Molecular Variation at the In(2L)t Proximal Breakpoint Site in Natural Populations of Drosophila melanogaster and D. simulans

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ABSTRACT
A previous study of nucleotide polymorphism in a Costa Rican population of Drosophila melanogaster found evidence for a nonneutral deficiency in the number of haplotypes near the proximal breakpoint of In(2L)t, a common inversion polymorphism in this species. Another striking feature of the data was a window of unusually high nucleotide diversity spanning the breakpoint site. To distinguish between selective and neutral demographic explanations for the observed patterns in the data, we sample alleles from three additional populations of D. melanogaster and one population of D. simulans. We find that the strength of associations among sites found at the breakpoint varies between populations of D. melanogaster. In D. simulans, analysis of the homologous region reveals unusually elevated levels of nucleotide polymorphism spanning the breakpoint site. As with American populations of D. melanogaster, our D. simulans sample shows a marked reduction in the number of haplotypes but not in nucleotide diversity. Haplotype tests reveal a significant deficiency in the number of haplotypes relative to the neutral expectation in the D. simulans sample and some populations of D. melanogaster. At the breakpoint site, the level of divergence between haplotype classes is comparable to interspecific divergence. The observation of interspecific polymorphisms that differentiate major haplotype classes in both species suggests that haplotype classes at this locus are considerably old. When considered in the context of other studies on patterns of variation within and between populations of D. melanogaster and D. simulans, our data appear more consistent with the operation of selection than with simple demographic explanations.

THE chromosomal rearrangement In(2L)t is one of four common polymorphic inversions with stable geographic frequency clines in natural populations of Drosophila melanogaster. While rare in temperate climates, it reaches frequencies of 40–60% in tropical populations of Australasia and Africa (Knibb 1982; Benassi et al. 1993). The existence of parallel latitudinal clines across different continents and hemispheres suggests that natural selection maintains at least some inversion polymorphisms in this species (Knibb 1982). The mechanism by which inversions become established in natural populations and the mode of selection operating on them are not well understood.

In a recent study of nucleotide variation spanning the proximal In(2L)t breakpoint, Andolfatto et al. (1999) found that the inversion has a recent origin relative to standard lineages. The authors also noted that standard chromosomes exhibit a several hundred-base pair window of elevated nucleotide polymorphism directly spanning the In(2L)t breakpoint site. Interestingly, most of this nucleotide variation in this window is distributed between, and not within, two deeply diverged standard haplotype classes. A much larger (~2 kb) DNA interval, which includes this window of elevated polymorphism, revealed little evidence for recombination despite the large number of intermediate frequency (i.e., informative) polymorphic sites.

A departure from the neutral prediction for the number of haplotypes can arise as a result of selection or demographic shifts. In particular, a reduction in the number of haplotypes in a sample is expected under models of balancing selection or population subdivision (Strobeck 1987). Similar patterns are expected for partial selective sweeps (Maynard-Smith and Haigh 1974; Kaplan et al. 1989; Braverman et al. 1995; Hudson et al. 1997) or traffic models (Kirby and Stephan 1996). Under a neutral equilibrium model with recombination, the distribution of the expected number of haplotypes in a population sample can be determined by coalescent simulation (Hudson 1990; Fu 1996). Andolfatto et al. (1999) introduce a test of the neutral equilibrium model with recombination (based on Strobeck 1987) to detect subregions of a data set with unusual haplotype structure. A large window of polymorphisms spanning the In(2L)t breakpoint was shown to have fewer haplotypes than expected under the neutral model. This pattern is apparent whether In(2L)t chromosomes are included in the analysis or not.

Similar haplotype deficiencies have recently been reported at Sod, vermilion, Fbp2, and Su(H) in D. melanogaster (Hudson et al. 1994; Begun and Aquadro 1995;...
Benassi et al. 1999; Depaulis et al. 1999) as well as at the Pgd, runt, G6pd, and vermilion loci in D. simuli
(Labat et al. 1999). One explanation is that the recent expansion of African populations of D. melanogas-
ter and D. simulans to other parts of the world (David and Capy 1988; Lachaise et al. 1988) resulted in the
deficiency in haplotype and nucleotide diversity observed in non-African populations (Hale and Singh 1991; Begun and Aquadro 1993, 1994, 1995). However, a characteristic feature of demographic shifts is that
t heir signature is expected over the whole genome rather than localized to any particular locus. Interest-
ingly, polymorphic sites further away from Sod, Su(H), and the In(2L)t breakpoint in D. melanogaster reveal more
recombination (Benassi et al. 1993; Hudson et al. 1997; Andolfatto et al. 1999), consistent with expectations under

Distinguishing between selective and demographic expla-
nations for patterns of nucleotide diversity at a partic-
ular locus on the basis of data from a single sample is
difficult. Here, we expand the polymorphism data set of Andolfatto et al. (1999) to include samples from
three additional geographically diverse populations of D. melanogaster and one population of D. simulans. Our
study focuses on a 1-kb region spanning the proximal breakpoint of In(2L)t that exhibits both a window of
elevated polymorphism and strong linkage disequilibrium among sites in the Costa Rican sample. Data on the
genetic distribution of variation at this locus in D. melanogaster and comparisons with D. simulans may help us distinguish among evolutionary scenarios. If the strong linkage disequilibrium observed in this popu-
lation is due to ancient balancing or epistatic selection, we may expect to see similar haplotype structure in
all D. melanogaster populations and, potentially, in D. simulans. We may also expect to see a number of trans-
specific polymorphisms. Alternatively, if the pattern in
Costa Rica is the result of a recent contraction in population
size as suggested by data from the X chromosome
(Begun and Aquadro 1993), we expect to observe re-
duced nucleotide variation in non-African samples rela-
tive to African samples. Finally, if the unusual haplo-
type structure in the Costa Rican D. melanogaster sample is
due to the recent increase in In(2L)t’s frequency (Andolfatto et al. 1999), we would not expect a similar
pattern in a population sample of D. simulans (which
lacks In(2L)t).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Population samples and sequencing: The isolation of the
In(2L)t proximal breakpoint (34A8–9 on the cytological map) and the collection of polymorphism data from a San Jose
Costa Rica D. melanogaster population sample are described
by Andolfatto et al. (1999). Three additional population
samples are from Florida City, Florida, Yeppoon, Australia, and Zimbabwe, Africa and were chosen primarily because they are geographically diverse. Only standard alleles are sam-
ples in this study; In(2L)t alleles sampled from all four popu-
lations are described in Andolfatto et al. (1999).

Genomic DNA was prepared from wild-caught females from
the Florida City population. Individuals were karyotyped by
PCR with the use of standard and In(2L)t-specific primer pairs (Andolfatto et al. 1999). For Yeppoon and Zimbabwe
(which included individuals from both Harare and Sengwa), we chose one In(2L)t heterozygote male per isofemale line (kindly provided by C.-I Wu). A 1-kb segment spanning the
inversion breakpoint site was PCR amplified from D. melanogas-
ter In(2L)t heterozygotes, using standard-specific primers (see
Figure 1). To obtain alleles from a D. simulans population
(Arena Farms, Maryland), the following cross was carried out:
Multiple males from each isofemale line were crossed to virgin
female In(2L)t homozygotes of D. melanogaster. The resulting
hybrid progeny (all female) were heterozygous for In(2L)t.
This allowed the recovery of individual D. simulans alleles by
PCR with standard arrangement-specific primers (one individual per isofemale line).

Polyethylene glycol (PEG)-precipitated templates were di-
rectly sequenced on both strands using a dRhodamine Termi-
inator Cycle sequencing kit (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) and run on an ABI377XL Automated Sequencer.
Sequences were analyzed with ABI Sequence Analysis v3.0 soft-
ware; contigs were managed with Sequencer v3.0 software.
Sequences collected in this study have been deposited into
GenBank under accession nos. AF217926–AF217949. Intraspe-
cific alignments have been deposited into the EMBL database
(http://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/embl/align/) under ac-
cession nos. DS41064–DS41065.

Polymorphism analyses: Although we report all segregating
polymorphisms (Figures 2 and 3), we have restricted our analy-
ses to two-state single-nucleotide polymorphisms and inser-
tion-deletions within each population (see Table 1). The neu-
tral mutation parameter \( \theta = 4N_{e}\mu \), where \( N_{e} \) is the effective
population size of the species and \( \mu \) is the neutral mutation
rate, is estimated from both \( \pi \), the average pairwise difference per base pair (Tajima 1983), and \( S \), the number of polymorphic
sites in the sample (\( N_{S} \), Watterson 1975). Certain analy-
ses of polymorphism and divergence were performed with
DnaSP v3.0 software (Rozas and Rozas 1999).

The population recombination rate, \( C = 4\pi r \), where \( r \) is
the recombination rate per base pair per generation, is esti-
mated in three ways. A lower bound for \( C \) is based on the
minimum number of inferred recombination events in the
history of a sample (\( R_{w} \), in Hudson and Kaplan 1985). \( C_{\text{min}} \)
is defined as the highest value of \( C \) such that \(<2.5\% \) of simu-
lated data sets have \( R_{w} \) or more inferred recombination events.
This estimate is not strictly conservative when used in our
haplotype test (see below) but is useful since it represents a
lower bound for the recombination rate (Hudson and Kaplan 1985; Wall 1999). To estimate \( C_{\text{min}} \), coalescent simulations
were carried out for a neutral panmictic population condi-
tional on the sample size, \( n \), the number of segregating sites,
\( S \), and the population recombination rate, \( C \) (Hudson 1993).
A second estimate, \( C_{\text{nad}} \), is an estimate of the expected popula-
tion recombination rate and is obtained from polymorphism
data by the method of Hudson (1987). \( C_{\text{nad}} \) is not employed in
statistical tests. A third estimate of \( C \) is \( C_{\text{nad}} = 4N_{e}\mu(1 - \rho [1 - q]) \), where \( \rho \) is the estimate of rates of crossing over per base
pair per generation for the cytological band 34A based
on laboratory crosses (Comeron et al. 1999) and \( q \) is the
estimated frequency of In(2L)t; \( N_{e} \) is taken to be \( 10^{8} \) (Kreitman 1983). Laboratory estimates of recombination \( \rho \) based on

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the exchange of distant flanking markers interpolated to the intragenic scale (i.e., several kilobases) are likely to be underestimates of the true rate of exchange \( r \), since they ignore the added contribution of gene conversion (Andolfatto and Nordborg 1998). \( C_{\text{sl}} \) is not conservative in statistical tests but has the advantage of being independent of the sampled data and is our best priori guess at the true population recombination rate in the chromosomal region studied.

**Statistical tests of neutral equilibrium and panmictic population models:** Tajima’s D statistic (Tajima 1989) is used to characterize the skew in the frequency distribution of segregating mutations in our samples. To test for geographic differentiation between population samples of standard chromosomes, we use permutation tests described by Hudson et al. (1992a). Differentiation between populations for haplotype frequencies is measured by the statistic \( \chi^2 \) (Nei 1987, p. 110). The statistic \( K^* \) (Hudson et al. 1992a) is based on the frequencies of individual segregating sites in two (or more) populations. These two statistics were the most powerful under all parameters considered in Hudson et al. (1992a). For each test, 100,000 permutations of the data were carried out. We report the one-tailed probability that the two samples were drawn from a single panmictic population. A program to perform these tests was kindly provided by R. Hudson. For comparisons to earlier studies, we also report \( F_\text{ST} \) (Hudson et al. 1992b) although significance levels are not assessed for this statistic.

We use the haplotype test of Andolfatto et al. (1999) to detect deviations from the neutral model in the number of observed haplotypes in our population samples. Given a polymorphism data set with \( n \) chromosomes and \( S \) segregating sites, we define \( S_k \) to be the largest number of consecutive segregating sites that contain only \( k \) different haplotypes \( (1 < k < n) \). An empirical distribution of \( S_k \) is determined from 10,000 simulations using an infinite-sites, panmictic coalescent model conditional on \( n \), \( S \), and \( C \) (Hudson 1993). We then calculate the proportion, \( p_k \), of simulated data sets that contain at least one stretch of \( S_k \) consecutive segregating sites having \( k \) or fewer haplotypes. This is equivalent to calculating the proportion of simulated data sets that have \( S_k \) greater than or equal to \( S_k \) observed in the data. Since choosing any particular value of \( k \) is arbitrary, we correct for the implicit multiple tests involved. This corrected \( P \) value is determined from further coalescent simulations that compare the actual smallest \( p_k \) value with simulated smallest \( p_k \) values. For \( D. \ melanogaster \) populations, haplotype tests were performed on constructed random samples based on the population’s frequency of \( \ln(2L) \t \) (Andolfatto et al. 1999). The presence of an inversion in our \( D. \ melanogaster \) samples makes estimators of \( C \) difficult to interpret. For this reason, the robustness of our results are tested over a wide range of values for \( C \).

**RESULTS**

Polymorphism and recombination among \( D. \ melanogaster \) samples: The sampled region spans the proximal \( \ln(2L) \t \) breakpoint (Figure 1) and includes 840 bp from region C (within the inverted region) and 160 bp from region D (outside the inverted region). The inversion breakpoint is located between positions 840 and 934 where all sampled \( \ln(2L) \t \) chromosomes are fixed for a 94-bp deletion (Andolfatto et al. 1999). Nucleotide and insertion-deletion variation found in four population samples of \( D. \ melanogaster \) standard chromosomes is summarized in Figure 2. Our estimates of \( \pi \), \( \theta \), and \( C/\theta \) (Table 1) include all biallelic variation in a given population sample (see materials and methods). Two polymorphisms detected in the Florida City sample (polymorphic sites 77 and 83) as well as one in the Yeppoon population (polymorphic site 5) were previously interpreted as fixed differences between standard and \( \ln(2L) \t \) lineages (Andolfatto et al. 1999). Thus, since they are fixed in the \( \ln(2L) \t \) class, these polymorphic sites are at intermediate frequencies in all populations. Polymorphic site 77 is a trans-specific polymorphism (see below).

Two features of the data differ between population samples of \( D. \ melanogaster \) (Figure 2). First, the Costa Rican and Miami samples appear to have stronger linkage disequilibrium among sites than Yeppoon and Zimbabwe samples. However, in contrast to previous studies for X-linked loci in various populations of \( D. \ melanogaster \) (Begun and Aquadro 1993, 1994, 1995), there is no evidence for an African/ non-African difference in levels of nucleotide diversity (Table 1). Second, the frequency spectrum of polymorphisms is sharply skewed toward intermediate frequency mutations in the Costa Rican sample (Table 1). This skew is much less dramatic for the Florida City and Yeppoon samples and is in the direction of an excess of rare polymorphisms in the Zimbabwe sample. Tajima’s D is significantly positively skewed for the Costa Rican sample for all \( C \geq 0 \) (constructed random samples (CRS), Table 1). However, the interpretation of this \( P \) value is difficult since this sampled region was preselected because it appeared unusual in this population. Tajima’s D was not significantly skewed for CRS of any other population when \( 0 < C < C_{\text{sl}} \).

Estimates of the population recombination rate also differ among samples. Under neutral equilibrium assumptions, the ratio \( C_{\text{hald}}/\theta_w \) (Table 1) is an estimate of the expected number of recombination events per mutation in the sample. An independent measure of this quantity based on laboratory estimates of the recom-
Figure 2.—Summary of polymorphic variation found in four population samples of D. melanogaster (cr, Costa Rica; fc, Florida City; y, Yeppoon; zh, Harare, Zimbabwe; zs, Sengwa, Zimbabwe). All mutations have been polarized using D. simulans as an outgroup; the reference sequence represents the ancestral state where possible (those sites with ambiguous polarity are indicated with an asterisk). M denotes complex mutations; i and d are insertions and deletions of the length indicated, respectively. Sites with more than two states or that overlap with deletions were excluded from analyses. The black bar indicates the position of the In(2L)t breakpoint, where inverted chromosomes are fixed for a 94-bp deletion. Polymorphism number 1 (nucleotide position 5) corresponds to polymorphism 76 (nucleotide position 2012) in Figure 2 of Andolfatto et al. (1999). Polymorphic sites 5, 77, and 83 were previously interpreted as fixed differences between karyotypes in the study of Andolfatto et al. (1999). Polymorphic site numbers 9, 64, 76, and 77 (boxed columns) are shared with D. simulans (Figure 3).
bination rate in this chromosomal region ($\rho = 1.47 \times 10^{-8}$ per base pair per generation; Cormer et al. 1999) and the neutral mutation rate ($\mu \sim 1.6-3.0 \times 10^{-9}$ per site per generation, assuming 10 generations per year; Harada et al. 1993; Li 1997) yields a ratio ($\rho/\mu$) of $\sim 4.5-9.0$. If we assume an $\ln(2L)$ frequency of 50% and no recombination in inversion heterozygotes, this range becomes $\sim 2.3-4.5$. While the Zimbabwe and Yeppoon samples of standard chromosomes are roughly in agreement with these estimated ranges, Costa Rica and Florida City samples yield a $C_{\text{ HUD}}/\theta_u$ ratio $>10$-fold smaller than expected (Table 1). Since $C_{\text{ HUD}}$ is a summary of the amount of linkage disequilibrium in a sample (Hudson 1987) and population samples have similar estimates of $\theta_u$, lower than expected $C_{\text{ HUD}}/\theta_u$ reflect stronger linkage disequilibrium in the American samples relative to Yeppoon and Zimbabwe samples. The $C_{\text{ HUD}}/\theta_u$ ratios are uniformly low in CRS (Table 1), likely due to the linkage disequilibrium introduced by $\ln(2L)$ chromosomes.

**Geographic differentiation between population samples of standard chromosomes:** Pairwise $F_{ST}$ estimates (Table 2, top right) suggest that differentiation between populations is low. Permutation tests described by Hudson et al. (1992a) were conducted on standard chromosome samples to test a panmictic population model (Table 2). In pairwise comparisons, the $\chi^2$ statistic reveals haplotype differentiation between Costa Rica and all other populations. No other significant differentiation between haplotypes ($\chi^2$) is detected in pairwise comparisons of populations. Two of six tests based on site frequencies ($K^*$) have $P$ values near the 0.05 level (Zimbabwe/ Costa Rica and Zimbabwe/ Florida City). Caution should be exercised in interpreting the $P$ values in Table 2 since they are not corrected for multiple tests. However, these tests do suggest haplotype differentiation between standard chromosomes of Costa Rican and other populations.

**Polymorphism patterns in a D. simulans population sample:** Figure 3 summarizes polymorphism data for the $\ln(2L)$ proximal breakpoint homologue in a North American population of D. simulans. Estimates of $\pi$, $\theta$, and $C/\theta$ are given in Table 1. In agreement with previous data from nucleotide variation in D. melanogaster and D. simulans (reviewed in Moriyama and Powell 1996), estimates of $\theta$ from $\pi$ and $S$ are approximately twofold larger in D. simulans than in D. melanogaster (Figure 2). Unexpectedly, strong associations among polymorphic sites are observed in the D. simulans data set, similar to those seen in North American D. melanogaster samples. The D. simulans data set contains only three detected recombination events (by a four gamete test; Hudson and Kaplan 1985), despite a large number of informative sites. Tajima's $D$ (Table 1) is positive but not significant under conservative estimates of recombination. Levels of nucleotide diversity in D. simulans show marked variation across the sequenced region (Figure 4a). As with D. melanogaster, a window spanning the $\ln(2L)$ breakpoint site homologue in D. simulans exhibits much higher levels of nucleotide diversity than average ($\sim 1.6$ and 3.3% for silent sites in D. melanogaster and D. simulans, respectively; Moriyama and Powell 1996).

**Divergence between haplotypes matches interspecific divergence:** There is evidence that the major haplotype classes in both species are old relative to divergence between species. Figure 4, b and c shows levels of diver-
Figure 3.—Summary of polymorphic variation found for the In(2L)t proximal breakpoint site homologue in a Maryland population of D. simulans. All mutations have been polarized using D. melanogaster as an outgroup; the reference sequence represents the ancestral state where possible (those sites with ambiguous polarity are indicated with an asterisk). The black bar represents the approximate position of the In(2L)t breakpoint in D. melanogaster. Sites with more than two states or that overlap with deletions were excluded from analyses. Polymorphic sites 6, 57, 68, and 69 (boxed columns) are shared with D. melanogaster (Figure 2).

Figure 4.—Inversion-specific haplotypes in D. simulans (AGAG and GKGG). Although sampled only once in the Florida City sample, polymorphism 77 is estimated divergence between species near the In(2L)t breakpoint site. These observations can only be considered qualitative both because the alignment between D. melanogaster and D. simulans is poor and because the assignment of alleles to haplotype classes is arbitrary.

Shared polymorphisms: Shaded columns in Figures 2 and 3 show the positions of four trans-specific polymorphisms (sites 9, 64, 76, and 77 in Figure 2; sites 6, 57, 68, and 69 in Figure 3). All are at intermediate frequency (i.e., sampled more than once) in D. simulans and CRS of D. melanogaster. In D. melanogaster, two of the four polymorphisms (9 and 76, Figure 2) differentiate two major standard haplotype classes in the Costa Rican species, especially near the breakpoint site, making a quantitative assessment of divergence (and shared polymorphisms) difficult. However, a tentative alignment between D. melanogaster and D. simulans sequences reveals (qualitatively) that the breakpoint region has elevated interspecific divergence (Figure 4, b and c). Strikingly, average pairwise divergence between the two haplotype classes in both species matches or exceeds the estimated divergence between species near the In(2L)t breakpoint site. These observations can only be considered qualitative both because the alignment between D. melanogaster and D. simulans is poor and because the assignment of alleles to haplotype classes is arbitrary.

Analysis of haplotype structure: We use the haplotype
test of Andolfatto et al. (1999) to determine whether haplotype structure in our D. simulans sample is unusual under a neutral equilibrium model. The data depart from the neutral model when $C = C_{\text{min}}$ ($P = 0.029$, see Table 3). $P$ values were significant for all simulations with $C \geq 0$ ($P < 0.035$) and $P$ decreased monotonically for $C > C_{\text{min}}$. For comparison, we constructed CRS for each D. melanogaster population based on its estimated $\ln(2L_t)$ frequencies; 20.8% for Costa Rica, 25.0% for Florida City, 22.9% for Yeppoon, and 58.2% for Zimbabwe (Andolfatto et al. 1999). The neutral model was rejected (Table 3) for both the Costa Rican and Florida City populations when $C = C_{\text{min}}$; $P = 0.012$ and $P = 0.043$, respectively. For both populations, the neutral model was rejected in all simulations when $C \geq 0$ (maximum probabilities: Costa Rica, $P < 0.015$; Florida City, $P < 0.046$). Similar tests on CRS for Yeppoon and Zimbabwe (Table 3) do not reject the neutral model when $C = C_{\text{min}}$. When we condition simulations on $C = C_{\text{lab}}$, all probabilities become much lower; the null model is rejected for the Yeppoon sample assuming $C = C_{\text{lab}}$ ($P = 0.0175$).

**DISCUSSION**

**Elevated polymorphism at the $\ln(2L_t)$ breakpoint site among standard chromosomes:** Sliding-window analyses of polymorphism in the D. melanogaster (Costa Rica) and D. simulans samples reveal unusually high levels of nucleotide diversity near the $\ln(2L_t)$ breakpoint site (Figure 4a). This pattern is reminiscent of the predicted signature of balancing selection (Hudson and Kaplan 1988; Kreitman and Hudson 1991). A plausible alternative to balancing selection is simply that different DNA regions differ either in mutation rates or in levels of selective constraint. Variation in mutation rates across the sequence is unlikely given the observation that segregating mutations on $\ln(2L_t)$ chromosomes (not shown here) do not cluster near the inversion breakpoint (Andolfatto et al. 1999).

An argument in favor of heterogeneity in selective constraint across the region is that species polymorphism and divergence appear to be coupled (Figure 4). Indeed, the region immediately spanning the breakpoint appears to have elevated divergence as well as elevated levels of polymorphism (but seemingly lower divergence than that observed between major haplotype classes within each species). Comparisons of polymorphism and divergence for the $\ln(2L_t)$ proximal breakpoint with other loci (i.e., the HKA test of Hudson et al. 1987) suggest that heterogeneity in constraint is a sufficient explanation for diversity levels in both species (results not shown). In addition, the analysis of a larger region surrounding the breakpoint (8.4 kbp) revealed at least two candidate exons (Andolfatto et al. 1999). The orientation of these putative exons is consistent with the presence of an additional exon or regulatory region in the 5' region of the 1-kb region investigated here.

While heterogeneity in levels of constraint may be sufficient to explain levels of nucleotide diversity in the $\ln(2L_t)$ breakpoint region, it cannot explain the unusual distribution of this variation among haplotypes. This feature of the data is difficult to reconcile with a neutral equilibrium model given the rate of recombination expected in this chromosomal region (i.e., $C_{\text{lab}}$; see Table 3). In addition, the several trans-specific polymorphisms in this region tend to fall on the deepest branches of genealogies in samples from both species. This observation can be taken as evidence that some component of this elevated window of nucleotide diversity surrounding the breakpoint is due to the long persistence of polymorphisms rather than simply a higher substitution rate (as suggested by the elevated divergence).

**Geographic patterns and haplotype structure in D. melanogaster:** We detect significant geographic differen-
tiation of standard haplotypes between populations of D. melanogaster despite low values of $F_{st}$ (Table 2). The simplest explanation for the marked reduction in haplotype diversity in American samples is the recent expansion of African populations into the Americas (David and Capy 1988; Lachaise et al. 1988) resulting in founder effects or the recent admixture of previously subdivided populations. Several lines of evidence conflict with these simple demographic explanations for the D. melanogaster data. First, recent data from microsatellite loci (Irvin et al. 1998) offer no evidence for recent bottlenecks in non-African populations of D. melanogaster. Second, the four populations sampled do not differ from each other in levels of nucleotide diversity at the In(2L)t breakpoint (Table 2). When the presence of In(2L)t in each population is accounted for (CRS, Table 1), diversity is actually lowest in the African population. Several other autosomal loci show similar patterns (Gld, Hamblin and Aquadro 1997; Acp26A, Tsaur et al. 1998; Adh, S. C. Tsaur, unpublished results; Tra, R. Kulathinal, personal communication; but see Aguadé 1998, 1999). Thus, the apparent split between African and non-African populations reported for X-linked genes (Begun and Aquadro 1993–1995) does not seem to generalize to the autosomes. Third, the three non-African populations of D. melanogaster sampled for the In(2L)t breakpoint show distinctly different patterns of polymorphism (see Table 2). For example, Florida City and Yeppoon samples, in contrast to Costa Rica, reveal considerably more evidence for recombination and have less extreme values of Tajima’s D. Finally, while both reduced haplotype diversity and a skew toward high frequency variants are observed in the Costa Rica data set, a survey of a larger region surrounding the In(2L)t breakpoint revealed lower frequency polymorphisms and more evidence for recombination (Andolfatto et al. 1999).

Thus, whether considering more populations, loci, or sites, one is led to some feature of the data that makes simple demographic explanations for the D. melanogaster data unlikely. It could be argued that, under demographic models with intermediate levels of recombination, a large variance in patterns of polymorphism is expected after a bottleneck (R. Hudson, personal communication). All demographic models, however, predict a reduction in the expected genome-wide level of polymorphism in bottlenecked populations. This pattern is not generally observed in the available autosomal data for D. melanogaster.

**Comparing patterns in D. melanogaster and D. simulans:** The observation of fewer haplotypes than ex-
TABLE 3

Summary of haplotype tests on D. melanogaster and D. simulans populations

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Haplotype tests for D. melanogaster were performed on constructed random samples (see Table 1). Boxed rows correspond to the window size (Sₖ) for which pₖ is minimal. The longest number of consecutive polymorphic sites with k haplotypes.

P is the one-tailed probability corrected for multiple tests and a post hoc choice of window size. Cₘₘₙ represents a lower bound for the recombination rate; Cₖab is based on the laboratory estimates of the recombination rate (corrected for the expected suppression caused by ln(2L)ₖ) and assumes Nₑ = 10⁶ (see materials and methods).

We use the estimate of Cₖab from D. melanogaster.

expected for the ln(2L)ₖ proximal breakpoint homologue in D. simulans could again be taken as evidence for a recent range expansion of African populations (as for D. melanogaster above). For example, data for vermilion and G6pd loci show evidence for reduced haplotype diversity in some non-African populations of D. simulans relative to African populations (Hamblin and Veuille 1999). It has been repeatedly suggested that the data in D. simulans reflect recent population admixture (Hasson et al. 1998; Hamblin and Veuille 1999; Labate et al. 1999).

An increasing number of reports of unusual haplotype structure in population samples of both D. melanogaster and D. simulans point to simple explanations, such as those based on the demographic histories of these species. However, while D. melanogaster and D. simulans may have certain similarities in their demographic histories (i.e., a possible recent expansion from Africa), it seems unlikely that these histories will be similar enough to produce identical patterns at any particular locus under investigation. While multiple loci reveal evidence for geographic differentiation in both D. melanogaster and D. simulans (e.g., Hale and Singh 1991; Begun and Aquadro 1993–1995; Hamblin and Veuille 1999), the pattern of haplotype structure varies from locust to locus. For example, while some loci (e.g., Gpd, this study) show a nonneutral deficiency of haplotypes in North American populations of D. simulans, others (e.g., vermilion, Glb) do not (Begun and Aquadro 1995; Hamblin and Aquadro 1996). Also, in contrast to the pattern reported here, unusual patterns at these loci are not trans-specific. For example, the vermilion locus shows a reduction in nucleotide diversity and number of haplotypes in a North American population of D. melanogaster but not D. simulans (Begun and Aquadro 1995).

Selection-based explanations for the unusual linkage disequilibrium patterns observed at the ln(2L)ₖ breakpoint site should also be entertained. The expansion of African populations of D. melanogaster and D. simulans into more temperate climates may have been accompanied by selection at many loci. In regions of intermediate recombination, this could lead to considerable heterogeneity in haplotype structure both among loci and among populations. This is a reasonable interpretation of the pattern seen in different populations of D. melanogaster at the ln(2L)ₖ breakpoint. It is also possible that the elevated nucleotide diversity, deficiency of haplotypes, and trans-specific polymorphisms that differentiate major haplotype classes are the result of long-standing epistatic interactions. Evidence for selective constraints and putative exons near the ln(2L)ₖ breakpoint (Andolfatto et al. 1999) suggests that this region is itself a potential target of selection. The relatively recent appearance of ln(2L)ₖ (Andolfatto et al. 1999) may seem to preclude its relation to the pattern of linkage disequilibrium observed at its breakpoint among the ancient standard lineages. However, several theoretical studies suggest that a newly arising inversion is likely to confer a fitness advantage in the presence of preexisting epistatic interactions (Kimura 1956; Wasser man 1968; Charlesworth and Charlesworth 1973; Charlesworth 1974; Alvarez and Zapata 1997).

Demography and selection are not mutually exclusive hypotheses and the two forces may in fact interact to produce even greater deviations than expected under either class of models (cf. Kaplan et al. 1991; Nordborg 1997; Su tkin and Wiehe 1998). Even if a long-standing epistatic interaction exists at the ln(2L)ₖ proximal breakpoint site in standard chromosomes, the recent increase
in In(2L)I's frequency (Andolfatto et al. 1999) and demographic perturbations, such as population expansion, may have affected geographic patterns of variation for standard alleles at this locus. If both selection and demographic shifts have influenced patterns of variability, then the demographic history of D. melanogaster and D. simulans will have to be better understood before selection at any particular locus can be inferred.

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