Component Analysis produced similar results, showing clustering of  
161 parasites within clades, and that these clades were dispersed across the three sampling  
162 sites (**Supplementary Figure 6**).

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164 Analysis of  $\Phi$  and  $F_{ST}$  within and among clades 1 – 3 is consistent with *S. ratti* being  
165 structured into sympatric, genetically distinct clades, with the three clades dispersed across  
166 the three sampling sites. Specifically,  $\Phi$  was high within clades, especially clades 1 and 3  
167 (0.43 and 0.45, respectively), but lower between clades;  $F_{ST}$  among the clades was 0.3 and  
168 similar (0.22 – 0.35) between clades (**Table 1**). Given that we did not observe any free-living  
169 sexual stages of *S. ratti* this further suggests that these clades are asexually derived and  
170 maintained.

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172 The population genetic structure of *S. ratti*'s mitochondrial genome consists of three  
173 divergent genetic clades that are not strongly associated with sampling sites, which is  
174 consistent with the nuclear genome results. Specifically, in the mitochondrial genome we  
175 identified 156 SNPs (average density 9.3 SNPs per kb) identifying 58 haplotypes among the  
176 90 parasites. There was a strong, positive correlation between the pairwise similarities of  
177 mitochondrial and nuclear genomes (Mantel test,  $r = 0.76$ ,  $P < 0.01$ ), and between minimum  
178 spanning maps of mitochondrial haplotypes and neighbour-joining trees of nuclear genomes  
179 (**Supplementary Figure 7**). The number of mitochondrial SNPs in same sampling site and  
180 different sampling site comparisons (23.6 and 24.2, respectively) were not significantly  
181 different ( $t = -0.98$ ,  $df = 3771$ ,  $P = 0.33$ ).

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183 We wanted to investigate if the rat host population genetic structure enforced a population  
184 genetic structure on the parasites because of the partitioning of parasites among individual  
185 hosts. To do this we investigated the population genetics of the rats by genotyping faecal  
186 pellets at nine microsatellite locus (**Supplementary Table 2**). These loci were generally not  
187 in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE); specifically 8, 3 and 5 of the 9 loci at sites CA, AM  
188 and LA, respectively, were not (**Supplementary Table 3**). Rat allele frequencies differed

189 markedly among sampling sites, consistent with restricted rat gene flow among the sites.  
190 The pairwise relatedness among rats was higher within sites than among sites (average  
191 Ritland and Lynch relatedness values 0.06 and -0.06, respectively), and the distribution of  
192 these relatedness values at each site had a right-hand skew (**Supplementary Figure 8**),  
193 showing more closely related pairs of individual rats within sites than expected by chance.  
194 We could assign rats to each sample site based on allele frequencies with 89% accuracy.  
195 Shannon's mutual information index ( $^S H_{UA}$ ), which does not assume HWE (Hedrick, 2005;  
196 Jost *et al.*, 2018), shows that there is moderate genetic differentiation among rats from the  
197 three sites (**Figure 2**). Together these results – differences in allele frequencies among  
198 sample sites, higher within-site than among-site relatedness, high accuracy in assignment  
199 to sample site, moderate values of  $^S H_{UA}$  – shows that there is genetic differentiation among  
200 rats at the three sampling sites. The evidence of moderate genetic differentiation among  
201 rats at sample sites is broadly consistent with the geographical separation of the three sites,  
202 and with limited rat migration of rats among the sites (**Figure 1**), as has been observed with  
203 urban rats (Combs *et al.* 2017). Notably, the genetic structure of the *S. rattii* populations does  
204 not mirror that of its rat hosts.

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206 To further investigate the spatial and temporal extent of the *S. rattii* clades we examined the  
207 whole genome sequences of 10 *S. rattii* isofemale lines derived from rats sampled from the  
208 UK and Japan between 1989 and 2012 (**Supplementary Table 4**). A neighbour-joining  
209 dendrogram of these isofemale lines and the 90 wild parasites (sampled in 2017/18) showed  
210 that these isofemale lines are not genetically distinct from the 90 parasites, occurring in  
211 clades 1, 2 and 4 (**Supplementary Figure 9**). This observation therefore suggests that  
212 these *S. rattii* genotypes exist as long lived, asexually maintained lineages and that they  
213 have a wide geographical representation, possibly one that is global.

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215 If *S. rattii* does exist as ancient asexually derived and maintained lineages, then whole-  
216 genome linkage might be expected. Within clades 1 and 3 (where sufficient samples were  
217 available to be analysed) LD was higher, and decayed more slowly with genomic distance,  
218 compared with the decay in all 90 parasite samples (**Supplementary Figures 10 and 11**).  
219 Clade 3's LD was higher and decayed more slowly with distance than clade 1's. Clades 1  
220 and 3 also had linkage blocks spanning tens of kilobases on some chromosomes  
221 (**Supplementary Figure 12**), which was not seen among all 90 parasites (**Supplementary**  
222 **Figure 13**). These patterns of within-clade LD are also consistent with these *S. rattii* clades  
223 being long-lived, asexually maintained lineages.

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225 In summary, these results show that *S. rattii* populations consist of mixtures of different  
226 genetic clades consisting of asexually maintained lineages that are likely long lived and  
227 widely distributed across the host population. These clades may exist on a much larger  
228 scale, nationally across the UK, possibly globally, and over decades. The *S. rattii* life cycle  
229 is obligately mitotically parthenogenetic (Viney 1994), with facultative sexual reproduction  
230 (Viney *et al.*, 1993); the population genetic structure that we have observed suggests that  
231 sexual reproduction occurs vary rarely, if at all, in these populations. We observe no obvious  
232 geographical localisation of the different parasite clades, which might be expected with  
233 geographically-based host local adaptation. Indeed, given the likely asexual reproduction

234 these populations it would therefore appear that *S. ratti* cannot genetically adapt to its local  
235 host populations except through mutational processes.

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### 237 ***S. ratti* genes involved in parasitism are highly diverse**

238 We next investigated the diversity of genes that *S. ratti* uses in the parasitic phase of its life  
239 cycle. We focussed on two sets of genes: (i) “parasitism genes”, which are genes whose  
240 expression is at least one log<sub>2</sub>-fold greater in the parasitic female morph compared with the  
241 free-living female morph, and (ii) “expansion clusters”, which are genomic regions containing  
242 four or more genes coding for members of either astacin-like metallopeptidases, CAP  
243 domain-containing proteins, or acetylcholinesterase protein families, which previous  
244 analyses have identified as families that have expanded with *Strongyloides*’ evolution of  
245 parasitism (Hunt *et al.*, 2016).

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247 Genetic diversity in *S. ratti* is not evenly distributed across the *S. ratti* genome  
248 (**Supplementary Figure 14**), and we identified high SNP diversity regions, consisting of  $\geq$   
249 200 SNPs per 10 kb. We firstly asked how often parasitism or free-living (which are *vice*  
250 *versa* compared with parasitism genes) genes occurred in these high SNP diversity regions.  
251 We found that parasitism genes were significantly over represented within these high  
252 diversity regions, compared with their representation in highly conserved genomic regions  
253 ( $\leq 4$  SNPs per 10 kb region), or across the genome as a whole (**Figure 4A; Supplementary**  
254 **Table 5**). In contrast, free-living genes were represented at the same rate in high diversity  
255 regions, highly conserved regions, and across the genome as a whole (**Figure 4A**).

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257 Furthermore, two classes of genes – those coding for astacin-like metallopeptidases and for  
258 CAP-domain domain proteins, both of which are associated with parasitism in *S. ratti* – were  
259 more common in these highly diversity regions, compared with the genome as a whole.  
260 Specifically, 5.6 and 11.8 % (95% confidence intervals 2.6-10.3 and 6.3-16.4 %,  
261 respectively) of genes in these regions code for astacin-like metallopeptidase and CAP  
262 domain proteins, which is higher than their representation across the whole genome (1.5  
263 and 0.7 %, respectively).

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265 We compared the SNP density among the hundred most parasitic and most free-living  
266 genes, though we excluded six of the parasitism genes due to concerns about their  
267 underlying sequence assembly, leaving 94 parasitic genes (**Supplementary Tables 6 and**  
268 **7**). Parasitism gene SNP density was approximately four times that of free-living genes, or  
269 that of the genome as a whole (**Figure 4B**). The SNPs in these parasitism genes mainly  
270 code for non-synonymous substitutions, rather than synonymous substitutions, which  
271 contrasts with free-living genes, where the rate of both types of SNPs occurred with similar  
272 frequency (**Figure 4C**).

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274 We also found evidence of high genetic diversity in *S. ratti*’s expansion clusters, compared  
275 with the flanking regions (**Supplementary Table 8**). SNPs were three times more dense in  
276 the expansion clusters than in the flanking regions (SNP density (SD) per kb 15.9 (18.3) and  
277 4.6 (7.2), in expansion clusters and flanking regions, respectively). Strikingly, SNPs within  
278 expansion clusters were approximately twice as likely to code non-synonymously, rather  
279 than synonymously, unlike the flanking regions where these rates were similar (**Figure 5D**);

280 a pattern also seen for each individual expansion cluster, except clusters 1 and 8  
281 (**Supplementary Table 5**).

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283 We thought about possible reasons for the elevated genetic diversity in genes involved in  
284 *S. rattii*'s parasitism. Parasites can locally adapt to their hosts, to maximise parasite fitness,  
285 and we hypothesised that evolution of the expansion clusters, independent of the rest of the  
286 genome, could be a means by which host local adaptation occurs, where the expansion  
287 clusters evolve differently from the rest of the genome. To investigate this, we created  
288 neighbour-joining trees based on individual expansion clusters to see if they strongly  
289 diverged from the whole genome-based trees. However, in these expansion cluster-specific  
290 trees, the whole genome-defined clades 1 and 3 were still strongly evident (**Supplementary**  
291 **Figure 15**). We next measured the selection in the expansion clusters and their flanking  
292 regions, but could also find no consistent evidence for diversifying selection in the expansion  
293 clusters compared with their flanking regions (**Supplementary Table 9**). These results  
294 therefore do not support the idea that the expansion clusters are locally adapting to host  
295 genotypes.

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297 Together, these observations – that highly variable genomic regions have an over-  
298 representation of parasitism genes, and of astacin-like metallopeptidase and CAP domain  
299 coding genes; that parasitism genes have SNP densities that are higher than those of free-  
300 living genes; that parasitism genes have a comparative excess of non-synonymous-coding  
301 SNPs; that expansion clusters have higher SNP densities and an excess of non-  
302 synonymous-coding SNPs – shows that in *S. rattii* there is a concentration of genetic diversity  
303 within genes and genomic regions that very likely play a key role in the parasitic phase of its  
304 life cycle.



## 305 Discussion

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307 Parasitic nematodes are ubiquitous parasites of animals and are partitioned among  
308 individual hosts, between which they must transmit and so parasite and host biology can  
309 affect their population genetic structure ((Blouin *et al.* 1985; Cole and Viney, 2018).  
310 Understanding the population genetics of parasitic nematodes can give an insight into their  
311 population biology, which is poorly known outside of species infecting humans and livestock  
312 (Cole and Viney, 2018).

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314 For the facultatively sexual parasite of rats *S. ratti* we have discovered that its population  
315 consists of a mixture of genetically diverse clades, where those clades are widely dispersed  
316 across host populations (and possibly on a global scale), with very little evidence of  
317 structuring across three host populations. This is a pattern of population genetic variation  
318 that has not, as far as we are aware, been observed in a parasitic nematode before. The life  
319 cycle of *S. ratti* contains an obligatory asexual parthenogenetic stage (Viney, 1994), as well  
320 as a facultative sexual stage (Viney *et al.*, 1993). We observed no sexual stages during our  
321 work, suggesting that sexual reproduction is very rare, or even absent, in these populations,  
322 consistent with previous observations (Viney *et al.* 1992; Fisher and Viney, 1998). The  
323 population genetics of the populations that we studied is also consistent with the absence  
324 of sexual reproduction.

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326 In contrast to the parasites' population genetic patterns, the host rat populations did show  
327 some evidence of population genetic differentiation among the different sample sites,  
328 consistent with restricted movement of rats between the sites. Studies of the population  
329 genetics of rats in cities have also shown evidence of limited dispersal of rats and so  
330 population genetic differentiation among rats in different city regions (Gardner-Santana *et*  
331 *al.*, 2009).

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333 Understanding a parasite's population genetic structure can be important in understanding  
334 the host range of a parasite, which is of applied interest for parasites of humans. For  
335 example, population genetic analysis has been used to understand the possibly changing  
336 host range of Guinea worm (*Dracunculus medinensis*) in human and dog hosts during  
337 sustained control efforts in human populations (Durrant *et al.*, 2020). There is considerable  
338 interest in understanding the host range of *S. stercoralis* that infects people; specifically,  
339 *Strongyloides* in dogs has been considered to be a source of human infection (Jaleta *et al.*,  
340 2017). If the population genetic structure we have observed with *S. ratti* – a mixture of  
341 asexually maintained clones widely distributed across host populations – also pertains in *S.*  
342 *stercoralis*, then there is likely to be considerable complexity in understanding the population  
343 genetics and host range of *S. stercoralis* genotypes. Where a species exists as a collection  
344 of asexually maintained lineages, then each lineage could diverge genetically, which raises  
345 the possibility that *S. stercoralis* could exist as a mixture of lineages each with different host  
346 ranges, for example some able only to infect people, some only able to infect dogs and some  
347 intermediate. Current approaches to studying the host range of *S. stercoralis* have  
348 commonly only used single or a few loci, which might not be able to resolve more complex  
349 patterns of population genetic variation.

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351 Genomic analyses of *Strongyloides* have discovered genes and gene families that play a  
352 critical role in the parasitic phase of its life cycle. We have discovered that in wild *S. ratti*  
353 both parasitism genes and genes in expansion clusters are highly diverse compared with  
354 other genes. Of particular note, many of these SNPs in the parasitism genes and genes in  
355 expansion clusters we observed are predicted to code for non-synonymous substitutions,  
356 meaning that this genetic diversity may cause functional differences in the gene products.  
357 The parasitism genes and genes in expansion clusters are dominated by large gene  
358 families. Large families can allow genetic diversity to accumulate among gene family  
359 members because any potential negative fitness consequence of a mutation in one gene of  
360 a family, could be effectively ameliorated by others in that family. In this way, large gene  
361 families can allow the exploration of genetic space.

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363 Our observation of comparatively high genetic diversity in these genes is particularly  
364 interesting in light of recent observations of genetic diversity in the free-living nematode  
365 *Caenorhabditis* spp. Specifically, analysis of worldwide populations of *C. elegans* find that  
366 genetic variation is concentrated in a number of genomic regions (56 and 19 kb mean and  
367 median size, respectively), with evidence suggesting that diversity in these regions is  
368 maintained by balancing selection (Lee *et al.*, 2021). In the *C. tropicalis* genome, genetic  
369 variation is also distributed heterogeneously across its genome, for example with some 140  
370 high genetic diversity classified regions extending for no more than 30 kb (Noble *et al.*,  
371 2021). While there is a superficial similarity between the patterns of genomically  
372 concentrated genetic diversity in two *Caenorhabditis* species and in *S. ratti*, the mechanisms  
373 generating these patterns might be different. Notably, in *S. ratti* we did not find any evidence  
374 of diversifying selection in the expansion cluster genes. What these two *Caenorhabditis*  
375 studies and the present study do demonstrate is that detailed, whole genome analysis of  
376 wild individuals is uncovering hitherto un-expected patterns of genomic diversity, which are  
377 likely to exist in other taxa too, and which need to be investigated.

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379 Parasites have commonly been found to locally adapt to their host populations (Lively *et al.*,  
380 2004; Greischar and Koskella, 2007). If such a phenomena was occurring in *S. ratti*, then it  
381 may be manifest as geographical clustering of parasite genotypes *per se* or geographical  
382 clustering of parasitism gene genotypes and, or expansion cluster genotypes. However, the  
383 dispersion of *S. ratti* genotypes and of the genetic diversity in parasitism genes and  
384 expansion clusters that we have observed does not show any suggestive signatures of such  
385 local adaptation to hosts.

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387 Alternatively, mindful that the products of the parasitism genes and genes in expansion  
388 clusters interface with the host, some variants of these genes may give a parasite a fitness  
389 advantage when infecting certain host genotypes, compared with parasites with other  
390 variants. Each individual parasite's suite of these genes may therefore represent a  
391 combination of different variants that have been selected for as these parasite lineages have  
392 over their history infected a range of host genotypes. In this scenario, these parasites are  
393 not locally adapted to their host genotypes *pe se*, but rather have available a set of gene  
394 variants that are appropriate for a wide range of already-encountered host genotypes.  
395 Notwithstanding, further research is needed to understand the full biological significance of  
396 high levels of genetic diversity in genes underlying *S. ratti*'s parasitism.

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398 Our whole-genome, single worm analysis of wild *S. ratti* is a non-destructive method of  
399 sampling parasite genetic diversity, and the hope must be that these approaches are now  
400 expanded to other parasitic nematodes. Such analyses will likely uncover different patterns  
401 of population genetic variation in other species, and understanding this will more fully  
402 illuminate the interactions between parasites and hosts, and so underpin a better  
403 understanding of the rich ecology of parasites.

## 404 **Materials and Methods**

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### 406 **Parasite and rat sampling**

407 We sampled at three sites in the southern UK – Avonmouth (AV), Cardiff (CA) and Long  
408 Ashton (LA) (**Supplementary Table 10, Figure 1**), collecting fresh rat faecal pellets, which  
409 were cultured at 19°C and visually inspected for *S. ratti* infective third stage larvae (Viney  
410 and Lok, 2007), which were washed twice in distilled water, once in 1 % w/v SDS, and then  
411 twice more in distilled water, before being stored at -80°C. We genotyped rat faecal pellets  
412 at 9 dinucleotide repeat microsatellite loci (**Supplementary Table 2**) that had previously  
413 been used with wild rats (Desvars-Larrive *et al.*, 2017; Giraudeau *et al.*, 1999; Gardner-  
414 Santana *et al.*, 2009; Steen *et al.*, 1999), preparing DNA using the QIAamp DNA Stool Mini  
415 Kit (Qiagen) (Cole, 2020).

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### 417 ***S. ratti* genotyping**

418 Of the more than 10,000 *S. ratti* larvae that we isolated from wild rats, we had to select a  
419 sub-sample for whole genome sequencing. We did this mindful that *S. ratti* parasitic stages  
420 reproduce by mitotic parthenogenesis (Viney, 1994), such that in pellets containing more  
421 than one larva, that those larvae may be genetically identical siblings. Alternatively, a rat  
422 may be infected with multiple genotypes of *S. ratti* in which case there will also be a  
423 genetically different larvae in individual faecal pellets. We used RFLP genotyping to initially  
424 assess the genetic diversity among larvae within individual faecal pellets (Cole 2020). This  
425 showed that *S. ratti* infrapopulations are typically composed of multiple, genetically distinct  
426 parasitic adults and so we concluded that whole genome sequencing of multiple infective  
427 larvae from the same faecal pellet was unlikely to result in extensive resequencing of  
428 genetically identical siblings, and as such would be informative both for measuring the  
429 genetic diversity within sampling sites as a whole, and for assessing the extent of genetic  
430 variation within infrapopulations (Cole 2020)

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432 For whole genome sequencing larvae were lysed and DNA quantified (Cole 2020). Samples  
433 were quantified with Biotium Accuclear Ultra high sensitivity dsDNA Quantitative kits using  
434 Mosquito LV liquid platform, Bravo WS and BMG FLUOstar Omega plate reader and  
435 cherry-picked to 200 ng / 120 µL using a Tecan liquid handling platform. Cherry-picked plates  
436 were sheared to 450 bp using a Covaris LE220 instrument and post-sheared samples  
437 purified using Agencourt AMPure XP SPRI beads on Agilent Bravo WSLibraries were  
438 constructed using the NEB Ultra II custom kit on an Agilent Bravo WS automation system.  
439 PCRs were set-up using KapaHiFi Hot start mix and IDT 96 iPCR tag barcodes on an Agilent  
440 Bravo WS automation system, and then purified using Agencourt AMPure XP SPRI beads  
441 on Beckman BioMek NX96 liquid handling platform. Libraries were quantified with Biotium  
442 Accuclear Ultra high sensitivity dsDNA Quantitative kit using Mosquito LV liquid handling  
443 platform, Bravo WS and BMG FLUOstar Omega plate reader. Libraries were pooled in  
444 equimolar amounts on a Beckman BioMek NX-8 liquid handling platform and libraries  
445 normalised to 2.8 nM ready for cluster generation on a c-BOT and loading on the Illumina X  
446 Ten platform. Sequencing reads from the libraries were aligned to the *S. ratti* reference  
447 assembly version 5\_0\_4 (Hunt *et al.* 2016, taken from WormBase ParaSite release WBPS7)  
448 using Bowtie 2 version 2.2.9 (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012) with default settings. We  
449 initially whole genome sequenced 225 *S. ratti* infective larvae at low depth of coverage and

450 calculated the proportion of reads that aligned to the *S. rattii* genome, and used this metric  
451 to choose 90 libraries for further deep sequencing.

452

### 453 **Sequence analysis**

454 We used BCFtools (Li 2011) to identify SNPs using the criteria that they (i) fell on a  
455 nucleotide covered by at least 1,000 reads (cumulative across all samples), (ii) had a mean  
456 mapping quality of at least 20, and (iii) had a QUAL score of at least 50. Among the 90 *S.*  
457 *rattii* genome sequences, nucleotides that were identical among all samples (but different  
458 from the ED321 reference genome) were removed. We sequenced to an average coverage  
459 of 96 % of nucleotides (range 75.8-99.3 %), and an average read depth of 68 (range 20-  
460 246; just 5 larvae had mean read depths of less than 30).

461

462 We noticed that the mean read depth on the X chromosome was 67.9 % of the mean read  
463 depth on the two autosomes. We concluded that this was due to the GC content because  
464 (i) there was a significant correlation between read depth and GC content (**Supplementary**  
465 **Figure 16**) and (ii) that the X chromosome has a slightly lower GC content (19.7 %)  
466 compared with the autosomes (22 %) (Hunt *et al.*, 2016).

467

468 Basic genetic diversity and population genetic statistics were calculated using VCFtools  
469 version 0.1.12 (Danecek *et al.*, 2011). Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) was calculated  
470 considering only biallelic SNPs.  $\Phi$  relatedness values (Manichaikul *et al.*, 2010) of each pair  
471 of larvae were calculated using VCFtools and we used t-tests to compare  $\Phi$  values. We also  
472 measured the differentiation among sites using the fixation index,  $F_{ST}$ .

473

474 We generated neighbour-joining dendrograms using TASSEL 5.0 (Bradbury *et al.*, 2007),  
475 and visualised in FigTree Version 1.4.3. Clades within the neighbour-joining trees were  
476 identified by eye. Fisher's exact tests, performed in R, were used to determine whether there  
477 were significant differences in the frequencies of these clades among sampling sites or  
478 sampling seasons.

479

480 We constructed maximum likelihood trees of the 90 parasites, producing consensus fasta  
481 sequences for each individual, but where an individual was heterozygous the reference  
482 allele was applied, with sequences aligned with MAFFT version 7 (Katoh *et al.* 2009) using  
483 strategy FF-NST-1 for fast alignment, and maximum likelihood tree estimation performed  
484 using RaxML version 8.1.15 (Stamatakis 2006), using the general time reversible gamma  
485 model of substitution rate heterogeneity, and rapid bootstrapping with 100 replicates was  
486 applied. We generated separate maximum likelihood trees for chromosome 1, the first 80  
487 Mb of chromosome 2, the remainder of chromosome 2 and the two largest contigs of the X  
488 chromosome.

489

490 We conducted Principal Component Analysis using the R package pcadapt version 4.1.0  
491 (Luu *et al.* 2017) using only loci with a minor allele frequency greater than 0.05. We  
492 investigated the admixture among the 90 parasite genotypes using ADMIXTURE version  
493 1.3.0 (Alexander and Lange 2011). Due to computational constraints, for the 90 parasites  
494 SNP data were first thinned so that no two SNPs were within 500 bp of each other, leaving  
495 a dataset of 35,559 SNPs. ADMIXTURE was run separately for k values 2-15.

496

497 We measured linkage disequilibrium (LD) among the 90 samples for the two autosomes and  
498 the two largest X chromosome scaffolds. We initially phased the genotype data into  
499 haplotypes using Beagle version 5.0 (Browning and Browning, 2007; Browning *et al.*, 2018),  
500 where we used 100 burn-in iterations to generate an initial estimate of haplotype frequency,  
501 and a further 100 iterations were used to estimate genotype phase for each SNP in each  
502 sample. Phasing is influenced by the effective population size ( $N_e$ ), which isn't known for *S.*  
503 *ratti*, but we estimated this as 50,000; otherwise, default Beagle parameters were used. We  
504 also undertook phasing using Shapeit version 2-r900 (O'Connell *et al.* 2014), where we used  
505 100 burn-in iterations, 100 phasing iterations, and an estimated  $N_e$  of 50,000. For both we  
506 used a window size of 0.5 Mb to estimate haplotypes. Only biallelic loci were used in Shapeit,  
507 but triallelic loci were also included in Beagle. We report the results from phasing using  
508 Beagle; Shapeit gave similar results.

509

510 To reduce computational time during linkage decay analysis, phased VCF files were thinned  
511 so that no two remaining loci were within 100 bp of one another. To perform linkage decay  
512 analysis, VCFTools was used to compare each SNP to each other SNP within a 50 kb  
513 window of it, with Pearson's coefficient of correlation,  $r^2$ , calculated for each pair. To  
514 measure LD across the whole genome we further thinned the phased data so that no two  
515 SNPs were within 500 bp of each other, when the analysis was repeated as above, except  
516 that this time each SNP was compared to every other SNP in the entire genome. We also  
517 repeated these analyses for sub-sets of parasites within the clades that we identified.

518

519 We also analysed the mitochondrial genomes (excluding one individual from site AM due to  
520 unexpectedly low mitochondrial read depth), and used Analysis of Molecular Variance  
521 (AMOVA) which was conducted in GenAlEx version 6.5 (Peakall and Smouse 2006, 2012).  
522 Haplotype maps were generated in PopART version 1.7 (Leigh and Bryant 2015) using the  
523 minimum spanning network method (Bandelt *et al.* 1999), and maximum likelihood trees  
524 based on unique haplotypes were generated with RaxML version 8.1.15 (Stamatakis 2006),  
525 using the general time reversible gamma model of substitution rate heterogeneity, and rapid  
526 bootstrapping with 100 replicates was applied. We calculated the proportion of SNPs (you  
527 say "alleles") shared among all pairs or worms and compared this to the nuclear  $\Phi$   
528 relatedness using a Mantel test.

529

530 We also used whole genome sequence data of 10 isofemale lines derived from wild *S. ratti*  
531 (**Supplementary Table 4**), which we obtained from the European Variant Archive, study  
532 code PRJEB41 <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena/data/view/PRJEB4163>. Among the 90 wild *S. ratti*  
533 and 10 isofemale lines, there were 235,393 SNPs of which 928 were tri-allelic, the remainder  
534 bi-allelic, with a ratio of 1.8 of transitions to transversions.

535

### 536 **Rat population genetic analysis**

537 We only used data for faecal pellets that were successful genotyped at 6 or more loci,  
538 resulting in 132 genotyped faecal pellets. Locus D12Rat42 was excluded from further  
539 population genetic analyses due to the low number of rats successfully genotyped at this  
540 locus. We used GenAlEx's (version 6.5; Peakall and Smouse 2006, 2012) pairwise  
541 relatedness function) to detect pellets with identical multi-locus genotypes, which we took to

542 have come from the same individual rat. We calculated Ritland and Lynch pairwise  
543 relatedness (Lynch and Ritland 1999), where each individual was compared with each other  
544 individual, and doubled these values to give a possible range of -1 to 1 from which we  
545 calculated the mean within-sample-site and mean among-sample-site relatedness. We  
546 determined the log-likelihood of the rat originating from each sampling site using GenAIE  
547 to assign pellet genotypes to each sample site by comparing the multilocus genotype of  
548 each rat with the allele frequencies of each of the sampling sites (excluding the rat currently  
549 being investigated).

550

551 We used Shannon's mutual information index ( $S_{H_{UA}}$ ) to quantify the differences in allele  
552 frequencies among sampling sites and to estimate the number of effective migrants per  
553 generation.  $S_{H_{UA}}$  measures and is valid despite deviations from HWE within subpopulations  
554 (Hedrick, 2005; Sherwin *et al.*, 2006).  $S_{H_{UA}}$  ranges from 0 (indicating unhindered gene flow)  
555 to 1 (indicating a complete lack of gene flow).

556

557 We ensured (beyond visual identification) that none of the faecal pellets that we had  
558 genotyped were from species other than *R. norvegicus* by seeking to amplify the nine rat  
559 microsatellite loci from DNA isolated from other species that may potentially produce  
560 contaminating faecal material, specifically that from black rats (*R. rattus*), moles (*Talpa*  
561 *europaea*), and squirrels (*Sciurus carolinensis*). With one exception, none of these  
562 microsatellite loci successfully amplified from these species (the exception was locus  
563 D12Rat42 that did amplify *R. rattus* DNA) confirming that all successful genotypes were  
564 from *R. norvegicus*. As positive controls we used primer pairs (i) Scv1 previously used to  
565 amplify *Sciurus* sp. DNA (Hale *et al.*, 2001), which successfully amplified our *Sciurus* sp. DNA,  
566 and weakly amplified *R. norvegicus* DNA, and (ii) RodActin previously used to amplify *R.*  
567 *rattus* DNA (Apte *et al.*, 2007), which successfully amplified our *R. rattus* and *R. norvegicus*  
568 DNA.

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### 570 **Parasitism and free-living genes and expansion clusters**

571 We followed previous work that identified "parasitism genes" (Hunt *et al.*, 2016). We  
572 excluded parasitism genes if they were part of an expansion cluster (below) and the  
573 underlying genome assembly was poor. We calculated 95% confidence intervals for  
574 percentages from [www.sample-size.net](http://www.sample-size.net).

575

576 We define an "expansion cluster" as a genomic region containing four or more genes coding  
577 for members of one of three protein families (astacin-like metallopeptidases, CAP domain-  
578 containing proteins, or acetylcholinesterases), where there is not more than one other gene  
579 between any two genes of those families. This definition differs somewhat from, and is more  
580 conservative than that used by (Hunt *et al.*, 2016). As controls we used "flanking regions",  
581 which we define as the genomic region directly adjacent to the expansion cluster that is the  
582 same size as the cluster itself. Each expansion cluster has two flanking regions.

583

584 Lists of genes belonging to these three gene families were collated from Hunt *et al.*, 2016  
585 and from this we initially identified 15 expansion clusters. Because clusters 10 and 11 were  
586 very close to each other, cluster 10's right flanking region was shortened to end where  
587 expansion cluster 11 began, and expansion cluster 11 was considered to not have a left

588 flanking region. Similarly, to avoid overlap of cluster 11's right flanking region and cluster  
589 12's left flanking region we shortened cluster 12's left flanking region to the start of cluster  
590 11's right flanking region. Across all expansion clusters there were 135 genes in total, of  
591 which 126 belonged to one of the three gene families: 46 encoding CAP domain-containing  
592 proteins, 70 encoding astacin-like metallopeptidases, and 10 encoding  
593 acetylcholinesterases, representing 51.7%, 38% and 33.3% of CAP domain-containing  
594 proteins, astacin-like metallopeptidase and acetylcholinesterase encoding genes in the  
595 genome as a whole. Flanking regions collectively contained 216 protein-coding genes the  
596 products of which had varying predicted functional descriptions.

597

598 Mindful that these expansion cluster regions were repetitive in nature we checked their  
599 original reference genome assembly by realigning the sequencing reads originally used to  
600 build the reference assembly back to the reference, available at NCBI, BioProject code  
601 PRJEB2398, and then assessed the quality of these alignments using Gap5 (Bonfield and  
602 Whitman 2010). Repetitiveness of the sequence was examined *via* Dotplots with the  
603 software package Dotter (Sonnhammer and Durbin, 1995). Gene annotation schematics  
604 were retrieved from Ensembl's 'Region in Detail' tool (Hubbard *et al.*, 2002), accessed via  
605 WormBase Parasite (Howe *et al.*, 2017) version 12  
606 (<https://parasite.wormbase.org/index.html>) and added to the graphics produced by Gap5.  
607 Regions with poor mapping quality, unusually large distances between mate pairs and the  
608 occurrence of mate pairs facing opposite directions are suggestive of high rates of sequence  
609 misalignment. Peaks in read depth and fragment depth above background levels were  
610 evidence that multiple copies of a repetitive sequence were collapsed in the reference  
611 assemblies. Where expansion cluster genes or genes in flanking regions fell in poorly  
612 resolved reference assembly areas, these genes were excluded from further analysis.

613

614 Using this approach, we excluded expansion clusters 4, 11 and 13, and their flanking regions  
615 entirely and other genes within various clusters, resulting in 196 genes remaining, of which  
616 61 were in expansion clusters and 135 were in flanking regions (**Supplementary Table 8**).  
617 Expansion clusters 6, 7, 8, 12 and 14 had no genes excluded. Three expansion clusters had  
618 genes that did not belong to one of the three target gene families, and were excluded from  
619 analyses. Of the remaining 58 in the expansion cluster genes, 29 encoded CAP domain-  
620 containing proteins, 27 encoded astacin-like metallopeptidases, and 2 encoded  
621 acetylcholinesterases.

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### 623 **Data Deposition**

624 The genome data of the 90 larvae are deposited in the European Variation Archive, study  
625 PRJEB32744, <https://www.omicsdi.org/dataset/eva/PRJEB32744>.



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833 **Figure 1. Map of sampling sites.** Showing site LA near Bristol, AM on the English coast of  
834 the Bristol Channel, and CA on the Welsh coast of the Bristol Channel. Road bridges  
835 crossing the channel are shown as dotted lines; a train tunnel is not shown.

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837 **Figure 2. Physical and genetic differences among host and parasite populations.** A  
838 schematic view of (A) Geographical distance among the sample sites, where direct  
839 distances between the sites are AM-LA = 9.2 km, CA-AM = 31.5 km, CA-LA = 33.5 km. (B)  
840 average pairwise relatedness (shown as  $1-\Phi$ ) where  $\Phi$  AM-LA = 0.244, CA-AM = 0.157, CA-  
841 LA = 0.162, (C)  $F_{ST}$  among parasites, from the three sample sites where, AM-LA = 0, CA-AM  
842 = 0.03, CA-LA = 0.03 and (D)  $S_{H_{UA}}$  among rats where, AM-LA = 0.21, CA-AM = 0.22, CA-  
843 LA = 0.15. Note, the scales of the metrics varies among the panels

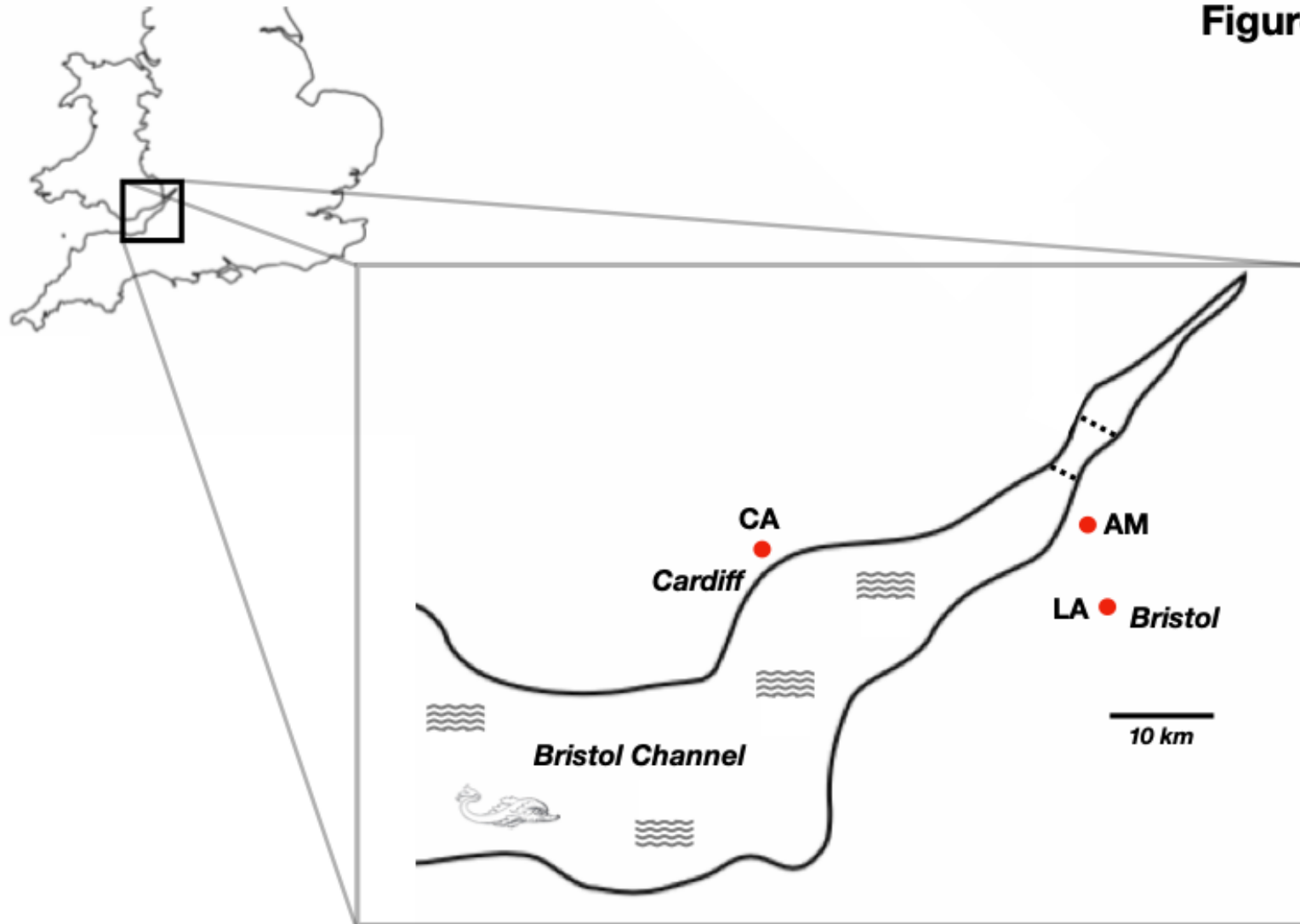
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845 **Figure 3. *S. ratti* consists of distinct genetic clades that are widely distributed.** (A) A  
846 neighbour-joining dendrogram showing the five clades; (B) a maximum likelihood tree based  
847 on chromosome 1 where individuals are colour coded according to their clade membership  
848 in the neighbour-joining tree; chromosome specific trees are shown in **Supplementary**  
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850 value of  $K$ ; the order of individual worms and their neighbour-joining tree clade membership  
851 is shown in **Supplementary Figure 5**. Note, the colour coding in (C) does not correspond  
852 to (A) or (B).

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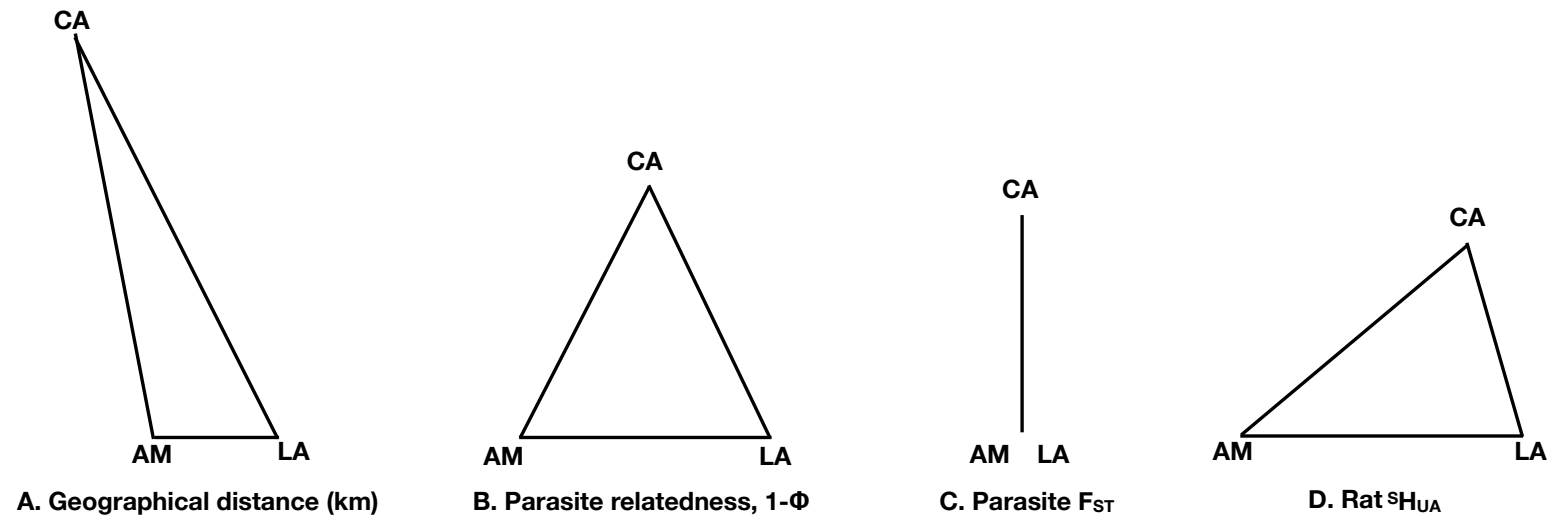
854 **Figure 4. *S. ratti* genes involved in parasitism are highly diverse.** (A) The percentage  
855 of genes in high diversity regions ( $\geq 200$  SNPs per 10 kb), conserved regions ( $\leq 4$  SNPs per  
856 10 kb), or across the whole genome as a whole, that are parasitism or free-living genes.  
857 There were 100 genes in the variable regions, 137 in the conserved regions, and 12,464  
858 across the whole genome. Parasitism and free-living genes are as defined by Hunt *et al.*,  
859 2016. Error bars are 95 % confidence intervals. (B) The number of SNPs per kb (+1 SD) in  
860 parasitism genes (range 0-85.9), free-living genes (0-41.5) or across the genome as a  
861 whole. The SNP density for parasitism and free-living genes is calculated from coding  
862 sequence only; for the whole genome, all sequence data are used, and so no SD is given.  
863 (C) The density of SNPs of different effect in parasitism and free-living genes. (D) The  
864 density of SNPs of different effect in expansion clusters and flanking regions.

**Figure 1**



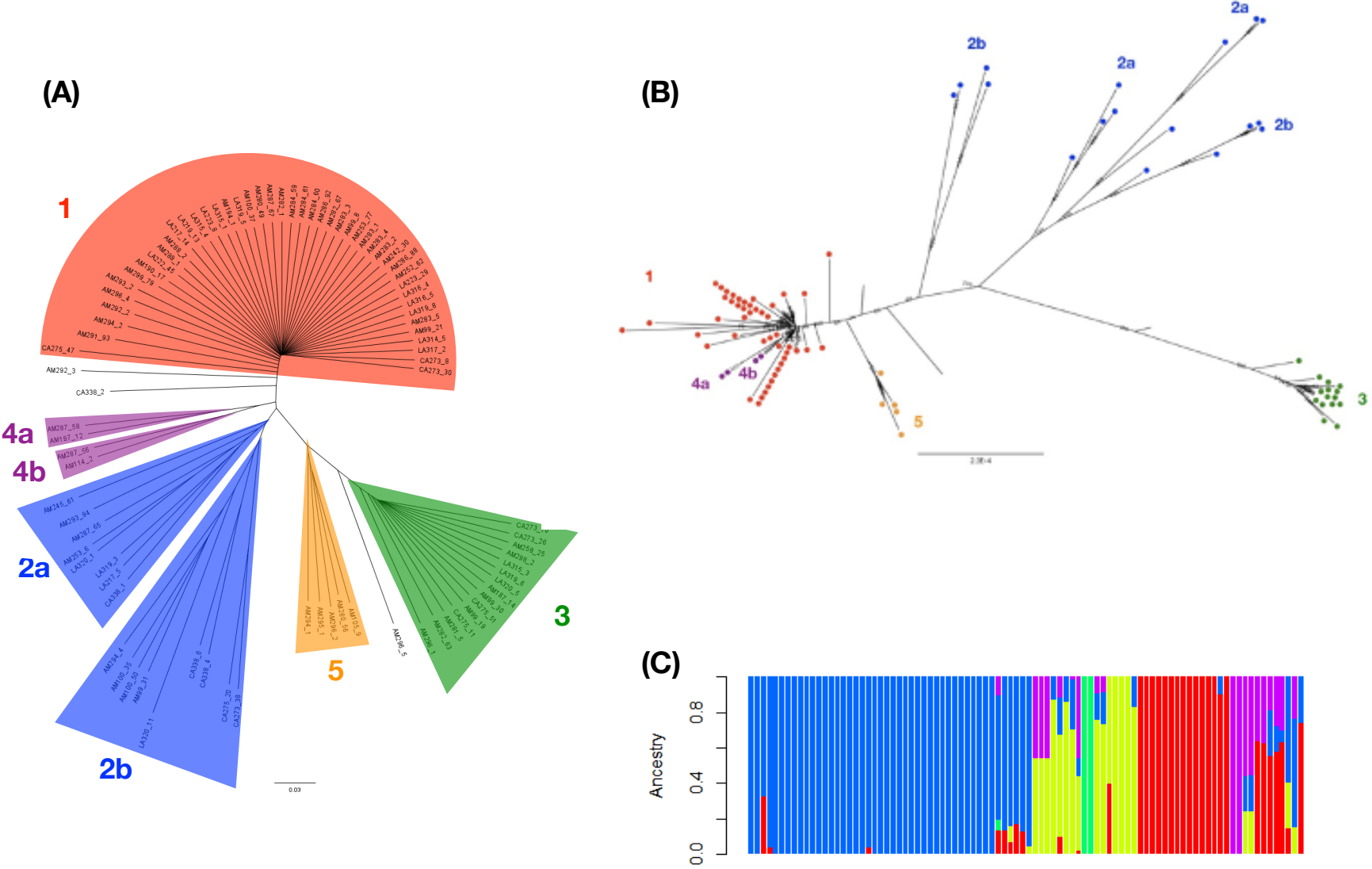
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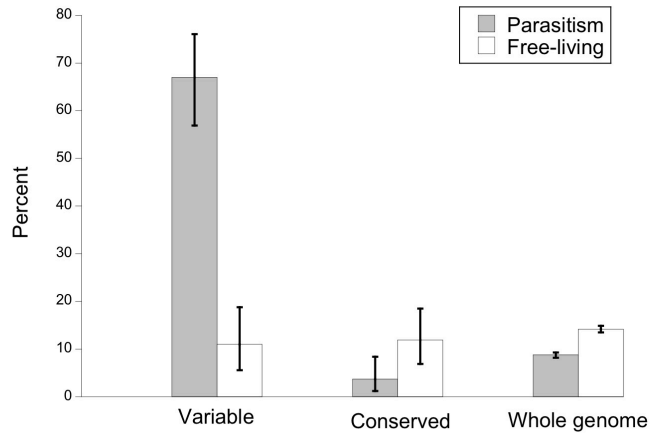


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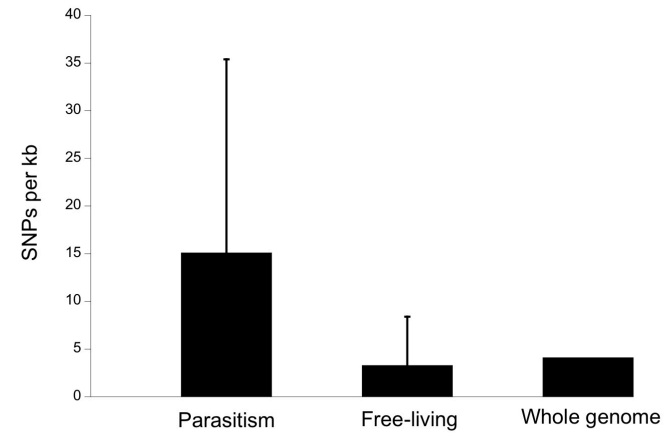


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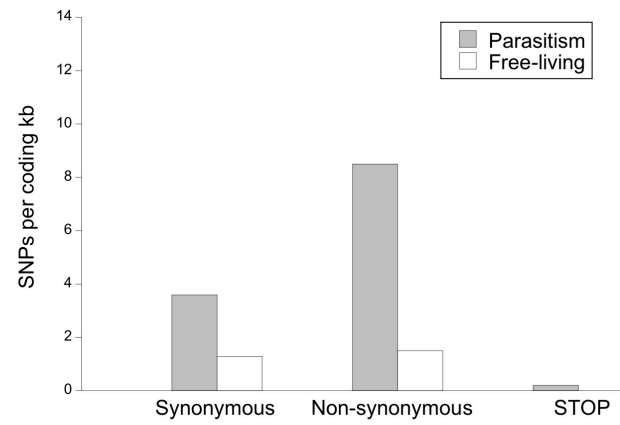
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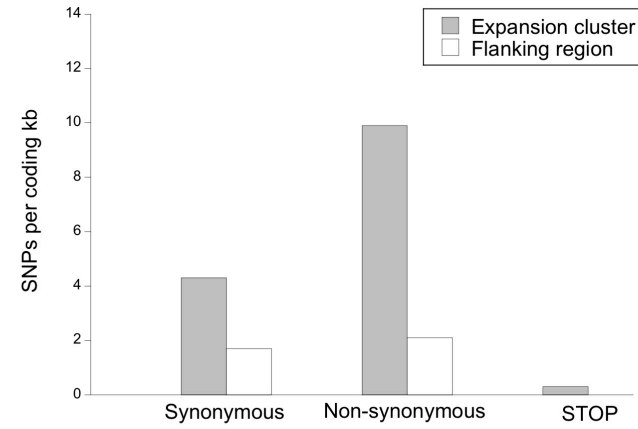
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870 **Table 1.  $F_{ST}$  and  $\Phi$  among *S. rattii* clades 1, 2 and 3.** Pairwise  $F_{ST}$  is shown in italics above  
871 the diagonal, and  $\Phi$  on and below the diagonal in non-italic text.  
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	<b>Clade 1</b>	<b>Clade 2</b>	<b>Clade 3</b>
<b>Clade 1</b>	0.43	<i>0.22</i>	<i>0.35</i>
<b>Clade 2</b>	0.18	0.23	<i>0.23</i>
<b>Clade 3</b>	0.06	0.05	0.45

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**Supplementary Table 1. The occurrence of *S. rattii* in rat faecal pellets.** The proportion of infected pellets did not differ significantly among the seasons when the faecal pellets were collected ( $\chi^2 = 6$ ,  $df = 3$ ,  $P = 0.11$ ).

Site and season	Number of pellets collected	Number (and %) of infected pellets	Number of larvae collected	Mean (SD) number of larvae per infected pellet
CA, Spring	35	7 (20%)	244	34.9 (24.3)
CA, Summer	32	5 (15.6%)	89	17.8 (22.1)
CA, Autumn	19	2 (10.5%)	256	128 (7.1)
CA, Winter	26	1 (3.8%)	6	6 (0)
<b>CA, All seasons</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>15 (13.4%)</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>39.7 (42.1)</b>
AM, Spring	11	8 (72.7%)	137	17.1 (23.5)
AM, Summer	75	23 (30.7%)	428	18.6 (29.3)
AM, Autumn	27	15 (55.6%)	3,044	202.9 (185)
AM, Winter	21	17 (81%)	5,067	298.1 (500.3)
<b>AM, All seasons</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>63 (47%)</b>	<b>8,676</b>	<b>137.7 (296.5)</b>
LA, Spring	27	14 (51.9%)	211	15.1 (23.1)
LA, Summer	11	7 (63.6%)	40	5.7 (3.7)
LA, Autumn	7	6 (85.7%)	360	60 (46.8)
LA, Winter	13	9 (69.2%)	589	65.4 (83.8)
<b>LA, All seasons</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>36 (62.1%)</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>33.3 (52.8)</b>
All sites, Spring	73	29 (39.7%)	592	20.4 (24.3)
All sites, Summer	118	35 (29.7%)	557	15.9 (25)
All sites, Autumn	53	23 (43.4%)	3,660	159.1 (162.4)
All sites, Winter	60	27 (45%)	5,662	209.7 (412.4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>114 (37.5%)</b>	<b>10,471</b>	<b>91.9 (226.9)</b>

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918 **Supplementary Table 2. Rat microsatellite loci.** The forward primers are listed first and all primers are 5' to 3'; Length refers to the length  
 919 in bp of the region amplified by the given primer sequences as determined from Rnor 6.0 (1.7.2014) release of the *R. norvegicus* genome;  
 920 Fluorophore indicates the fluorophore used to label forward primers and thus PCR products  
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Locus	Primer sequences	Length	Fluorophore	Reference
D3Rat159	CCAGGGATGAGTCCAAGGTA CTGGTCTGCTTCCTCCAGTC	243	VIC	Steen <i>et al.</i> , 1999
D4Rat59	GCAGTGTGTTTGGGGTAGCT GCGGAATGATAGTTACTACGGC	180	FAM	Steen <i>et al.</i> , 1999.
D6Cebr1	GGTTTGGTTGGGGAGAA GTGCTGTCAGGGAAAGATGTA	223	NED	Giraudeau <i>et al.</i> , 1999
D8Rat162	TCACTGGCAGCAATTTACCA TCTGAGACCTCTTCAACTCTGTTG	249	VIC	Steen <i>et al.</i> , 1999.
D10Rat105	ATCCAGCCAGAAAGCAAAAC CTGGCTGAGTCCTGTCACAA	100	FAM	Steen <i>et al.</i> , 1999.
D12Rat42	CAACCCAGTGTGTCAAACGT GGGTTGGTGAAGCATTTTCA	128	VIC	Steen <i>et al.</i> , 1999.
D14Rat110	AACATTGTCTTGCTTAGCCTCA CTCCACCCACACACCACG	280	NED	Steen <i>et al.</i> , 1999.
D18Rat11	GCCCAGGAGCTAAGTCTGATT CCAGCCTCAGAGCCAATAAG	133	FAM	Steen <i>et al.</i> , 1999.
D19Rat62	GTGCTAATGTGGGTGGCTTT TGAATTCTACCATGCATCACAG	112	NED	Steen <i>et al.</i> , 1999.

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**Supplementary Table 3. Population genetics of rat microsatellite loci. A. Genetic diversity of loci.** Rats genotyped is the number of individual rats in which genotyping was successful; Allele number is the number of alleles identified at the locus; He and Ho are expected and observed heterozygosity, respectively; Site diversity is the proportion of allelic diversity that partitions within sites, as opposed to among sites, according to  $^S H_{UA}$ . locus D12Rat42 was not used in analyses due to the low genotyping success rate. **B. HWE of loci.** Locus shows the loci; Site is the sampling site; Rats genotyped the number of rats that were genotyped; Alleles is the number of alleles detected,  $X^2$  is the statistic testing whether the observed genotype frequencies match HWE expectations with the degrees of freedom (df) in parentheses. Those still significant after Bonferroni correction are shown in bold.

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<b>A.</b>					
<b>Locus</b>	<b>Rats genotyped</b>	<b>Allele number</b>	<b>He</b>	<b>Ho</b>	<b>Site diversity (%)</b>
D3Rat159	103	14	0.779	0.756	18
D4Rat59	105	12	0.822	0.652	8
D6Cebr1	109	14	0.752	0.356	13
D8Rat162	73	15	0.835	0.600	16
D10Rat105	112	8	0.696	0.617	13
D12Rat42	34	9	0.762	0.267	NA
D14Rat110	83	16	0.824	0.529	18
D18Rat11	112	10	0.686	0.319	19
D19Rat62	96	12	0.678	0.462	13

<b>B.</b>					
<b>Locus</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Rats genotyped</b>	<b>Alleles</b>	<b><math>X^2</math> (df)</b>	<b>Probability</b>
<b>D3Rat159</b>	CA	45	7	41.8 (21)	0.01
	LA	17	11	89.9 (55)	0.01
	<b>AM</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>98.4 (45)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
<b>D4Rat59</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>74.6 (36)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	LA	15	9	39.1 (36)	0.03
	AM	44	10	67.2 (45)	0.05
<b>D6Cebr1</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100.7 (55)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	<b>LA</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>87.6 (45)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	<b>AM</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>105.1 (15)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
<b>D8Rat162</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>120.1 (45)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	LA	13	8	28.3 (28)	0.45
	AM	35	10	67.7 (45)	0.05
<b>D10Rat105</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>89.6 (10)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	<b>LA</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>64 (15)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	<b>AM</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>94.2 (21)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
<b>D12Rat42</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>71.8 (36)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	LA	5	4	12 (6)	0.06
	AM	14	6	33.1 (15)	0.01
<b>D14Rat110</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>112.4 (55)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	LA	16	9	45.2 (36)	0.14
	<b>AM</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>113.6 (55)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
<b>D18Rat11</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>66.6 (28)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	<b>LA</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>34.5 (10)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	<b>AM</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>141 (36)</b>	<b>0.001</b>



<b>D19Rat62</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>115.2 (36)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	LA	17	7	40.8 (21)	0.01
	AM	40	5	17.9 (10)	0.06

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**Supplementary Table 4. Isofemale lines of *S. rattii* that were whole genome sequenced.**

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<b>Isofemale line</b>	<b>Isolation year</b>	<b>Origin</b>
ED36	1990	Hampshire, UK
ED43	1989	Edinburgh, UK
ED53	1990	Kagoshima, Japan
ED132	1990	Kagoshima, Japan
ED336	1995	Berkshire, UK
ED391	1989	Wiltshire, UK
ED399	1989	Sussex, UK
ED405	1989	Sussex, UK
ED428	2012	Bath, UK
ED438	2012	Bath, UK

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939 **Supplementary Table 5. Genes in highly variable 10 kb regions.** Region lists the 61 regions (region 1 does not contain any genes);  
 940 Gene gives the gene's designation; Predicted function is the WormBase ParaSite description of each gene, where Astacin-like  
 941 metalloendopeptidase is abbreviated to Astacin; Coding SNPs per kb is the number of SNPs per kb within the coding sequence of that  
 942 gene; SNP type is the absolute number of synonymous (S), nonsynonymous (NS) and STOP codon-causing SNPs; Expression is taken  
 943 from Hunt *et al.*, 2016, which compared the expression of genes between the parasitic female and free-living female morph, and where the  
 944 expression is one log<sub>2</sub> fold more in the parasitic female morph (Parasitic), free-living female morph (Free-living), not different (Same), or  
 945 not listed (Unlisted); Expansion cluster is expansion cluster or associated flanking region a gene belongs to, if any. Some genes are marked  
 946 as "discarded" because they had poor underlying assembly according to Gap5 analysis of expansion clusters and flanking regions and so  
 947 were discounted from further analysis.  
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Region	Gene	Predicted function	Coding SNPs per kb	SNP type (S/NS/STOP)	Expression	Expansion cluster
2	SRAE_0000058700	Kinesin, motor domain and P-loop-containing	26.7	3 / 3 / 0	Unlisted	None
3	SRAE_2000499400	Hypothetical protein	48.2	5 / 28 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_2000499500	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_2000499600	Hypothetical protein	72.2	8 / 20 / 1	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_2000499700	Hypothetical protein	45.7	5 / 22 / 0	Parasitic	None
4	SRAE_0000058500	Hypothetical protein	3.3	0 / 1 / 0	Unlisted	None
5	SRAE_2000124300	CAP domain-containing	69	17 / 49 / 4	Parasitic	EC3
	SRAE_2000124400	CAP domain-containing	43.3	8 / 30 / 1	Parasitic	EC3
	SRAE_2000124500	CAP domain-containing	50.9	11 / 33 / 2	Parasitic	EC3
6	SRAE_X000232600	Reverse transcriptase domain and Aspartic peptidase domain-containing	45.8	62 / 51 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000232700	Integrase, catalytic core domain and Ribonuclease H-like domain-containing	22.2	5 / 1 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000232800	Hypothetical protein	32	6 / 6 / 0	Same	None
	SRAE_X000232900	Hypothetical protein	31.7	4 / 4 / 0	Unlisted	None

	SRAE_X000233000	Zinc finger, CCHC-type domain-containing	11.8	14 / 36 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000233100	Hypothetical protein	11.3	12 / 22 / 1	Unlisted	None
7	SRAE_0000057800	Hypothetical protein	28.5	1 / 9 / 0	Parasitic	None
8	SRAE_X000062200 <b>(discarded)</b>	Poly-glutamine tract binding protein 1	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted	EC13
	SRAE_X000062300 <b>(discarded)</b>	Acetylcholinesterase	66.2	29 / 86 / 0	Same	EC13
9	SRAE_2000478200	Hypothetical protein	6.2	4 / 0 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_2000478300	Hypothetical protein	21.1	5 / 6 / 0	Same	None
	SRAE_2000478400	Hypothetical protein	90.7	10 / 29 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_2000478500	CAP domain-containing	89.3	17 / 47 / 0	Parasitic	None
10	SRAE_X000050900	Hypothetical protein	66.7	13 / 34 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000051000	Hypothetical protein	44.5	8 / 21 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000051100	Hypothetical protein	53	6 / 27 / 1	Parasitic	None
12	SRAE_X000026900	Hypothetical protein	51	5 / 19 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000027000	Hypothetical protein	15.8	3 / 4 / 0	Unlisted	None
13	SRAE_1000139800	Hypothetical protein	8	12 / 2 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_1000139900	Protein-tyrosine phosphatase-containing	54.6	42 / 145 / 1	Same	None
	SRAE_1000140000	Translation initiation factor SU11 domain-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	Same	None
	SRAE_1000140100	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Same	None
	SRAE_1000140200	Hypothetical protein	18.1	2 / 8 / 0	Same	None
14	SRAE_2000076600	CAP domain-containing	21.2	3 / 14 / 0	Parasitic	EC2
	SRAE_2000076700	CAP domain-containing	60.4	11 / 39 / 0	Parasitic	EC2

	SRAE_2000076800	CAP domain-containing	39.2	11 / 18 / 1	Parasitic	EC2
	SRAE_2000076900	CAP domain-containing	36.8	6 / 25 / 0	Parasitic	EC2
	SRAE_2000077000	CAP domain-containing	19	6 / 9 / 1	Parasitic	EC2
15	SRAE_2000499000	Hypothetical protein	55.9	2 / 25 / 1	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_2000499100	Hypothetical protein	35.8	7 / 12 / 0	Parasitic	None
16	SRAE_X000037500	Hypothetical protein	21.7	8 / 18 / 1	Unlisted	None
17	SRAE_X000066000	Trypsin Inhibitor-like	36.3	38 / 77 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000066100	Astacin	28.2	18 / 23 / 0	Parasitic	None
18	SRAE_X000032850	Hypothetical protein	69.2	4 / 18 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000032900	Hypothetical protein	54.6	8 / 11 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000033000	Hypothetical protein	78.6	9 / 20 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000033100	Hypothetical protein	46	4 / 12 / 0	Unlisted	None
19	SRAE_X000050700	Hypothetical protein	34.9	9 / 15 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000050800	Hypothetical protein	37	7 / 16 / 0	Parasitic	None
20	SRAE_0000074500	Aspartic peptidase domain-containing	46.4	93 / 116 / 6	Free-living	None
	SRAE_0000074600	Aspartic peptidase domain-containing	9.5	15 / 19 / 1	Unlisted	None
21	SRAE_X000145900	Astacin	82.7	27 / 76 / 1	Same	None
	SRAE_X000146000	Astacin	21.4	7 / 19 / 1	Para	None
22	SRAE_X000186500	Reverse transcriptase domain-containing	25.3	37 / 65 / 2	Free-living	None
	SRAE_X000186600	Cytochrome C oxidase subunit II	43.6	14 / 51 / 0	Same	None

23	SRAE_X000146300 <b>(discarded)</b>	Hypothetical protein	31.3	5 / 5 / 1	Unlisted	FR15L
	SRAE_X000146400 <b>(discarded)</b>	Hypothetical protein	6.4	2 / 1 / 0	Unlisted	FR15L
24	SRAE_0000074000	Hypothetical protein	16.7	3 / 6 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_0000074100	Hypothetical protein	10.4	2 / 6 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_0000074200	Aspartic peptidase domain-containing	42	86 / 74 / 0	Same	None
25	SRAE_2000460700	Hypothetical protein	52.4	20 / 112 / 1	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_2000460800	Hypothetical protein	4.6	1 / 1 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_2000460900	Hypothetical protein	6.7	1 / 3 / 1	Same	None
26	SRAE_X000063000 <b>(discarded)</b>	Acetylcholinesterase	15.2	9 / 18 / 0	Parasitic	EC13
	SRAE_X000063100 <b>(discarded)</b>	Poly-glutamine tract binding protein 1	0.4	0 / 1 / 0	Same	FR13R
27	SRAE_1000045700	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase MYCBP2	4.9	51 / 20 / 0	Free-living	None
	SRAE_1000045800	Lipase, class 3 family-containing	15.2	7 / 8 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_1000045900	CAP domain-containing	76	19 / 67 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_1000046000	Speckle-type POZ	4.2	4 / 1 / 0	Same	None
28	SRAE_X000051500	CTP synthase 2	26.6	5 / 23 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000051600	CTP synthase 2	62.4	6 / 26 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000051700	Hypothetical protein	9.1	1 / 3 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000051800	CTP synthase 2	6.4	2 / 2 / 1	Unlisted	None
29	SRAE_0000058000	Reverse transcriptase domain-containing	40.7	19 / 46 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_0000058100	Integrase	38.9	18 / 21 / 3	Unlisted	None

	SRAE_0000058200	Hypothetical protein	26.5	3 / 3 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_0000058300	Reverse transcriptase domain-containing	3.3	2 / 8 / 0	Unlisted	None
30	SRAE_X000146200 <b>(discarded)</b>	Hypothetical protein	23.2	4 / 6 / 1	Unlisted	FR15L
31	SRAE_0000049800	Transposase, ISXO2-like domain-containing	24.9	2 / 6 / 2	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_0000049900	Integrase	9.6	4 / 20 / 2	Unlisted	None
32	SRAE_X000088600	Ras-like protein 3	0	0 / 0 / 0	Free-living	None
33	SRAE_X000195800	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000195900	Hypothetical protein	30.7	2 / 6 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000196000	Hypothetical protein	12.4	1 / 6 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000196100	Hypothetical protein	31.1	2 / 4 / 1	Unlisted	None
34	SRAE_0000025500	Plasma membrane calcium-transporting ATPase 3	2.2	4 / 5 / 0	Free-living	None
	SRAE_0000025600	Transthyretin-like family-containing	103.9	11 / 37 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_0000025650	Hypothetical protein	26.3	2 / 9 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_0000025700	Transthyretin-like family-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_0000025800	Protein argonaute-4	4.9	5 / 9 / 0	Parasitic	None
35	SRAE_0000007600	Amino acid transporter	2.5	4 / 0 / 0	Free-living	None
	SRAE_0000007700	Cathepsin L.1	13.4	9 / 4 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_0000007800	Cathepsin L.1	8.2	3 / 5 / 0	Free-living	None
	SRAE_0000007900	Hypothetical protein	29.5	14 / 20 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_0000008000	Hypothetical protein	37.5	10 / 32 / 1	Parasitic	None
36	SRAE_X000138600	Hypothetical protein	2.2	0 / 1 / 0	Same	None

	SRAE_X000138700	MAM domain and Concanavalin A-like lectin	2.3	4 / 0 / 0	Same	None
37	SRAE_X000236650	Hypothetical protein	24.4	3 / 18 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000236700	Ribonuclease H-like domain and AT hook-like family-containing	10	2 / 7 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000236800	Hypothetical protein	18.3	1 / 8 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000236900	Aspartic peptidase domain-containing	13.9	10 / 25 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000237000	Hypothetical protein	26.5	8 / 1 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000237100	Hypothetical protein	29.2	3 / 7 / 0	Unlisted	None
38	SRAE_0000057900	Hypothetical protein	42.9	3 / 10 / 0	Parasitic	None
39	SRAE_0000008000	Hypothetical protein	37.5	10 / 32 / 1	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_0000008100	Sulfotransferase family-containing	19.8	5 / 20 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_0000008200	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	4.3	4 / 1 / 0	Parasitic	None
40	SRAE_2000478600	CAP domain-containing	90	12 / 51 / 1	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_2000478610	Hypothetical protein	7.5	1 / 3 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_2000478700	Zinc finger, BED-type predicted domain-containing	8	8 / 8 / 0	Free-living	None
41	SRAE_2000499200	Hypothetical protein	75.7	8 / 27 / 2	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_2000499210	Hypothetical protein	40.7	5 / 17 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_2000499300	Hypothetical protein	15.5	2 / 6 / 0	Parasitic	None
42	SRAE_X000104500	Hypothetical protein	22.2	30 / 81 / 0	Parasitic	None
43	SRAE_X000038200	Hypothetical protein	25.2	8 / 5 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000038300	Synaptogyrin	3.1	2 / 1 / 0	Free-living	None
	SRAE_X000038400	EF-hand domain	2.9	2 / 0 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000038500	RUN domain-containing	4.9	4 / 5 / 0	Parasitic	None



44	SRAE_X000246300	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Same	None
45	SRAE_X000222600	Hypothetical protein	30.8	1 / 10 / 0	Parasitic	None
46	SRAE_X000158400	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	1.4	0 / 2 / 0	Free-living	None
	SRAE_X000158500	Acetylcholinesterase	8.7	1 / 14 / 0	Parasitic	None
47	SRAE_2000420700	CAP domain-containing	34.1	5 / 28 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_2000420800	Hypothetical protein	11.1	0 / 4 / 0	Unlisted	None
48	SRAE_X000221400	U1 small nuclear ribonucleoprotein 70 kDa	0	0 / 0 / 0	Same	None
	SRAE_X000221500	Hypothetical protein	5.8	0 / 2 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000221600	Hypothetical protein	46.4	7 / 9 / 0	Unlisted	None
49	SRAE_X000062400 <b>(discarded)</b>	Acetylcholinesterase	24.9	14 / 28 / 1	same	EC13
50	SRAE_X000201100	Astacin	29.8	17 / 27 / 1	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000201200	Hypothetical protein	12	1 / 5 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000201300	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted	None
51	SRAE_X000247200	Carboxylesterase	6.1	1 / 13 / 0	Free-living	None
	SRAE_X000247300	ShKT domain-containing	41.8	28 / 100 / 0	Parasitic	None
52	SRAE_1000127500	Amino acid transporter	48.2	41 / 34 / 0	Same	None
	SRAE_1000127600	Farnesyltransferase, CAAX box, beta	14	34 / 16 / 0	Same	None
	SRAE_1000127700	Hypothetical protein	2.6	1 / 1 / 0	Unlisted	None
53	SRAE_X000027100	Hypothetical protein	16.4	2 / 6 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000027200	Hypothetical protein	38.3	13 / 13 / 1	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000027300	Hypothetical protein	8.2	2 / 2 / 0	Parasitic	None

54	SRAE_X000144200	Astacin	39.5	24 / 24 / 1	Same	EC14
	SRAE_X000144210	Astacin	21.5	6 / 21 / 0	Parasitic	EC14
	SRAE_X000144220	Hypothetical protein	9.4	4 / 4 / 0	Same	FR14R
55	SRAE_X000199600	Hypothetical protein	11.8	2 / 9 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000199700	Integrase	8.7	5 / 11 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000199800	Hypothetical protein	19.5	2 / 5 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000199900	Zinc finger, CCHC-type domain-containing	24.5	9 / 14 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000200000	Reverse transcriptase domain-containing	38.4	25 / 20 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000200100	Hypothetical protein	34.2	22 / 16 / 1	Unlisted	None
56	SRAE_1000059600	Ground-like domain-containing	22.8	22 / 50 / 0	Same	None
	SRAE_1000059700	Phosphate-regulating neutral endopeptidase	14.6	10 / 13 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_1000059800	Phosphate-regulating neutral endopeptidase	11.3	6 / 10 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_1000059900	Phosphate-regulating neutral endopeptidase	12.5	9 / 9 / 0	Same	None
57	SRAE_X000168300	Hypothetical protein	46.3	8 / 22 / 0	Parasitic	None
	SRAE_X000168400	Hypothetical protein	23.8	2 / 7 / 0	Parasitic	None
58	SRAE_X000200200	Hypothetical protein	3.2	0 / 1 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000200300	Hypothetical protein	2	1 / 0 / 0	Parasitic	None
59	SRAE_0000065600	Hypothetical protein	69.8	28 / 30 / 3	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_0000065700	Hypothetical protein	24.8	3 / 6 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_0000065800	Hypothetical protein	12.6	1 / 3 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_0000065900	Ribonuclease H-like domain-containing protein	6.4	2 / 2 / 0	Unlisted	None

60	SRAE_2000325900 <b>(discarded)</b>	Astacin	25.3	13 / 20 / 0	Parasitic	EC5
	SRAE_2000326000	Astacin	7.6	3 / 7 / 0	Parasitic	EC5
61	SRAE_X000233200	Hypothetical protein	11.8	6 / 14 / 1	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000233300	Hypothetical protein	11.3	2 / 3 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000233400	Hypothetical protein	23.8	3 / 14 / 0	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000233500	Reverse transcriptase domain-containing	23.7	10 / 31 / 4	Unlisted	None
	SRAE_X000233600	Hypothetical protein	30.5	9 / 37 / 1	Unlisted	None
62	SRAE_2000124600	CAP domain-containing	8.7	3 / 5 / 0	Parasitic	EC3
	SRAE_2000124700	CAP domain-containing	5.2	0 / 4 / 1	Parasitic	EC3
	SRAE_2000124800	CAP domain-containing	6.5	4 / 2 / 0	Parasitic	EC3
	SRAE_2000124900	CAP domain-containing	6.6	2 / 4 / 0	Parasitic	EC3
	SRAE_2000125000 <b>(discarded)</b>	CAP domain-containing	2.2	1 / 1 / 0	Parasitic	EC3
	SRAE_2000125100 <b>(discarded)</b>	CAP domain-containing	38.6	9 / 25 / 2	Parasitic	EC3

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950 **Supplementary Table 6. The hundred most parasitic genes.** Gene gives the gene's designation; Predicted function is the WormBase  
951 ParaSite description of each gene, where Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase is abbreviated to Astacin; Coding SNPs per kb is the number  
952 of SNPs per kb within the coding sequence of that gene; SNP type is the absolute number of synonymous (S), nonsynonymous (NS) and  
953 STOP codon-causing SNPs; Fold change is the log<sub>2</sub> difference in expression of the gene between the parasitic female and free-living  
954 female morphs taken from Hunt *et al.*, 2016, here shown as positive values indicating greater expression in the parasitic female morph;  
955 Expansion cluster is expansion cluster or associated flanking region a gene belongs to, if any; Variable region is as defined in  
956 **Supplementary Table 5.** Some genes are marked as "discarded", because they had poor underlying assembly according to Gap5 analysis  
957 of expansion clusters and flanking regions and so were discounted from analyses.  
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Gene	Predicted function	Coding SNPs per kb	SNP type (S/NS/STOP)	Fold Change	Expansion cluster	Variable region
SRAE_2000436100	Hypothetical protein	4.7	1 / 2 / 0	14.5	None	None
SRAE_X000014200	Hypothetical protein	15.2	0 / 6 / 1	13.4	None	None
SRAE_X000201000	Hypothetical protein	1.9	0 / 1 / 0	13	None	50
SRAE_1000182300	CAP domain-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	12.9	EC1	None
SRAE_2000498800	Phloem filament PP1 domain-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	12.7	None	None
SRAE_2000067500	Transthyretin-like family-containing	15.9	1 / 6 / 0	12.6	None	None
SRAE_X000201200	Hypothetical protein	12	1 / 5 / 0	12.1	None	None
SRAE_1000182700 (discarded)	CAP domain-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	12.1	EC1	None
SRAE_2000420000	Astacin	1.7	0 / 1 / 1	12	None	None
SRAE_X000200300	Hypothetical protein	2	1 / 0 / 0	11.8	None	None
SRAE_X000124900	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	11.8	None	None
SRAE_2000485600	Tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase family	15	3 / 3 / 1	11.8	None	None
SRAE_X000222400	Hypothetical protein	73.8	7 / 20 / 0	11.7	None	45
SRAE_X000055800	Hypothetical protein	54.3	3 / 12 / 0	11.7	None	None
SRAE_2000498700	Hypothetical protein	27.8	4 / 9 / 0	11.7	None	None
SRAE_X000124800	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	11.6	None	None
SRAE_X000037700	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	11.6	None	None
SRAE_0000057900	Hypothetical protein	42.9	3 / 10 / 0	11.5	None	38
SRAE_2000457510	CAP domain-containing	13.8	4 / 6 / 0	11.4	None	None

SRAE_1000045800	Lipase, class 3 family-containing	15.2	7 / 8 / 0	11.4	None	27
SRAE_2000506800	Hypothetical protein	14.7	8 / 27 / 0	11.3	None	None
SRAE_0000045600	CAP domain-containing protein	9.5	3 / 4 / 0	11.3	None	None
SRAE_2000453600	Astacin	0	0 / 0 / 0	11.3	EC7	None
SRAE_2000522700	Trypsin Inhibitor-like	9	3 / 3 / 0	11.2	None	None
SRAE_0000071120	Metalloendopeptidase	1	0 / 1 / 0	11.2	None	None
SRAE_2000522300	Purple acid phosphatase	4.8	2 / 5 / 0	11.2	None	None
SRAE_2000465200	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	11.1	None	None
SRAE_X000246200	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	11.1	None	None
SRAE_2000475600	Hypothetical protein	34.9	3 / 10 / 0	11.1	None	None
SRAE_2000077400	CAP domain-containing	13	4 / 7 / 0	11.1	EC2	None
SRAE_2000465000	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	11.1	None	None
SRAE_X000168300	Hypothetical protein	46.3	8 / 22 / 0	11	None	57
SRAE_2000499910	Hypothetical protein	7.5	2 / 2 / 0	11	None	None
SRAE_2000499810	Hypothetical protein	41.4	4 / 17 / 0	11	None	None
SRAE_0000057800	Hypothetical protein	28.5	1 / 9 / 0	11	None	7
SRAE_0000077300	Trypsin Inhibitor-like	6.3	1 / 1 / 1	11	None	None
SRAE_1000296600	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.9	None	None
SRAE_2000499820	Hypothetical protein	1.6	1 / 0 / 0	10.9	None	None
SRAE_2000522600	Trypsin Inhibitor-like	25.6	10 / 7 / 0	10.9	None	None
SRAE_X000144210	Astacin	21.5	6 / 21 / 0	10.9	EC14	54
SRAE_2000486100	Tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase family	51.9	7 / 17 / 0	10.9	None	None
SRAE_X000168800	Prolyl endopeptidase	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.9	None	None
SRAE_2000453500	Astacin	2.5	0 / 3 / 0	10.8	EC7	None
SRAE_2000485800	Tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase family	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.8	None	None
SRAE_2000499500	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.7	None	3
SRAE_X000065700	Prolyl endopeptidase	3.1	4 / 3 / 0	10.7	None	None
SRAE_2000461200	Hypothetical protein	25.2	3 / 13 / 0	10.7	None	None
SRAE_X000051700	Hypothetical protein	9.1	1 / 3 / 0	10.6	None	28

SRAE_2000456500	Metalloendopeptidase	2.3	2 / 1 / 0	10.6	None	None
SRAE_1000182400	CAP domain-containing	1.2	1 / 0 / 0	10.6	EC1	None
SRAE_2000460300	Zinc metalloproteinase	17.1	5 / 19 / 0	10.6	None	None
SRAE_2000525700 <b>(discarded)</b>	Astacin	29.4	3 / 22 / 0	10.6	EC11	None
SRAE_X000201100	Astacin	29.8	17 / 27 / 1	10.5	None	50
SRAE_0000008000	Hypothetical protein	37.5	10 / 32 / 0	10.5	None	35
SRAE_X000038800	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.4	None	None
SRAE_2000076800	CAP domain-containing	39.2	11 / 18 / 1	10.4	EC2	14
SRAE_2000515500	Hypothetical protein	2.9	9 / 15 / 0	10.4	None	None
SRAE_X000055700	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.4	None	None
SRAE_1000182600 <b>(discarded)</b>	CAP domain-containing	17.8	2 / 14 / 0	10.4	EC1	None
SRAE_X000168400	Astacin	23.8	2 / 7 / 0	10.3	None	None
SRAE_X000169100	Prolyl endopeptidase	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.3	None	None
SRAE_0000081000	Metalloendopeptidase	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.3	None	None
SRAE_0000000600	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.3	None	None
SRAE_X000195900	Hypothetical protein	30.7	2 / 6 / 0	10.3	None	58
SRAE_2000523800	Astacin	2.8	2 / 2 / 0	10.3	EC10	None
SRAE_1000183100 <b>(discarded)</b>	CAP domain-containing	20.4	3 / 14 / 1	10.3	EC1	None
SRAE_2000077000	CAP domain-containing	19	6 / 9 / 1	10.2	EC2	14
SRAE_X000226400	CAP domain-containing	2	1 / 1 / 0	10.2	None	None
SRAE_X000066100	Astacin	28.2	18 / 23 / 0	10.2	None	17
SRAE_X000055500	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.2	None	None
SRAE_2000499920	Hypothetical protein	85.9	14 / 52 / 0	10.2	None	None
SRAE_X000191900	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.1	None	33
SRAE_X000222600	Hypothetical protein	30.8	1 / 10 / 0	10.1	None	None
SRAE_2000451600	Transthyretin-like family-containing	20.6	2 / 8 / 0	10.1	None	None
SRAE_X000191800	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	10.1	None	None
SRAE_2000455000	Astacin	2.6	1 / 2 / 0	10.1	EC8	None
SRAE_0000078700	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	10	None	None

SRAE_2000455300	Acetylcholinesterase	0	0 / 0 / 0	10	EC8	None
SRAE_X000200700	Hypothetical protein	57.9	3 / 26 / 0	10	None	None
SRAE_2000499200	Hypothetical protein	75.7	8 / 27 / 2	10	None	41
SRAE_2000071300	Hypothetical protein	30.3	8 / 17 / 0	10	None	None
SRAE_X000158300	Acetylcholinesterase	3	3 / 2 / 0	10	None	57
SRAE_2000124300	CAP domain-containing protein	69	17 / 49 / 4	10	EC3	5
SRAE_2000457710	Metallopeptidase, catalytic domain-containing	1.8	2 / 0 / 0	10	None	None
SRAE_2000527500	CAP domain-containing	3.3	3 / 0 / 0	10	EC12	None
SRAE_2000453700	Astacin	5.5	0 / 7 / 0	9.9	EC7	None
SRAE_2000325600	Astacin	0.9	1 / 0 / 0	9.9	EC5	None
SRAE_2000525800 <b>(discarded)</b>	Astacin	1.4	0 / 1 / 0	9.9	EC11	None
SRAE_X000055600	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	9.9	None	None
SRAE_2000482710	Zinc metalloproteinase	17.8	6 / 19 / 0	9.8	None	None
SRAE_0000077800	Hypothetical protein	4.6	0 / 1 / 0	9.8	None	None
SRAE_2000489900	Aspartic peptidase family	0.9	1 / 0 / 0	9.8	None	None
SRAE_2000289800 <b>(discarded)</b>	Astacin	0	0 / 0 / 0	9.8	EC11	None
SRAE_2000508100	Hypothetical protein	66	4 / 14 / 2	9.8	None	None
SRAE_2000456300	Acetylcholinesterase	5.2	1 / 8 / 0	9.7	None	None
SRAE_0000071100	Metalloendopeptidase	0	0 / 0 / 0	9.7	None	None
SRAE_0000082200	Trypsin Inhibitor-like	18.1	6 / 19 / 0	9.7	None	None
SRAE_2000126100	Hypothetical protein	8.6	6 / 2 / 0	9.7	FR3R	None
SRAE_X000147300	Astacin	3	3 / 2 / 0	9.7	None	None
SRAE_0000081500	CAP domain-containing protein	5.6	2 / 3 / 0	9.7	None	None

960 **Supplementary Table 7. The hundred most free-living genes.** Gene gives the gene's designation; Predicted function is the WormBase  
 961 ParaSite description of each gene; Coding SNPs per kb is the number of SNPs per kb within the coding sequence of that gene; SNP type  
 962 is the absolute number of synonymous (S), nonsynonymous (NS) and STOP codon-causing SNPs; Fold change is the log<sub>2</sub> difference in  
 963 expression of the gene between the parasitic female and free-living female morphs taken from Hunt *et al.*, 2016, here shown as positive  
 964 values indicating greater expression in the free-living female morph; Expansion cluster is expansion cluster or associated flanking region  
 965 gene belongs to, if any; Variable region is as defined in **Supplementary Table 5**.  
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Gene	Predicted function	Coding SNPs per kb	SNP type (S/NS/STOP)	Fold Change	Expansion cluster	Variable region
SRAE_2000529300	ShKT domain-containing protein	13.5	0 / 4 / 0	11	None	None
SRAE_2000226500	ShKT domain-containing protein	41.5	5 / 17 / 0	10.8	None	None
SRAE_X000147400	Phosphate-regulating neutral endopeptidase	4.8	2 / 5 / 0	10.4	None	None
SRAE_1000161500	DUF148 domain-containing	1.6	0 / 1 / 0	10.3	None	None
SRAE_X000018600	Mucin 18B	2.4	2 / 2 / 0	10.3	None	None
SRAE_X000158400	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	1.4	0 / 2 / 0	10.1	None	46
SRAE_2000474600	ShKT domain-containing protein	2.2	0 / 2 / 0	10.1	None	None
SRAE_X000135300	Collagen alpha-5(IV) chain	1	1 / 0 / 0	10	None	None
SRAE_2000463500	Hypothetical protein	5.5	1 / 1 / 1	9.8	None	None
SRAE_2000079600	Transcription factor Sp6	5.3	3 / 1 / 0	8.8	None	None
SRAE_1000062000	Nematode cuticle collagen	5.3	4 / 1 / 0	8.8	None	None
SRAE_2000491300	ShKT domain-containing protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	8.7	None	None
SRAE_1000170700	Hypothetical protein	6.9	8 / 2 / 0	8.6	None	None
SRAE_1000213600	Aspartic peptidase family	2.2	2 / 1 / 0	8.5	None	None
SRAE_2000400600	Saposin-like type B, 1 domain	0	0 / 0 / 0	8.4	None	None
SRAE_2000477400	ShKT domain-containing protein	8.4	1 / 5 / 0	8.4	None	None
SRAE_1000227500	Hypothetical protein	3.5	0 / 2 / 0	8.2	None	None



SRAE_2000292900	GH07323p	1.2	1 / 1 / 0	8	None	None
SRAE_X000034300	Hypothetical protein	8	1 / 5 / 0	8	None	None
SRAE_2000126900	Nematode cuticle collagen	2.1	1 / 1 / 0	7.9	FR4R	None
SRAE_X000032100	Lipase, class 3 family-containing	3.1	2 / 1 / 0	7.9	None	None
SRAE_1000151800	Protein COL-120	4.1	4 / 1 / 0	7.7	None	None
SRAE_X000215700	Hypothetical protein	9.6	2 / 1 / 0	7.7	None	None
SRAE_2000363400	Hypothetical protein	2.8	1 / 0 / 0	7.5	None	None
SRAE_2000434700	Collagen alpha-5(IV) chain	1	0 / 1 / 0	7.5	None	None
SRAE_1000352300	Serine/threonine- /dual specificity protein kinase	0.8	1 / 0 / 0	7.4	None	None
SRAE_1000099100	Hypothetical protein	0.7	1 / 0 / 0	7.4	None	None
SRAE_X000100400	Hypothetical protein	0.9	0 / 1 / 0	7.4	None	None
SRAE_1000220400	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	7.4	None	None
SRAE_2000033400	Heat shock protein Hsp-12.2	0	0 / 0 / 0	7.2	None	None
SRAE_1000228700	Cell death specification protein 2	1.2	1 / 0 / 0	7.2	None	None
SRAE_X000095500	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	7.2	None	None
SRAE_1000073100	Protein lin-32	0	0 / 0 / 0	7.2	None	None
SRAE_1000271200	MSP domain; PapD-like domain-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	7.2	None	None
SRAE_2000115300	Metallothionein, family 4, echinoidea-containing	3	0 / 2 / 0	7.1	None	None
SRAE_1000098100	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	7.1	None	None
SRAE_2000006500	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	7	None	None
SRAE_2000425600	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	7	None	None
SRAE_0000045200	von Willebrand factor, type A domain-containing	3.2	10 / 8 / 0	7	None	None
SRAE_1000198200	Glycoside hydrolase	1.2	1 / 1 / 0	7	None	None
SRAE_1000159100	Hypothetical protein	0.7	0 / 1 / 0	6.9	None	None
SRAE_1000268100	Nematode cuticle collagen	0	0 / 0 / 0	6.9	None	None
SRAE_2000473500	Sulfotransferase family	11	5 / 3 / 3	6.9	None	None
SRAE_X000144300	Protein GLF-1	0.6	0 / 1 / 0	6.8	FR14R	None

SRAE_X000086900	Hypothetical protein	7.2	1 / 4 / 0	6.8	None	None
SRAE_1000058300	Hypothetical protein	7.6	3 / 6 / 0	6.8	None	None
SRAE_X000224800	Nematode cuticle collagen	1.9	1 / 1 / 0	6.8	None	None
SRAE_1000033500	Collagen alpha-5(IV) chain	0.9	0 / 1 / 0	6.7	None	None
SRAE_1000004900	Glycoside hydrolase, family 25	1.3	1 / 0 / 0	6.7	None	None
SRAE_1000015400	Lipase EstA/Esterase EstB family-containing	2	1 / 1 / 0	6.7	None	None
SRAE_2000439500	Collagen alpha-5(IV) chain	0	0 / 0 / 0	6.7	None	None
SRAE_X000039100	Brain-specific homeobox protein homolog	0	0 / 0 / 0	6.7	None	None
SRAE_1000049700	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	6.7	None	None
SRAE_1000036400	Histidine decarboxylase	12	3 / 4 / 0	6.6	None	None
SRAE_2000476800	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	6.5	None	None
SRAE_2000431300	Nematode fatty acid retinoid binding family-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	6.5	None	None
SRAE_X000210100	Domain of unknown function DB domain-containing	1.3	1 / 0 / 0	6.4	None	None
SRAE_2000437000	CAP domain-containing protein	12.6	3 / 5 / 0	6.4	None	None
SRAE_X000195000	Si:ch211-105d4.5	0	0 / 0 / 0	6.4	None	None
SRAE_2000145200	Nematode cuticle collagen	0.9	1 / 0 / 0	6.4	None	None
SRAE_2000482000	N-acylethanolamine-hydrolyzing acid amidase	1.7	1 / 1 / 0	6.4	None	None
SRAE_1000115300	Hypothetical protein	1.3	1 / 1 / 0	6.3	None	None
SRAE_2000459400	Acyl-CoA N-acyltransferase domain-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	6.3	None	None
SRAE_2000468700	Protein dyf-8	0	0 / 0 / 0	6.3	None	None
SRAE_2000214100	Nematode cuticle collagen	1	1 / 0 / 0	6.3	None	None
SRAE_2000481600	MD-2-related lipid-recognition domain	1.9	1 / 0 / 0	6.3	None	None
SRAE_1000158100	Hypothetical protein	2.5	2 / 2 / 0	6.2	None	None

SRAE_000015000	MD-2-related lipid-recognition domain-containing	3.7	0 / 2 / 0	6.2	None	None
SRAE_2000365700	Glycoside hydrolase, catalytic domain	2.5	0 / 1 / 1	6.2	None	None
SRAE_2000466700	Properdin	5	7 / 4 / 0	6	None	None
SRAE_2000324800	Hypothetical protein	16.2	15 / 5 / 0	6	None	None
SRAE_2000014200	Saposin B domain	2.4	0 / 1 / 0	5.9	None	None
SRAE_1000271800	MSP domain; PapD-like domain-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	5.9	None	None
SRAE_1000068700	Thrombospondin, type 1 repeat-containing	6.7	4 / 0 / 0	5.9	None	None
SRAE_X000188000	Sphingosine-1-phosphate lyase 1	2.2	2 / 4 / 0	5.8	None	None
SRAE_X000258800	Thioredoxin-like fold domain-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	5.7	None	None
SRAE_2000009100	Protein-tyrosine phosphatase	1.1	0 / 1 / 0	5.7	None	None
SRAE_0000012300	Hypothetical protein	4.7	0 / 2 / 0	5.7	None	None
SRAE_2000448200	Hypothetical protein	5.6	0 / 2 / 0	5.6	None	None
SRAE_X000101600	Hypothetical protein	5.6	5 / 3 / 0	5.6	None	None
SRAE_2000041300	LDLR class B repeat	0	0 / 0 / 0	5.5	None	None
SRAE_X000083300	Protein CUTL-16	2.1	2 / 1 / 0	5.5	None	None
SRAE_X000079800	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	5.5	None	None
SRAE_X000138300	Protein mesh	0	0 / 0 / 0	5.4	None	None
SRAE_1000020600	Hypothetical protein	4.3	0 / 2 / 0	5.4	None	None
SRAE_2000476700	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	5.4	None	None
SRAE_2000347100	Lipase EstA/Esterase EstB family-containing	1	0 / 1 / 0	5.4	None	None
SRAE_2000380600	GPCR, rhodopsin-like	0.9	0 / 1 / 0	5.4	None	None
SRAE_2000052400	Alpha crystallin/Hsp20 domain	1.2	3 / 1 / 0	5.4	None	None
SRAE_X000138500	Lipase, class 3 family-containing	8.8	4 / 4 / 0	5.3	None	None

SRAE_X000166100	Protein CDH-10	3.2	5 / 12 / 0	5.3	None	None
SRAE_1000022400	Epidermal growth factor-like domain	2.7	11 / 7 / 0	5.3	None	None
SRAE_X000157300	Homeobox protein HMX1	2.5	1 / 2 / 0	5.3	None	None
SRAE_X000043300	Proteasomal ubiquitin receptor ADRM1 homolog	6.3	0 / 7 / 0	5.3	None	None
SRAE_2000424300	Fatty-acid amide hydrolase 2	1.8	3 / 0 / 0	5.3	None	None
SRAE_X000098100	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	1.2	0 / 2 / 0	5.3	None	None
SRAE_X000095600	Hypothetical protein	4.1	0 / 2 / 0	5.2	None	None
SRAE_2000482100	Hypothetical protein	11.4	6 / 11 / 0	5.2	None	None
SRAE_2000377500	Nematode cuticle collagen	2	2 / 0 / 0	5.2	None	None
SRAE_2000360100	Alpha amylase family;	5	3 / 3 / 0	5.2	None	None

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**Supplementary Table 8. *S. rattii* expansion clusters, revised after further inspection of genome assembly in the cluster region.**

Region shows the numbered Flanking Regions (FR) and Expansion Clusters (EC); Gene the genes present within these regions; Predicted function is the WormBaseParaSite's description of the gene; Coding SNPs per kb is the number of SNPs per kb within the coding sequence of that gene; SNP type is synonymous (S), non-synonymous (NS) or STOP-causing (STOP); Expression shows whether the gene is upregulated (with a difference in expression of log<sub>2</sub>-fold difference of at least 1 being considered upregulation) in the parasitic adult female morph (Parasitic), the free-living adult female morph (Free-living), or not differentially expressed (Same), all taken from Hunt *et al.*, 2016, or unlisted there.

Region	Gene	Predicted function	Coding SNPs per kb	SNP type (S/NS/STOP)	Expression
FR1L	SRAE_1000180400	Transcriptional regulator ATRX	3.7	6 / 5 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_1000180500	Formin	2.8	4 / 5 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000180600	Hypothetical protein	1.4	0 / 2 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000180700	Glycosylphosphatidylinositol-mannosyltransferase I	1.7	0 / 1 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000180800	Hypothetical protein	1.9	1 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000180900	Rhodopsin-like	0.7	1 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000181000	TPM domain-containing protein	1.4	0 / 1 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000181100	MIF4-like	1.2	1 / 1 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000181200	Sodium/potassium-transporting ATPase $\alpha$ subunit	0	0 / 0 / 0	Free-living
	SRAE_1000181300	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Free-living
	SRAE_1000181400	Mediator of RNA polymerase II transcription subunit 9	5.2	2 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000181500	Serine/threonine-protein kinase Chk1	0.7	1 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000181600	Hypothetical protein	1.1	1 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000181700	Hypothetical protein	2.7	3 / 1 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000181800	Hypothetical protein	1.2	0 / 1 / 0	Free-living
	SRAE_1000181900	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2A	2.5	0 / 4 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000182000	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000182100	Heme transporter HRG	0	0 / 0 / 0	Same
EC1	SRAE_1000182200	CAP domain-containing	1.1	0 / 1 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_1000182300	CAP domain-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	Parasitic

	SRAE_1000182400	CAP domain-containing	1.2	1 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_1000183300	CAP domain-containing	3.4	2 / 1 / 0	Parasitic
FR1R	SRAE_1000183400	Nanchung	1.4	1 / 2 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000183500	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Free-living
	SRAE_1000183600	SMc04008-like domain-containing	1.4	0 / 3 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000183700	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_1000183800	1,2-dihydroxy-3-keto-5-methylthiopentene dioxygenase	0	0 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_1000183900	Transmembrane receptor	7.1	9 / 4 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_1000184000	Predicted transmembrane / coiled-coil 2-containing	0.7	0 / 1 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_1000184100	Band 7 protein family and Stomatin family-containing	3.2	3 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_1000184200	Basic-leucine zipper domain-containing	2.5	3 / 2 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_1000184300	TBC1 domain family member 13	1.6	2 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_1000184400	BTB/POZ domain-containing	0.7	1 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
FR2L	SRAE_2000075900	NHR/GATA-type domain-containing	2.5	4 / 2 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000076000	MIP20649p	3.2	6 / 3 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000076100	MIP20649p	0.8	1 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000076200	Hypothetical protein	5.7	10 / 5 / 0	Free-living
	SRAE_2000076300	Hypothetical protein	2.4	2 / 3 / 0	Parasitic
EC2	SRAE_2000076400	CAP domain-containing	29.8	7 / 13 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000076600	CAP domain-containing	21.2	3 / 14 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000076700	CAP domain-containing	60.4	11 / 39 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000076800	CAP domain-containing	39.2	11 / 18 / 1	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000076900	CAP domain-containing	36.8	6 / 25 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000077000	CAP domain-containing	19	6 / 9 / 1	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000077100	CAP domain-containing	14	6 / 6 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000077200	UDP-glucosyltransferase	12.7	12 / 8 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000077300	CAP domain-containing	17.4	5 / 10 / 0	Parasitic

	SRAE_2000077400	CAP domain-containing	13	4 / 7 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000077500	CAP domain-containing	4.4	2 / 4 / 0	Same
FR2R	SRAE_2000077600	Hypothetical protein	10	8 / 14 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000077700	BTB/POZ domain-containing	7.9	1 / 4 / 1	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000077800	Hypothetical protein	2.9	1 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000077900	Protein kinase-like domain-containing	2.1	1 / 2 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000078000	Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme, E2 domain	4.5	2 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000078100	WH2 domain-containing	5.9	3 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000078200	Casein kinase II subunit beta	8.3	2 / 3 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000078300	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000078400	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000078500	Serine/threonine-protein kinase haspin	11.1	7 / 9 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000078600	PDZ domain-containing	1.4	0 / 1 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000078700	CAP domain-containing	15.2	5 / 10 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000078800	Hypothetical protein	1.4	4 / 0 / 0	Same
FR3L	SRAE_2000123100	Transcription elongation factor SPT5	0.4	0 / 1 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000123200	Armadillo-like helical domain -containing	1.3	3 / 3 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000123300	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000123400	Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor subunit beta	2	3 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000123500	Hypothetical protein	6.1	2 / 1 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000123600	Phosphodiesterase	0.9	2 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000123700	Glycosyl transferase	3.4	1 / 4 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000123800	Tyrosine-protein kinase	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000123900	Bax inhibitor 1-related family-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000124000	Bloom syndrome protein	2	3 / 6 / 0	Free-living
	SRAE_2000124100	Protein lethal(2)essential for life	7.8	4 / 1 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000124200	Hypothetical protein	14.5	5 / 21 / 0	Parasitic
EC3	SRAE_2000124300	CAP domain-containing	69	17 / 49 / 4	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000124400	CAP domain-containing	43.3	8 / 30 / 1	Parasitic

	SRAE_2000124500	CAP domain-containing	50.9	11 / 33 / 2	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000124600	CAP domain-containing	8.7	3 / 5 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000124700	CAP domain-containing	5.2	0 / 4 / 1	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000124800	CAP domain-containing	6.5	4 / 2 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000124900	CAP domain-containing	6.6	2 / 4 / 0	Parasitic
FR3R	SRAE_2000126100	Hypothetical protein	8.6	6 / 2 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000126200	Hypothetical protein	50	3 / 17 / 1	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000126290	Hypothetical protein	10.7	3 / 7 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000126300	Hypothetical protein	14.1	6 / 7 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000126400	Hypothetical protein	11.8	3 / 7 / 1	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000126500	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000126600	CAP domain-containing	18.5	6 / 11 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000126700	Hypothetical protein	3.6	1 / 2 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000126800	Serine/threonine-protein phosphatase	0.5	0 / 1 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000126900	Nematode cuticle collagen	2.1	1 / 1 / 0	Free-living
	SRAE_2000127000	Hypothetical protein	8.5	3 / 7 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000127100	Hypothetical protein	2.5	1 / 1 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000127200	Flavin-containing monooxygenase	2.9	2 / 2 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000127300	Serine/threonine-protein kinase RIO1	2.6	3 / 1 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000127400	Hypothetical protein	1.9	2 / 2 / 0	Same
FR5L	SRAE_2000325100	IA-2 ortholog	2	2 / 5 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000325200	Hypothetical protein	4.7	0 / 1 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000325300	Integrator complex subunit 9	0.5	0 / 1 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000325400	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000325500	UDP-glucuronosyltransferase	3.8	2 / 4 / 0	Free-living
EC5	SRAE_2000325600	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	0.9	1 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000326000	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	7.6	3 / 7 / 0	Parasitic
FR5R	SRAE_2000326100	Epidermal growth factor-like domain-containing	0.6	1 / 1 / 0	Free-living



FR6L	SRAE_2000450300	UDP-glucosyltransferase	5.7	2 / 7 / 0	Parasitic
EC6	SRAE_2000450400	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	1.9	1 / 2 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000450500	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	4	1 / 4 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000450600	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	6.5	2 / 6 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000450700	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	22.3	7 / 25 / 0	Parasitic
FR6R	SRAE_2000450800	Nematode fatty acid retinoid binding	5.5	3 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000450900	Hypothetical protein	5.3	1 / 5 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000451000	Hypothetical protein	22.2	6 / 3 / 0	Parasitic
FR7L	SRAE_2000452400	Hypothetical protein	3.6	3 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000452500	ATP-binding cassette sub-family D member 4	2.3	3 / 1 / 0	Free-living
	SRAE_2000452600	ATP-binding cassette sub-family D member 4	1.1	1 / 1 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000452700	Hypothetical protein	1.7	1 / 2 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000452800	Hypothetical protein	1.8	3 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000452900	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000453000	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000453100	Hypothetical protein	20.9	7 / 10 / 0	Parasitic
EC7	SRAE_2000453200	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	9.6	3 / 8 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000453300	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	2.6	0 / 3 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000453400	Sulfotransferase family-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000453500	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	2.5	0 / 3 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000453600	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	0	0 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000453700	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	5.5	0 / 7 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000453800	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	34.8	15 / 26 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000453900	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	5.1	4 / 2 / 0	Parasitic
FR7R	SRAE_2000454000	Zinc metalloproteinase	3.4	3 / 1 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000454100	Hypothetical protein	3.7	7 / 4 / 0	Free-living
	SRAE_2000454200	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Same

	SRAE_2000454300	Sulfotransferase	4.2	4 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000454400	Sulfotransferase	1.8	2 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000454500	Estradiol 17-beta-dehydrogenase 12	0	0 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000454600	Alpha-(1,3)-fucosyltransferase C	3.1	0 / 3 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000454700	Glycosyl transferase, family 14-containing	2.3	1 / 2 / 0	Same
FR8L	SRAE_2000454800	Cytochrome P450 4V2	1.3	1 / 1 / 0	Same
EC8	SRAE_2000454900	Acetylcholinesterase	1.2	2 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000455000	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	2.6	1 / 2 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000455100	Hypothetical protein	1.6	1 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000455200	CAP domain-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000455300	Acetylcholinesterase	0	0 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
FR8R	SRAE_2000455400	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000455500	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000455600	Zona pellucida domain-containing	0.9	0 / 1 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000455700	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Free-living
	SRAE_2000455800	Hypothetical protein	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
FR9L	SRAE_2000497000	Hypothetical protein	1.4	5 / 4 / 0	Free-living
EC9	SRAE_2000497100	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	5.2	1 / 5 / 0	Parasitic
FR9R	SRAE_2000497600	Cad96Cb	4.5	9 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000497700	Zinc finger, RING/FYVE/PHD-type domain-containing	1.5	1 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000497800	Protein lethal(2)essential for life	0	0 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
FR10L	SRAE_2000522800	Trypsin Inhibitor-like, cysteine rich domain-containing	22.7	10 / 5 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000522900	Glycosyl transferase, family 14-containing	4.3	2 / 4 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000523000	Transthyretin-like family-containing	9.1	3 / 1 / 0	Parasitic

	SRAE_2000523100	7TM GPCR, (Sre) family-containing	0	0 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000523200	7TM GPCR, (Sre) family-containing	4.3	0 / 2 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000523300	Hypothetical protein	1.4	0 / 1 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000523400	Nuclear hormone receptor	3.9	4 / 1 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000523500	Proteinase inhibitor I25	0	0 / 0 / 0	Free-living
	SRAE_2000523600	Carboxylic ester hydrolase	3.4	2 / 4 / 0	Unlisted
EC10	SRAE_2000523700	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	5.2	1 / 5 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000523800	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	2.8	2 / 2 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000523900	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	26.1	8 / 29 / 1	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000524000	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	4	1 / 4 / 0	Parasitic
FR12L	SRAE_2000526900	Importin-beta	2.2	4 / 2 / 0	Same
	SRAE_2000527000	Hypothetical protein	14.3	8 / 17 / 0	Unlisted
EC12	SRAE_2000527100	CAP domain-containing	71.1	9 / 54 / 1	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000527200	CAP domain-containing	18.6	1 / 15 / 1	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000527300	CAP domain-containing	4.6	2 / 2 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000527400	CAP domain-containing	5.5	2 / 3 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000527500	CAP domain-containing	3.3	3 / 0 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000527600	CAP domain-containing	2.2	0 / 2 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_2000527700	CAP domain-containing	1.1	0 / 1 / 0	Parasitic
FR12R	SRAE_2000527800	Hypothetical protein	18.5	2 / 10 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000527900	Hypothetical protein	41.5	9 / 17 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000528000	Hypothetical protein	1.8	0 / 1 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_2000528100	Hypothetical protein	3	3 / 4 / 0	Unlisted
FR14L	SRAE_X000143400	Ferric-chelate reductase 1	10.1	5 / 3 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_X000143500	Hypothetical protein	7.1	7 / 9 / 0	Same
	SRAE_X000143600	1x GPCR, rhodopsin-like, 7TM domain-containing	0.7	1 / 0 / 0	Same
	SRAE_X000143700	Hypothetical protein	4.1	3 / 1 / 0	Same

EC14	SRAE_X000143800	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	15.5	8 / 9 / 1	Parasitic
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	SRAE_X000144100	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	2.4	0 / 3 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_X000144200	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	39.5	24 / 24 / 1	Parasitic
	SRAE_X000144210	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	21.5	6 / 21 / 0	Parasitic
FR14R	SRAE_X000144220	Hypothetical protein	9.4	4 / 4 / 0	Same
	SRAE_X000144300	Amine oxidase domain-containing	0.6	0 / 1 / 0	Free-living
EC15	SRAE_X000146800	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	29.3	16 / 21 / 0	Parasitic
	SRAE_X000146900	Astacin-like metalloendopeptidase	47.5	25 / 34 / 0	Free-living
FR15R	SRAE_X000146950	Hypothetical protein	3.2	1 / 0 / 0	Unlisted
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	SRAE_X000147100	Hypothetical protein	6.3	2 / 1 / 0	Unlisted
	SRAE_X000147200	Hypothetical protein	26.9	15 / 22 / 0	Parasitic

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977 **Supplementary Table 9. dN/dS ratios of expansion clusters and their flanking regions.**  
978 The dN/dS ratio for genes in expansion clusters and in parentheses the number of genes,  
979 N. We calculated dN/dS ratios by analysing parasites from clades 1 and 3 (**Figure 3**),  
980 treating each as separate populations.

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<b>Expansion cluster</b>	<b>Expansion cluster mean dN/dS ratio (N)</b>	<b>Flanking region mean dN/dS ratio (N)</b>
<b>2</b>	0.257 (1)	2.088 (2)
<b>3</b>	0.454 (5)	0.735 (6)
<b>6</b>	1.373 (1)	0.408 (1)
<b>7</b>	3.419 (2)	0.278 (3)
<b>14</b>	0.322 (3)	1.242 (1)

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983 **Supplementary Table 10. Sampling sites and times.**

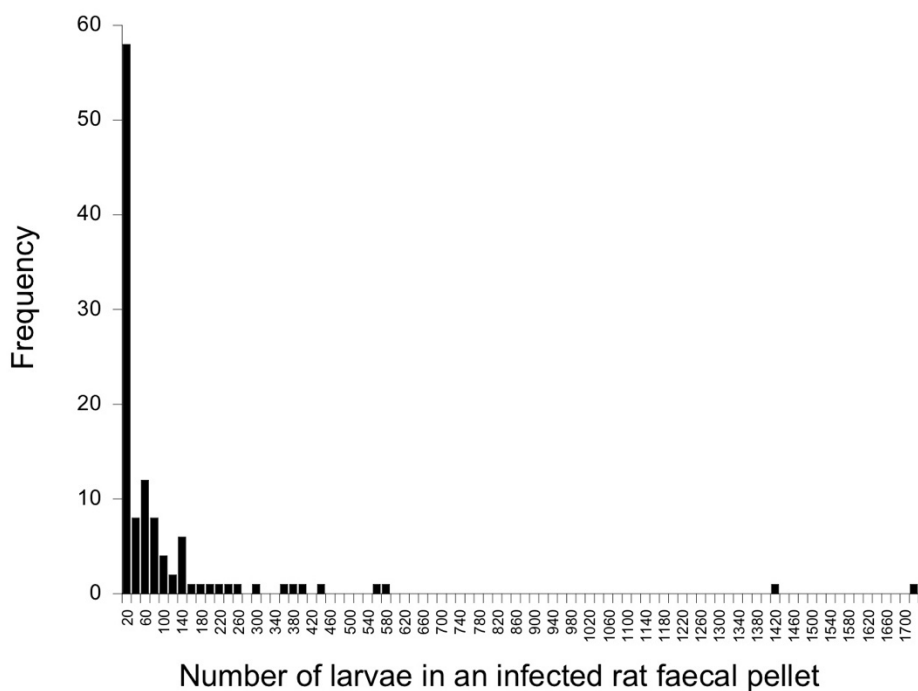
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<b>Site (code)</b>	<b>Coordinates</b>	<b>Type</b>
Cardiff (CA)	51°29'54"N 3°07'25"W	Industrial
Avonmouth (AM)	51°30'43"N 2°40'15"W	Industrial
Long Ashton (LA)	51°26'08"N 2°38'41"W	Farm
<b>Season</b>	<b>Sampling start date</b>	<b>Sampling End date</b>
Spring	2.2017	3.2017
Summer	6.2017	6.2017
Autumn	9.2017	11.2017
Winter	12.2017	2.2018

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## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

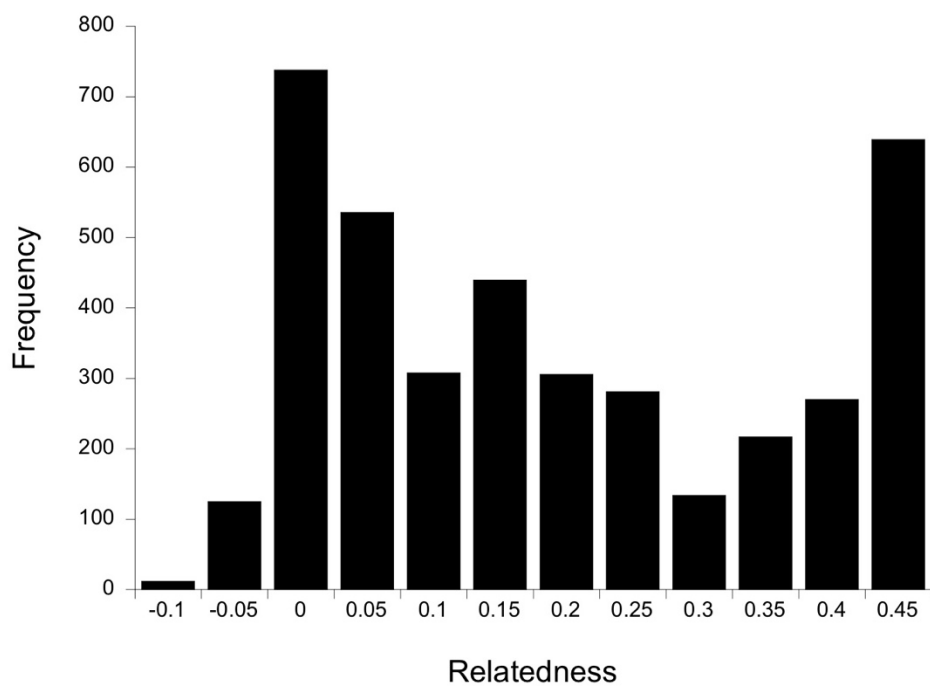
987 **Supplementary Figure 1. Frequency distribution of the number of *S. ratti* infective**  
988 **larvae isolated from infected rat faecal pellets.** Uninfected pellets (N = 178) are not  
989 shown. The x-axis is in increments of 20 larvae, with only the upper limit shown, and only  
990 alternate increments labelled.  
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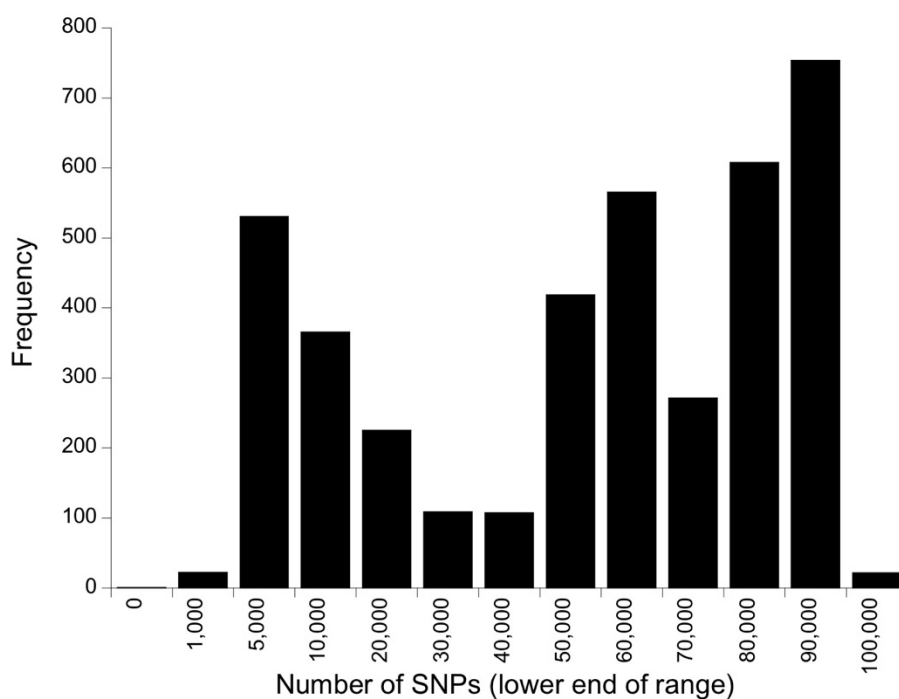


994 **Supplementary Figure 2. Histogram of  $\Phi$  relatedness values among 90 *S. rattii* larvae.**  
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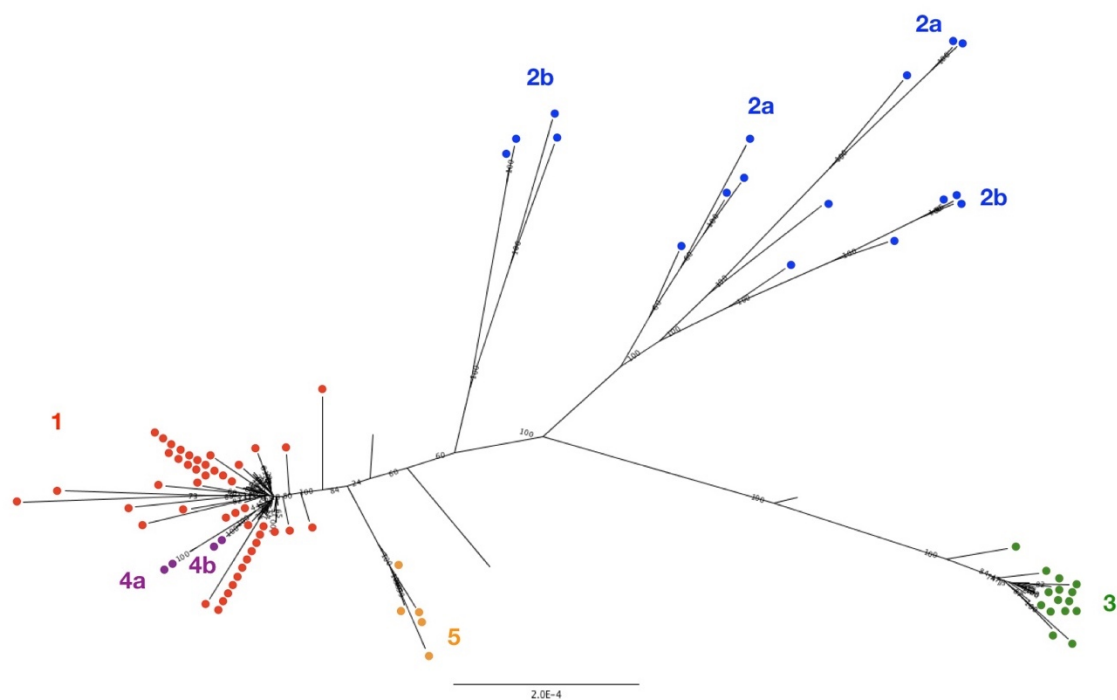
999 **Supplementary Figure 3. The frequency distribution of the pairwise number of SNP**  
1000 **differences among the 90 parasites.** The x-axis is in categories of 10,000, save for the  
1001 first three which are 0-1,000, 1,000-5,000, 5,000-10,000; in all the lower end of the range is  
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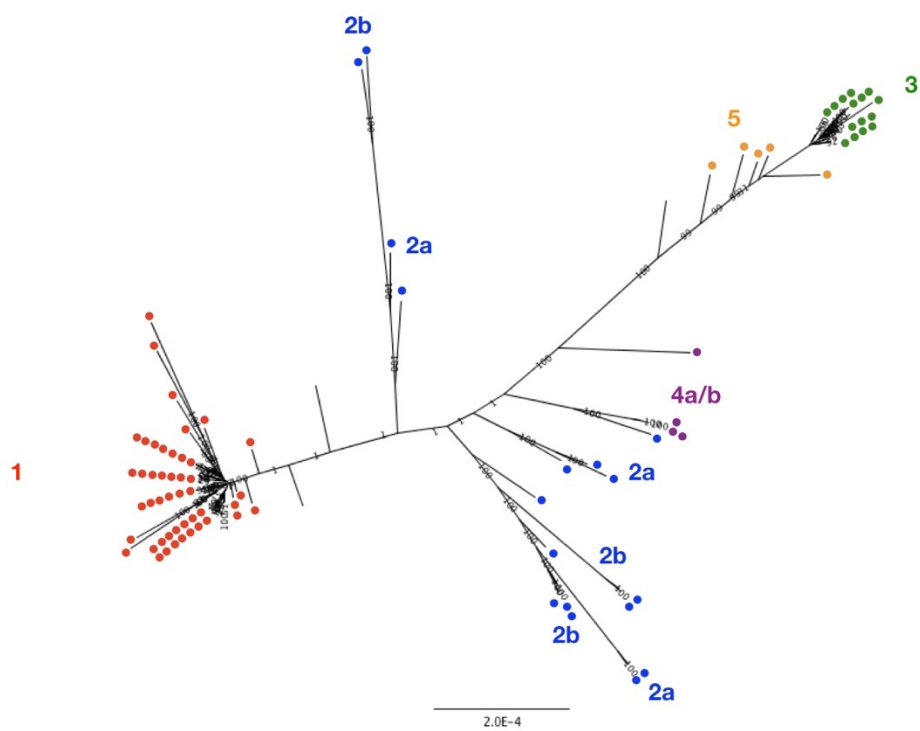
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1006 **Supplementary Figure 4. Maximum likelihood trees of the 90 parasites.** In each tree,  
1007 the support for each node is shown, and the clade membership of the worm is shown by the  
1008 coloured dots, which correspond to the neighbour-joining tree (**Figure 3**). Trees are  
1009 calculated based on analysis of chromosome 1 only, part 1 of chromosome 2, part 2 of  
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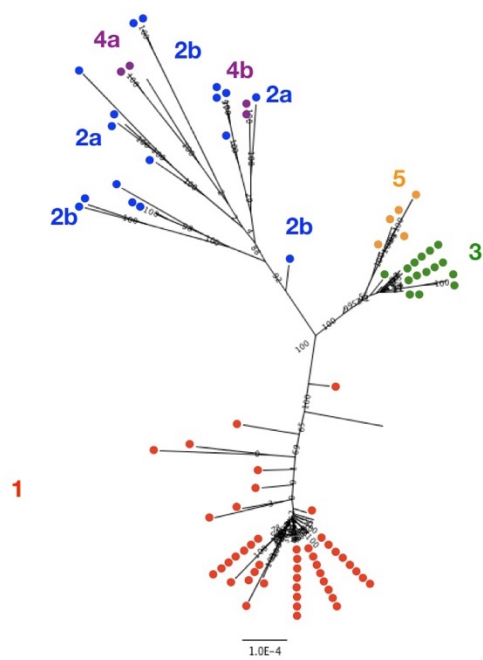


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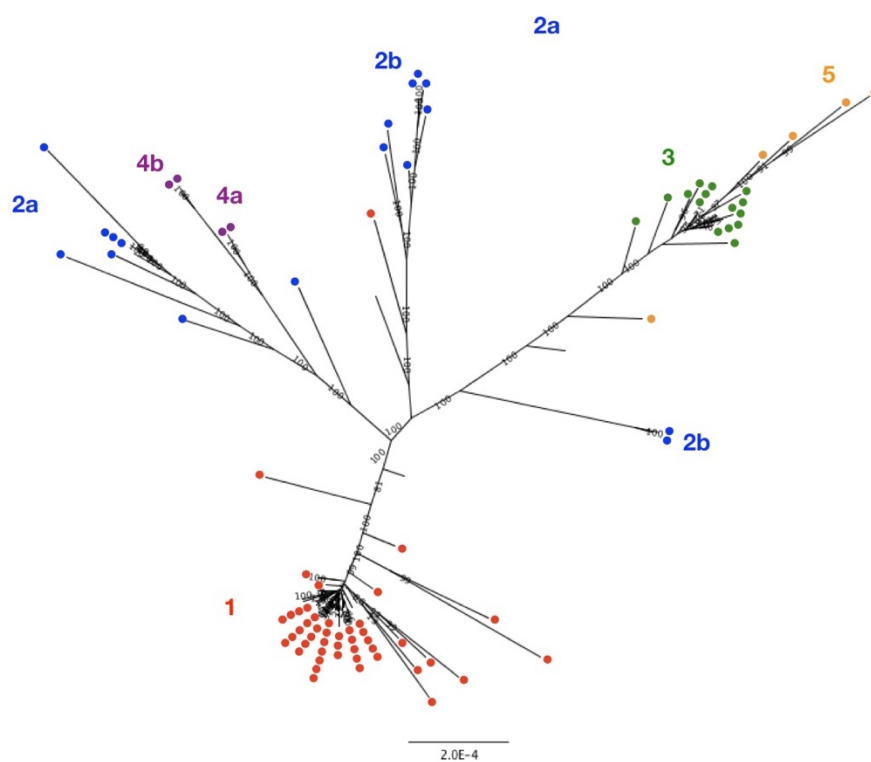
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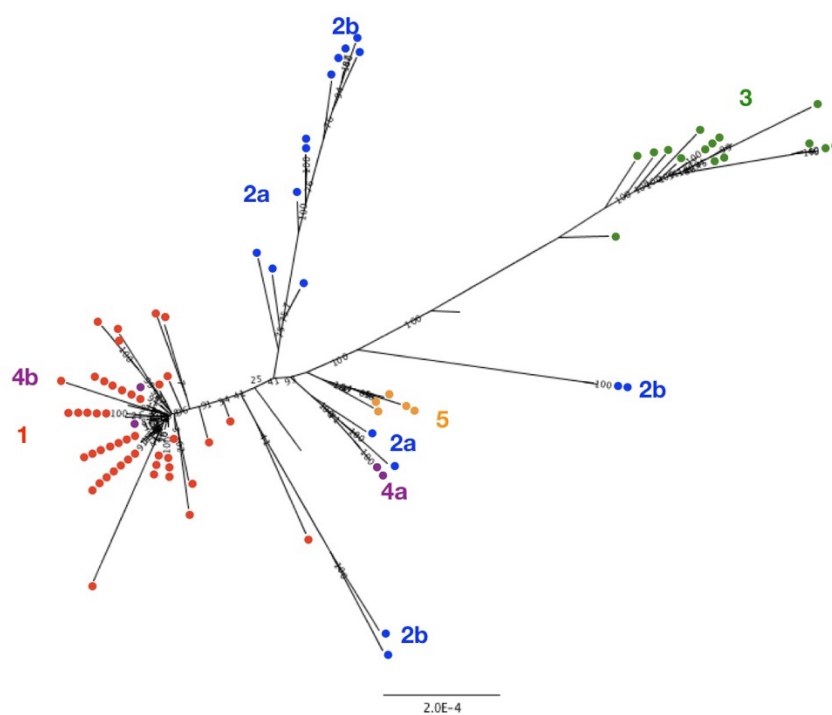
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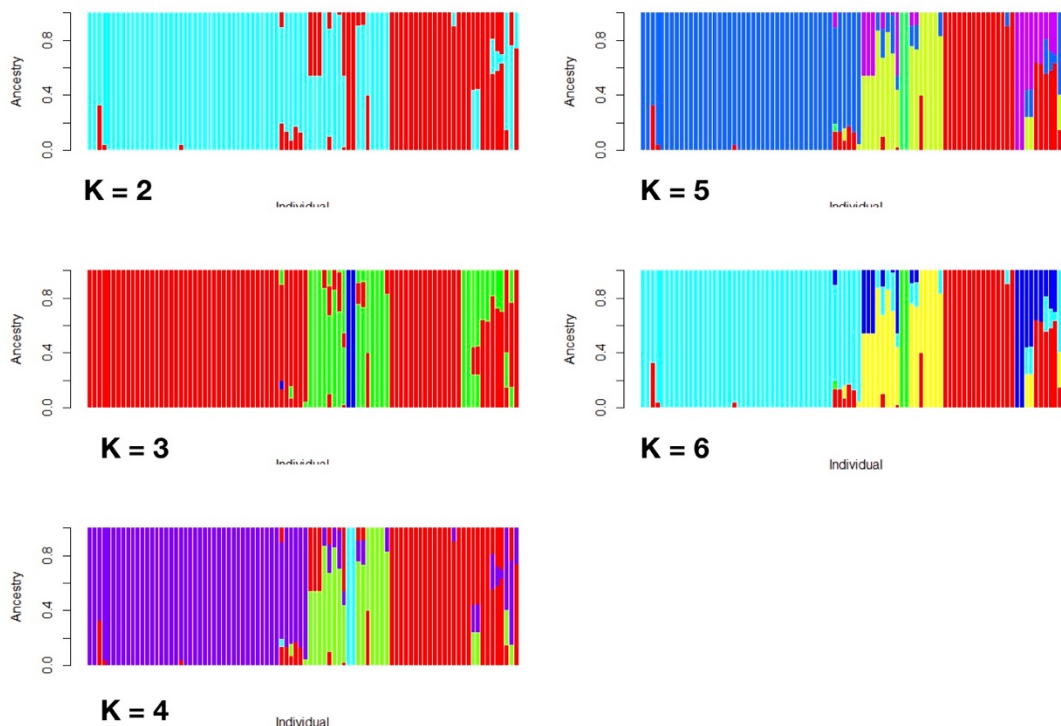
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**Supplementary Figure 5. ADMIXTURE analysis of the 90 parasites.** The ADMIXTURE diagrams are shown for K = 2, 3, 4, 5 (with cross validation errors of 0.22965, 0.16255, 0.16335, 0.16136, respectively). For K = 6, only five groups are detected. All diagrams have the same right to left order of worms, which is shown in a Table at the end of the figure.



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Position in ADMIXTURE diagram	Worm designation	NJ tree clade membership
Far left	CA273_8	1
	CA273_30	1
	CA275_47	1
	LA217_14	1
	LA219_13	1
	LA222_45	1
	LA223_8	1
	LA223_29	1
	LFA14_5	1
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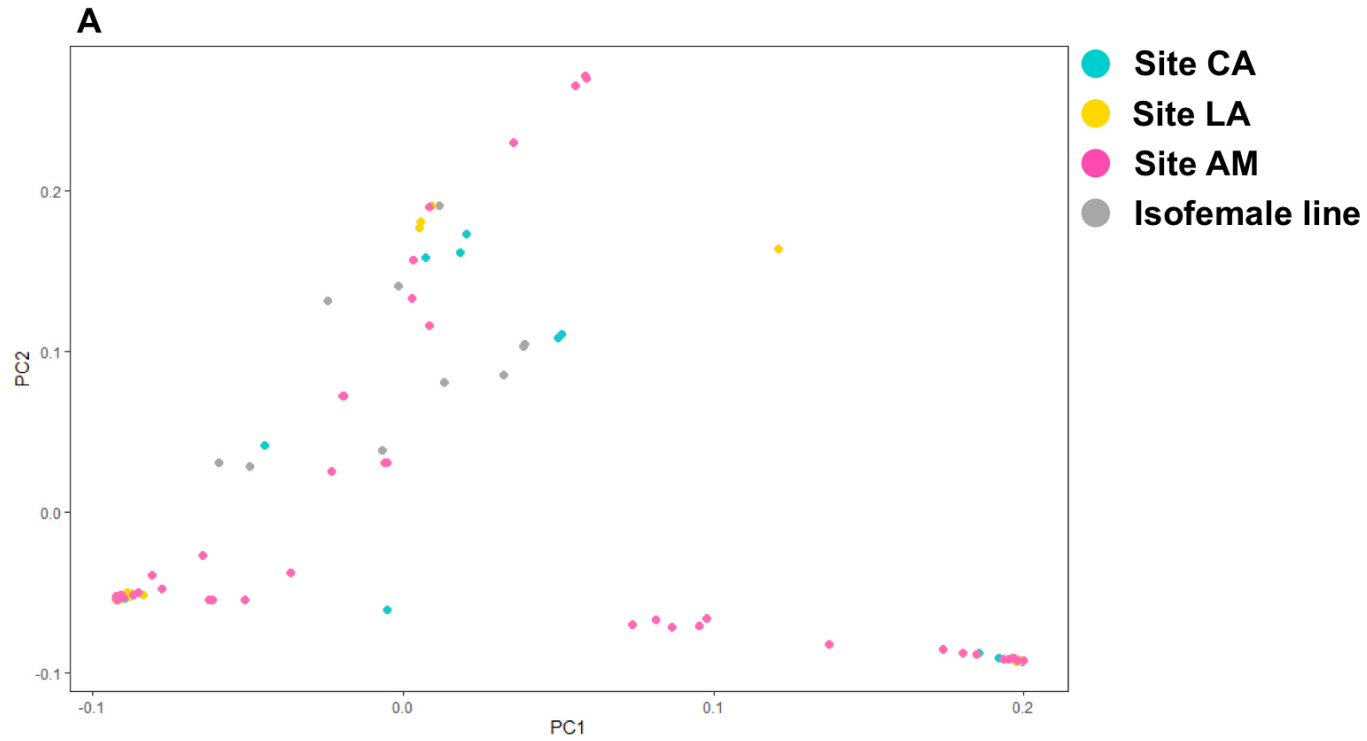
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	AM252_62	1
	AM253_77	1
	AM280_49	1
	AM282_1	1
	AM282_67	1
	AM283_1	1
	AM283_2	1
	AM283_3	1
	AM283_4	1
	AM283_5	1
	AM284_59	1
	AM284_60	1
	AM284_61	1
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	AM296_4	1
	AM299_79	1
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	LA217_5	2a
	LA319_3	2a
	LA320_1	2a
	AM245_61	2a
	AM253_6	2a
	AM287_65	2a
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	CA275_20	2b
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	CA338_6	2b
	LA320_11	2b

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	AM100_35	2b
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	CA275_11	3
	CA275_51	3
	LA315_3	3
	LA319_6	3
	LA320_5	3
	AM99_19	3
	AM99_30	3
	AM187_14	3
	AM258_25	3
	AM281_5	3
	AM282_63	3
	AM296_1	3
	AM298_2	3
	AM187_12	4a
	AM287_58	4a
	AM114_2	4a
	AM287_56	4a
	AM105_9	5
	AM280_56	5
	AM294_1	5
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	AM296_2	5
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	CA338_2	Not in clade
Far right	AM296_5	Not in clade

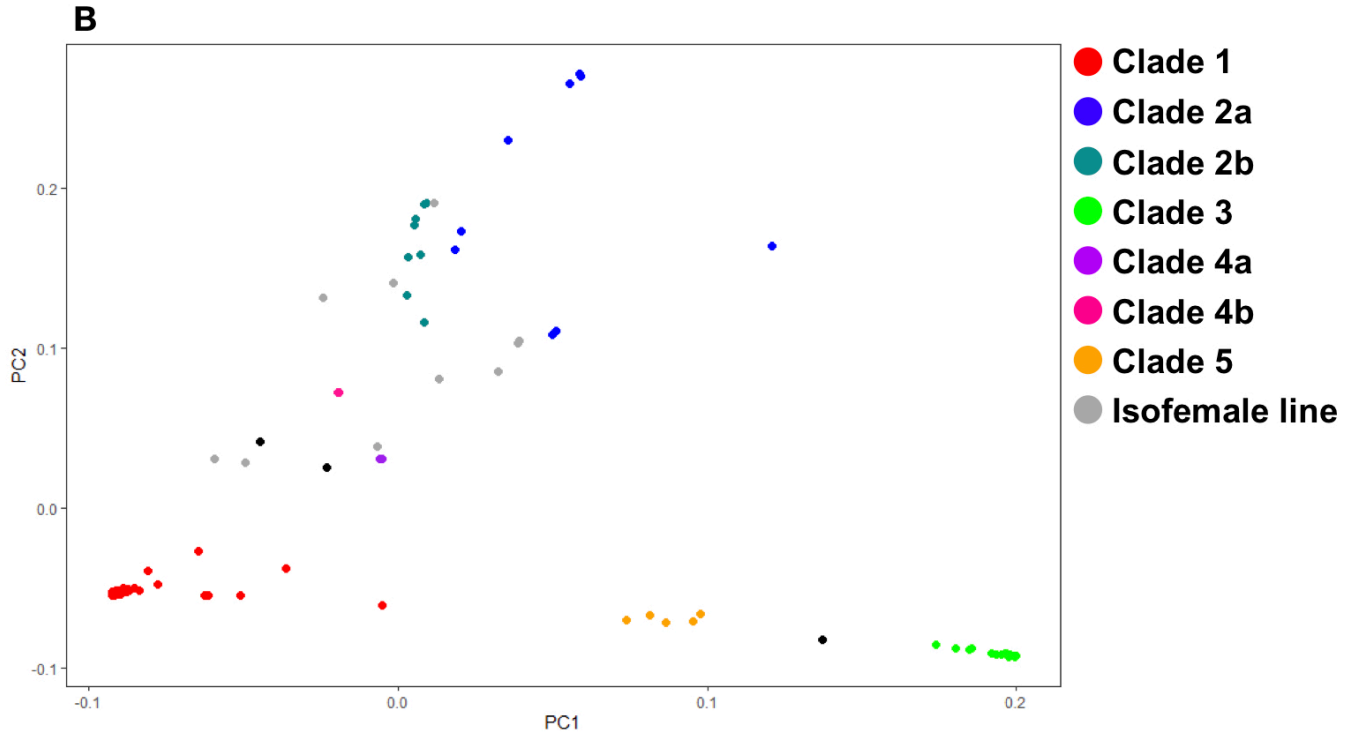
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1029 **Supplementary Figure 6. PCA analysis of *S. ratti* parasites.** Projections of principal components (PC) 1 and 2 of the 90 parasites from  
1030 the three samples sites and the 10 isofemale lines, where PCs 1 and 2 explained 91% of the variance. Individuals are coloured according  
1031 to (A) sampling site and (B) neighbour-joining dendrogram clades (**Figure 3**).

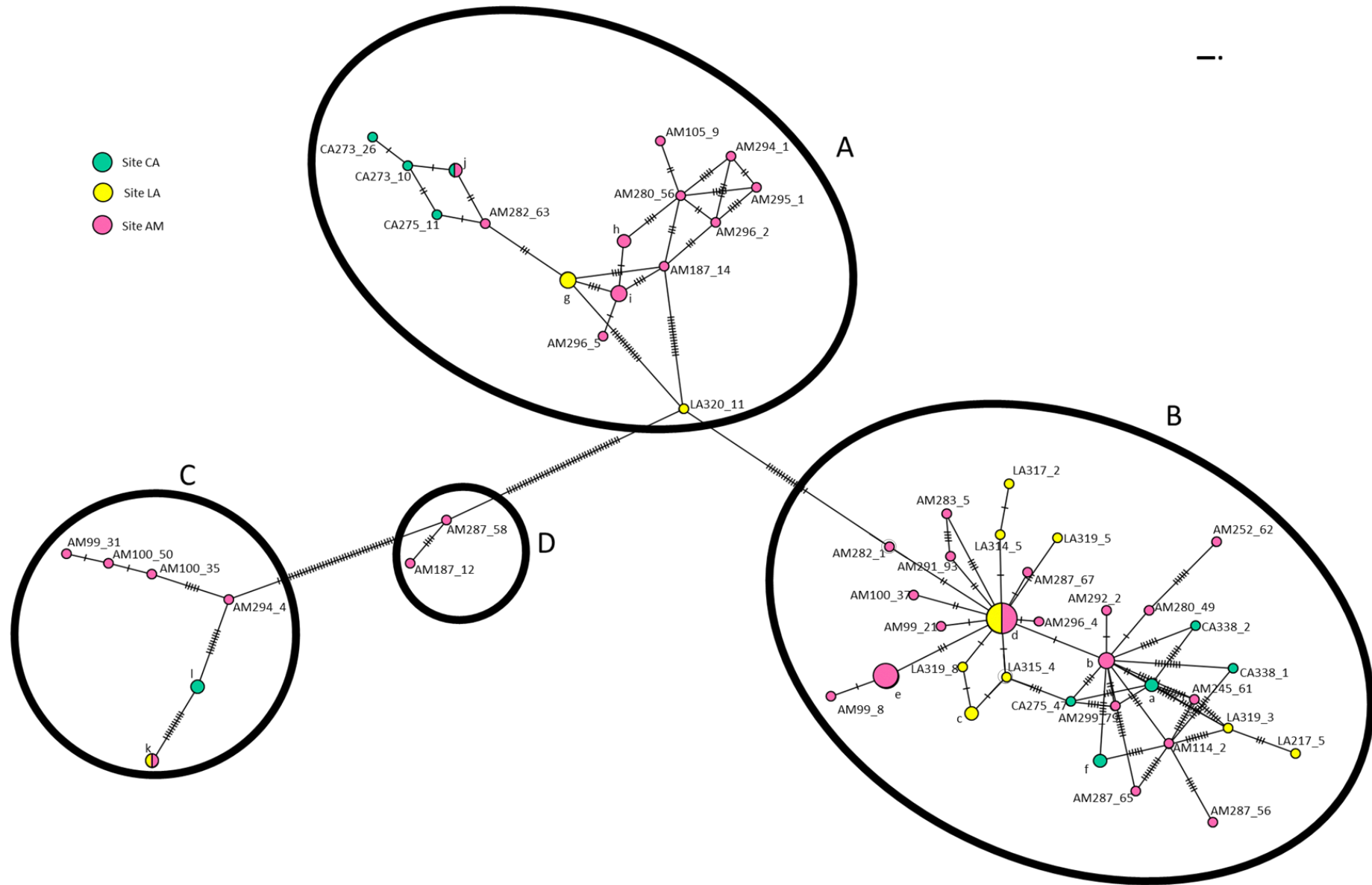


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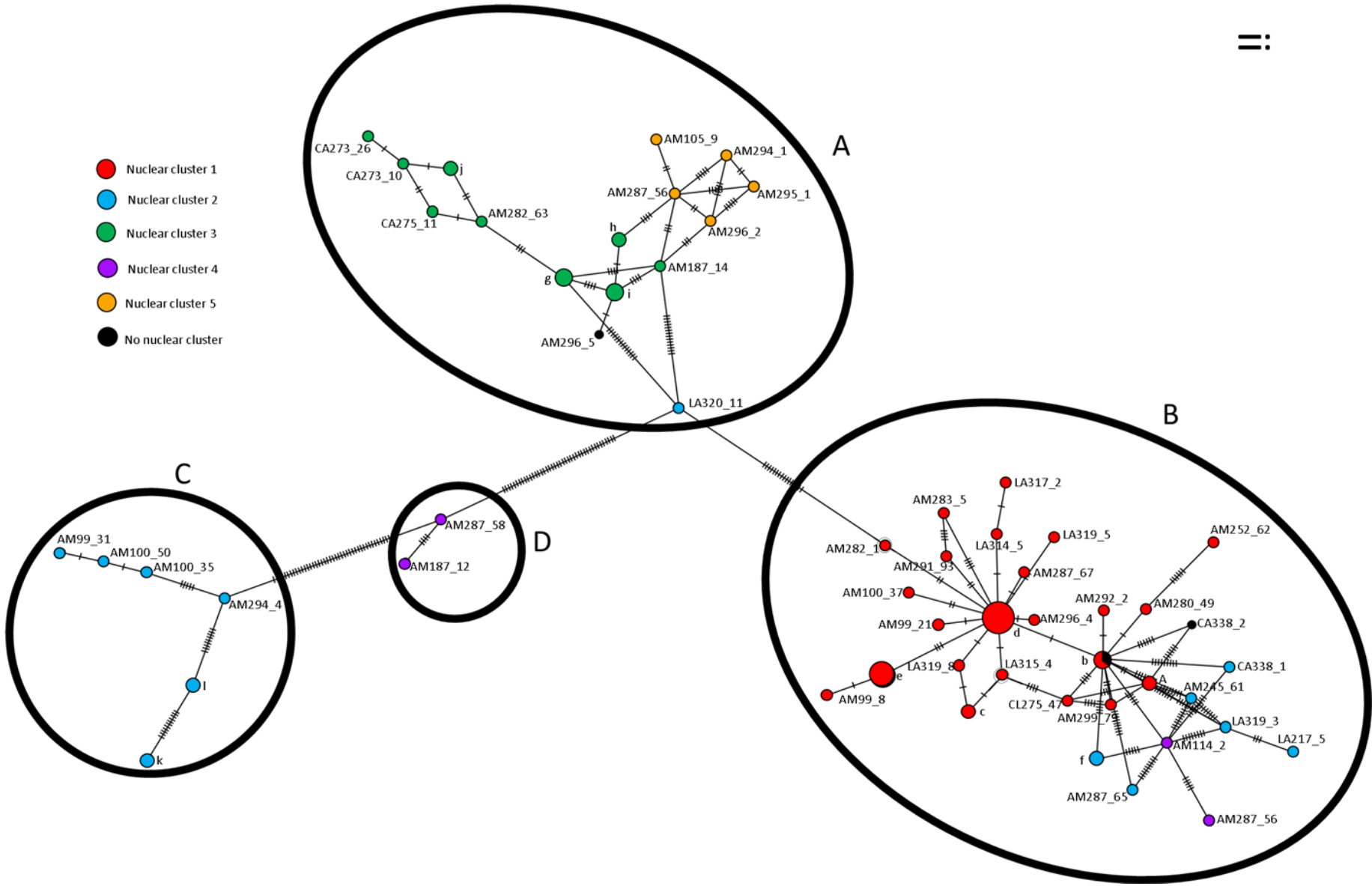
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1037 **Supplementary Figure 7. Minimum spanning *S. ratti* mitochondrial haplotype maps.** Individual pellets are shown by their sampling  
1038 site (AM, CA, LA) and the number preceding the underscore; the number after the underscore is the unique identifier of that worm  
1039 Haplotypes represented by multiple individuals are denoted by single letters. Four mitochondrial clades (A – D) are evident. Individual  
1040 worms are coded either by the sampling site from which they were obtained or by the nuclear clade to which they belong (**Figure 3**).  
1041 Mitochondrial clades A, B and C contained individuals from all 3 sampling sites, though at different rates. Mitochondrial clade A contains  
1042 all individuals from nuclear clades 3 and 5 as well as one individual from nuclear clade 2b. Mitochondrial clade B contains individuals from  
1043 nuclear clades 1, 2a and 4b. Mitochondrial clade C contains only individuals from nuclear clade 2b. The two individuals of nuclear clade  
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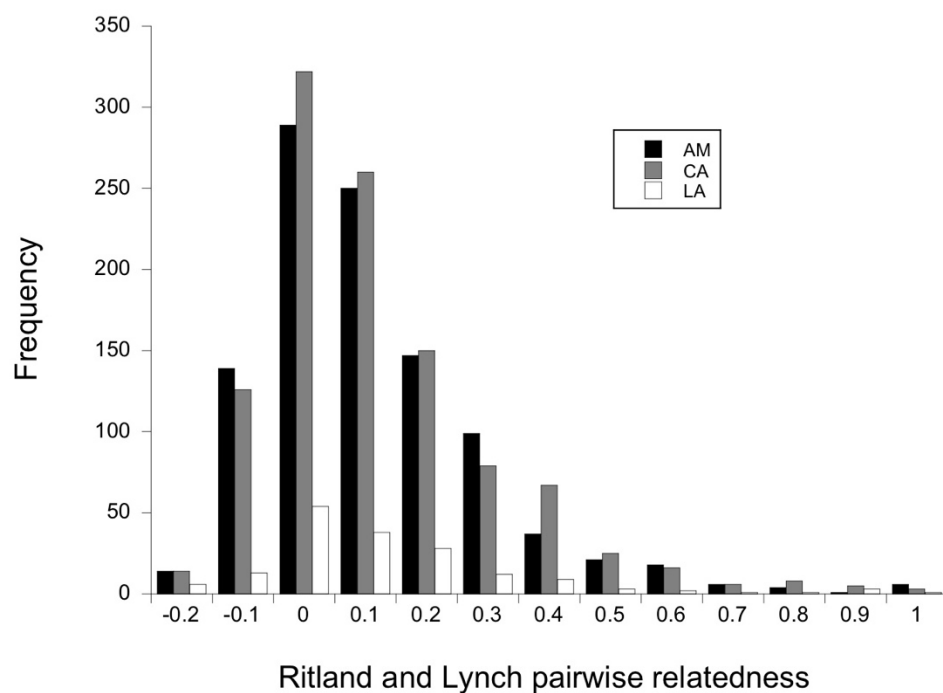


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- Nuclear cluster 1
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- Nuclear cluster 3
- Nuclear cluster 4
- Nuclear cluster 5
- No nuclear cluster



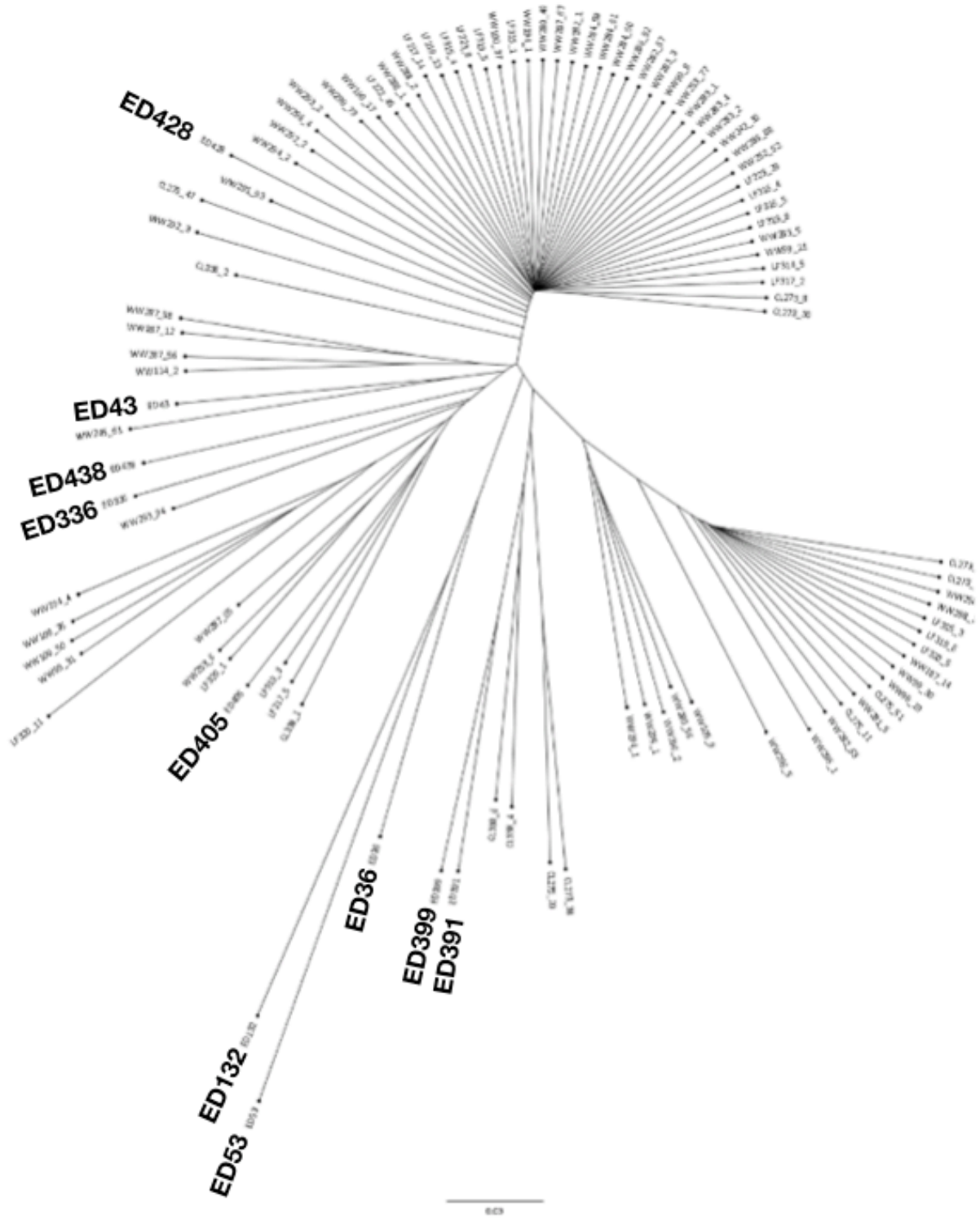
1051 **Supplementary Figure 8. Ritland and Lynch pairwise relatedness values of rats within**  
1052 **sampling sites.** The x-axis is in increments of 0.1, with only the upper limit shown. At each  
1053 site there is a right-hand skew to these distributions; Shapiro-Wilkes test for normality  
1054 statistics  $W = 0.89$  for site AM,  $W = 0.9$  for site CA and  $W = 0.87$  for site LA,  $P > 0.0001$  in  
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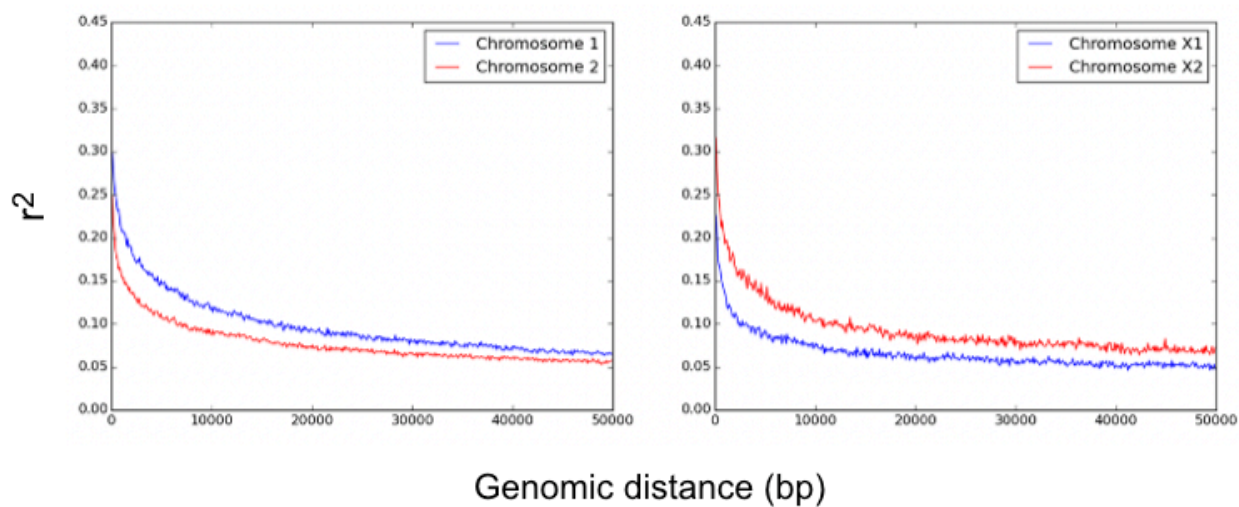
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**Supplementary Figure 9. *S. rattii* neighbour-joining dendrograms of 10 isofemale lines and 90 larvae collected from the three sample sites.** Isofemale lines are prefixed by ED (**Supplementary Table 4**). Five of the isofemale lines (derived from parasites collected from the southern UK in 1989-90, and Japan in 1990) are within clade 2b, which is the most diverse of the clades, but the other 5 isofemale lines are in clades 1, 2a and 4.



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1067 **Supplementary Figure 10. Linkage disequilibrium in the *S. rattii* genome.** LD shown as  
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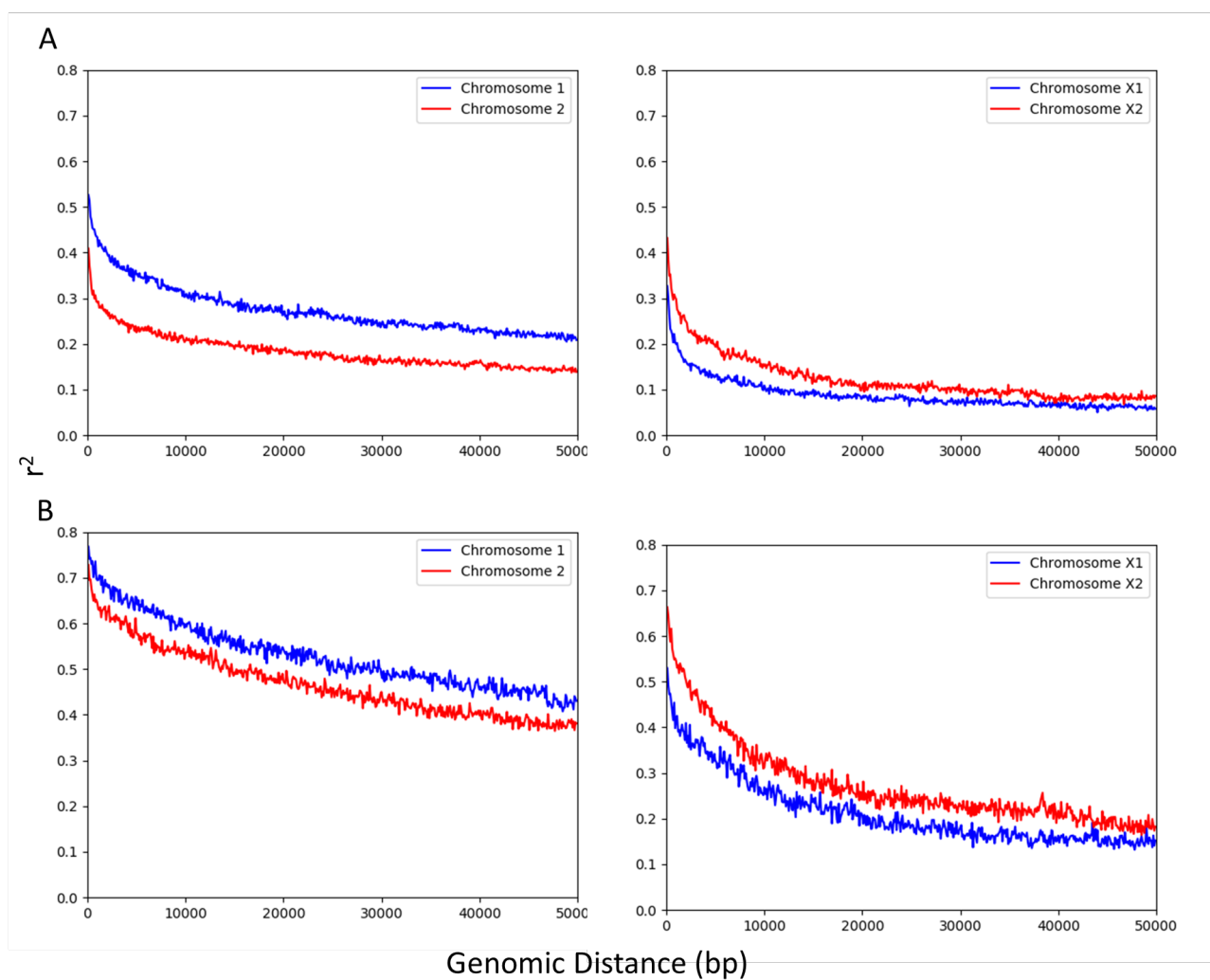


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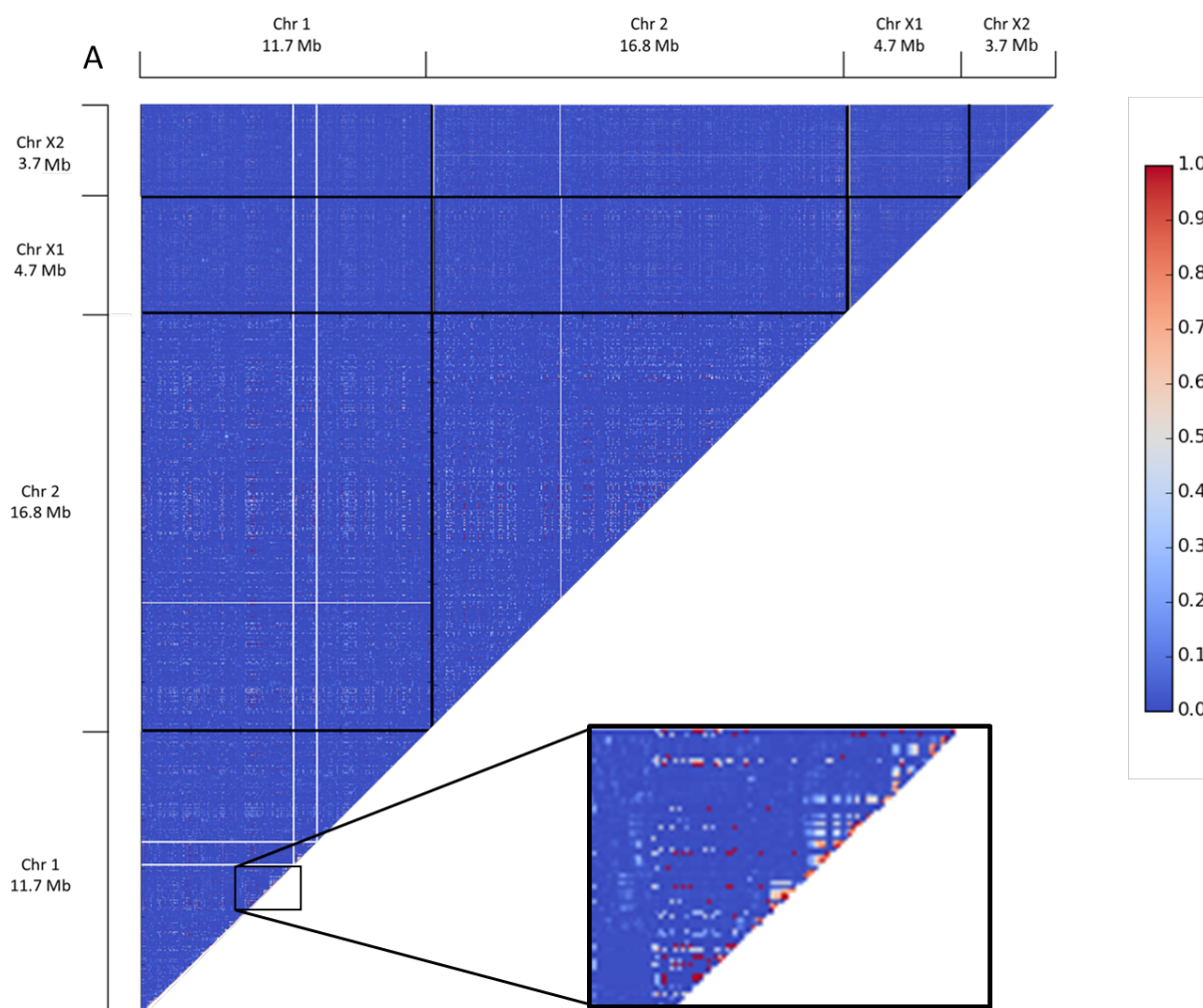
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**Supplementary Figure 11. Linkage disequilibrium in the *S. rattii* genome for clade 1 and 3 parasites.** LD is shown as  $r^2$  values for (A) clade 1 and (B) clade 3 parasites. X1 and X2 are the largest and second largest X chromosome scaffolds, respectively.

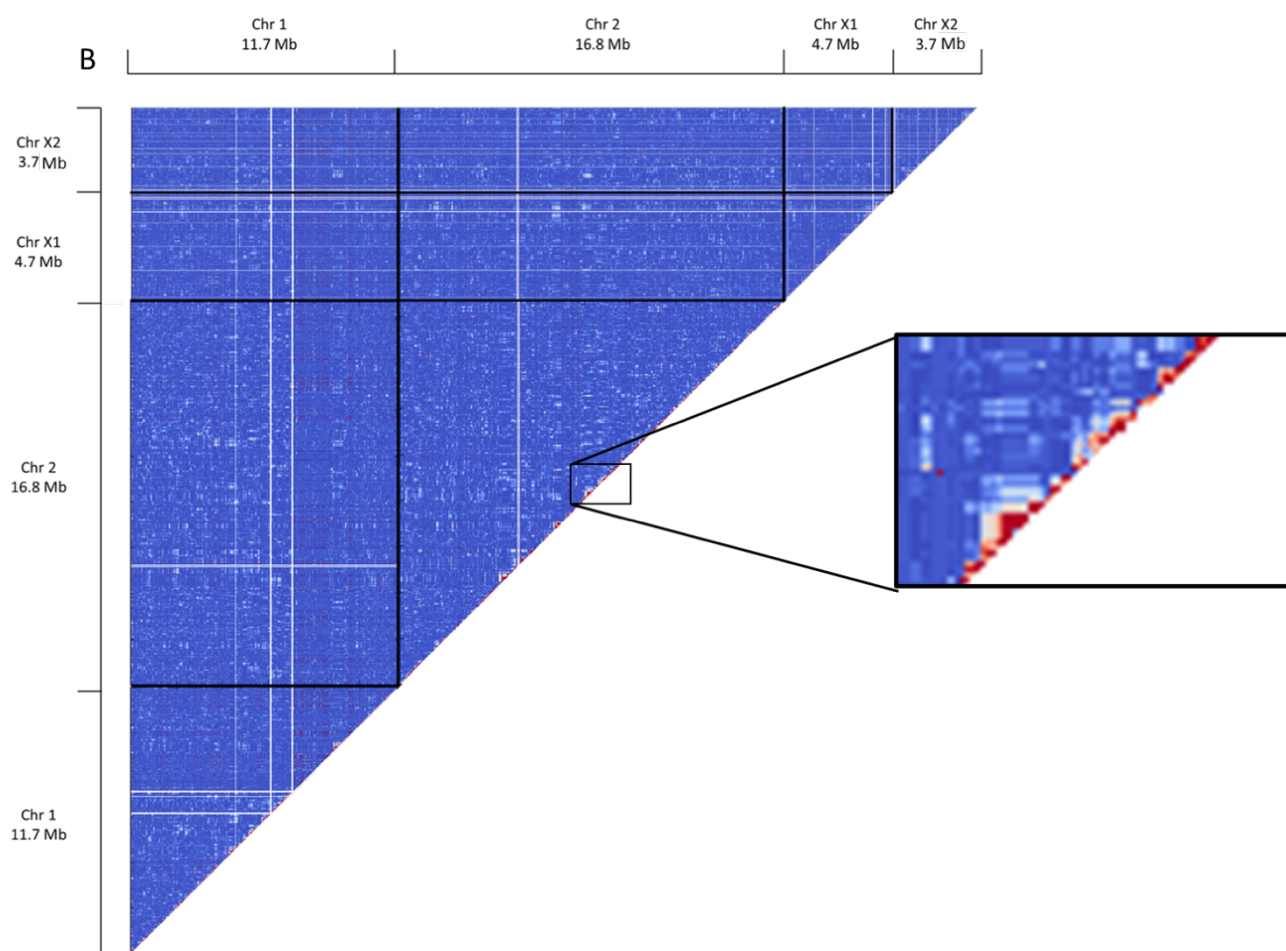


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1079 **Supplementary Figure 12. Heatmaps of linkage disequilibrium in the *S. rattii* genome**  
1080 **for clade 1 and 3 parasites.** LD is shown as  $r^2$  values on a coloured scale for (A) clade 1  
1081 and (B) clade 3. X1 and X2 refer to the largest and second largest scaffolds of the X  
1082 chromosome, respectively. The inserts enlarge regions to show areas of high LD.  
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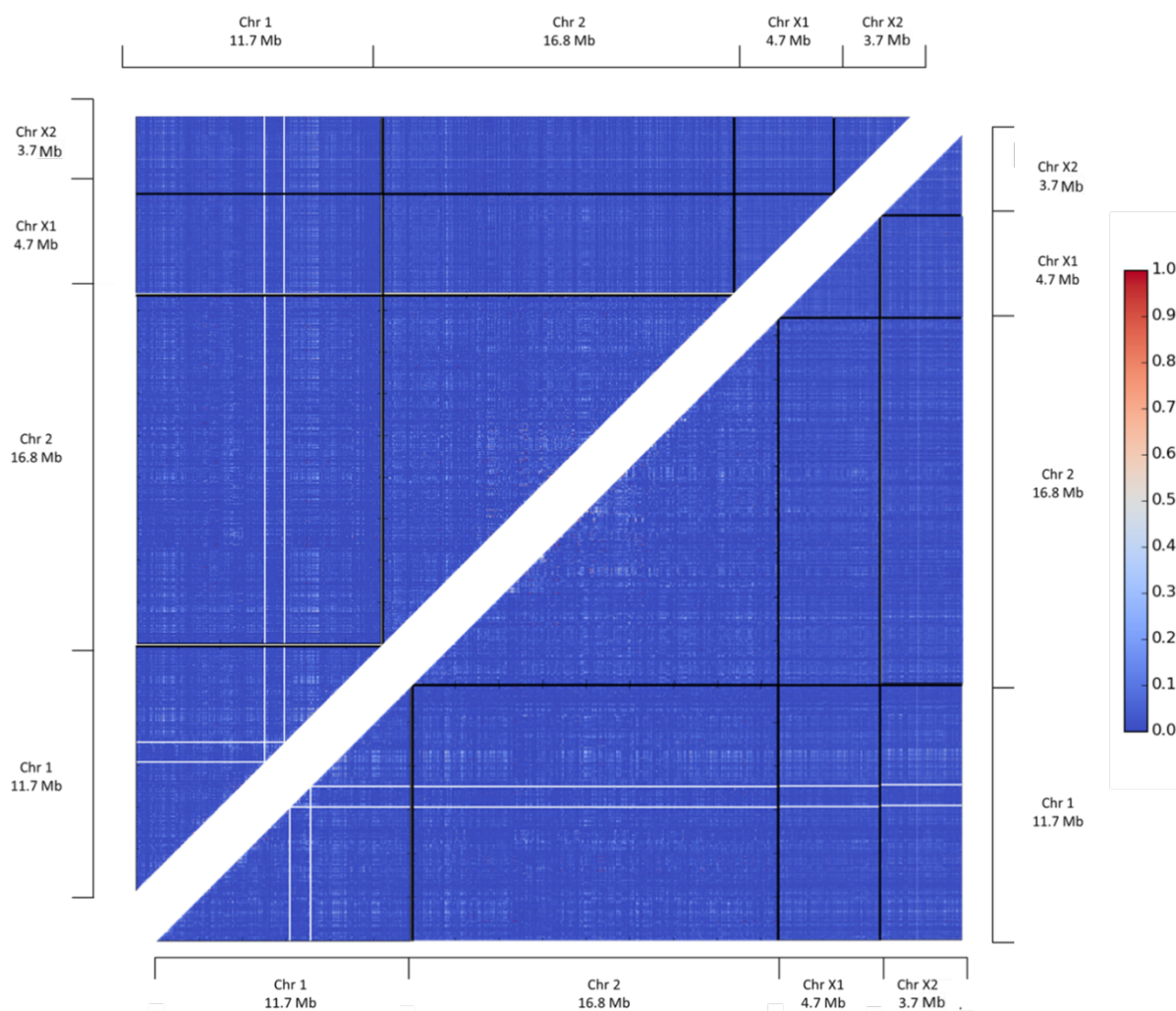
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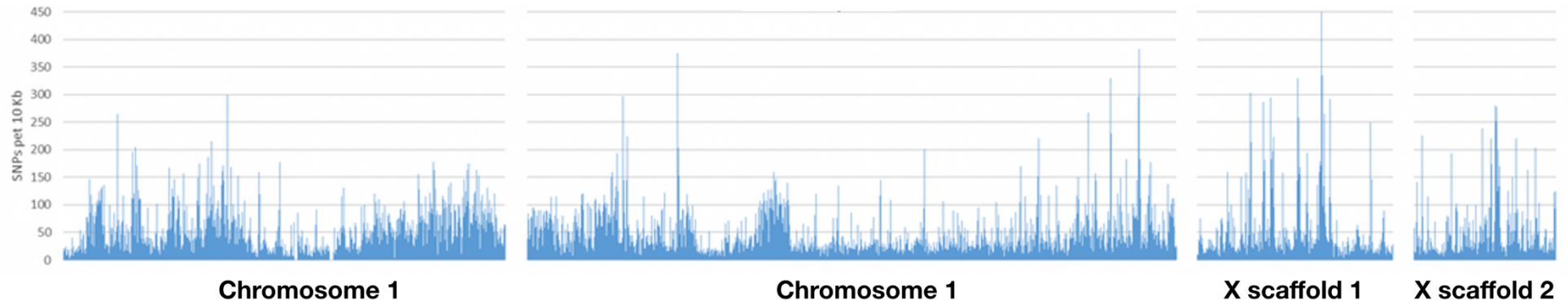
**Supplementary Figure 13. Heatmaps of linkage disequilibrium in the *S. rattii* genome.** Phasing of genotypes was carried out by Beagle (above the diagonal) or Shapeit (below the diagonal). X1 and X2 refer to the largest and second largest scaffolds of the X chromosome, respectively. Vertical and horizontal white lines in chromosome 1 represent two megabase long tracts of Ns that separate the three X chromosome scaffolds, whose genomic order is not known.



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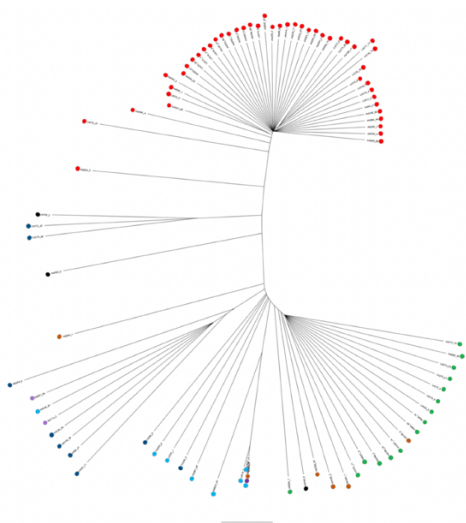
**Supplementary Figure 14. The distribution of SNPs across the *S. rattii* genome.** The distribution of SNPs for all 90 parasites for discrete, 10 Kb windows, each represented by a vertical bar, for chromosomes 1, 2 and the two scaffolds of the X chromosome.



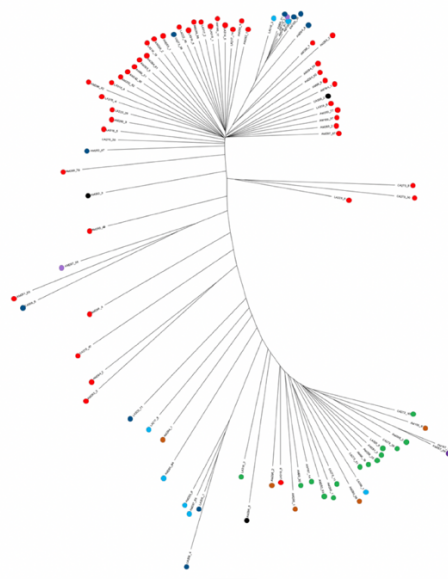
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1101 **Supplementary Figure 15. Neighbour-joining dendrograms based on five expansion**  
1102 **clusters.** Clusters, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 14 are the clusters from which no genes were excluded  
1103 due to concerns about genome assembly. Each tree was calculated based on the entire  
1104 sequence from the start to the end of each cluster (excluding flanking regions). Clades (1 –  
1105 5) and sub-clades (2a and 2b, 4a and 4b) are defined based on the whole genome  
1106 dendrogram (**Figure 3**). Individual parasites are marked with circles coloured according to  
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1109 among the panels.

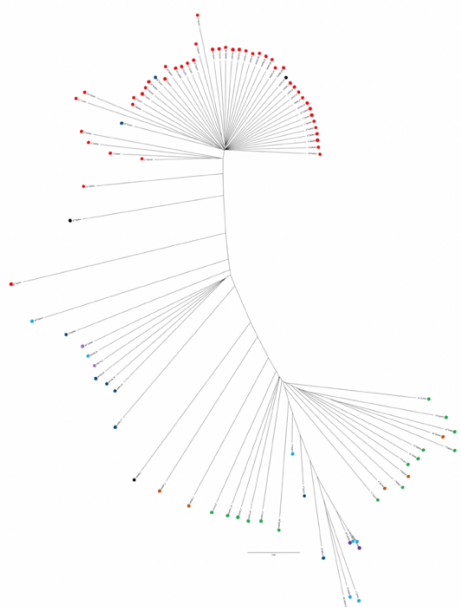
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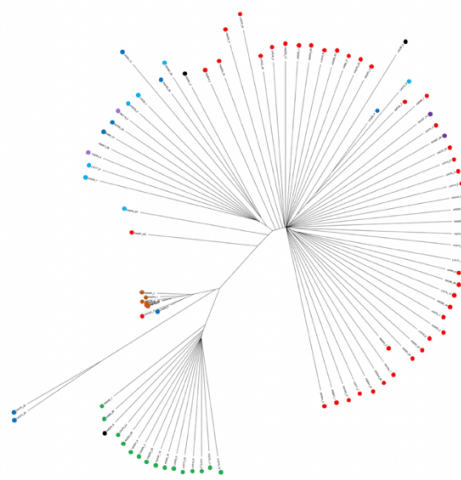
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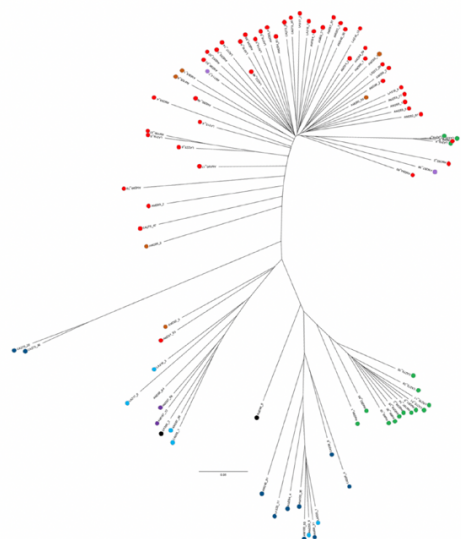
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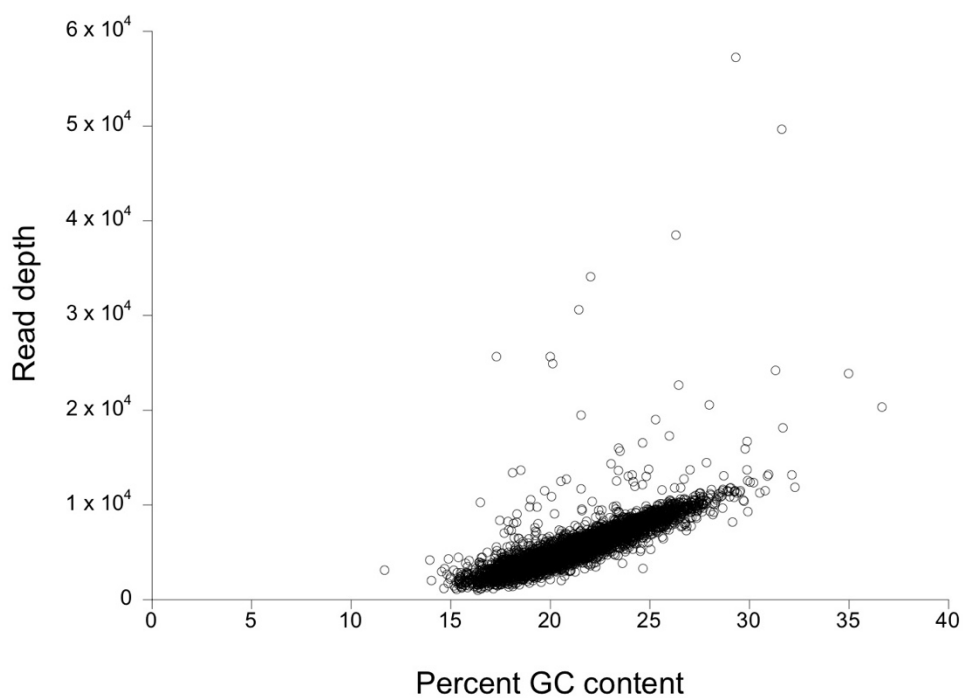


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1114 **Expansion Cluster 14**



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1116 **Supplementary Figure 16. Correlation of read depth and GC content for 90 *S. rattii***  
1117 **larvae.** GC content is measured in non-overlapping 10 kb regions. Correlation  $\rho = 0.783$ ,  $df$   
1118  $= 4,008$ ,  $P < 0.00001$ .  
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