

Letter

The **D**iversity of **RE**cent and **A**ncient hu**M**an (DREAM): a new microarray for genetic anthropology and genealogy, forensics, and personalized medicine

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Abstract

The human population displays wide variety in demographic history, ancestry, content of DNA derived from hominins or ancient populations, adaptation, traits, copy number variation (CNVs), drug response, and more. These polymorphisms are of broad interest to population geneticists, forensics investigators, and medical professionals. Historically, much of that knowledge was gained from population survey projects. While many commercial arrays exist for genome-wide single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) genotyping, their design specifications are limited and they do not allow a full exploration of biodiversity. We thereby aimed to design the **Diversity of REcent and Ancient huMan (DREAM)** – an all-inclusive microarray that would allow both identification of known associations and exploration of standing questions in genetic anthropology, forensics, and personalized medicine. DREAM includes probes to interrogate ancestry informative markers obtained from over 450 human populations, over 200 ancient genomes, and 10 archaic hominins. DREAM can identify 94% and 61% of all known Y and mitochondrial haplogroups, respectively and was vetted to avoid interrogation of clinically relevant markers. To demonstrate its capabilities, we compared its F_{ST} distributions with those of the 1000 Genomes Project and commercial arrays. Although all arrays yielded similarly shaped (inverse J) F_{ST} distributions, DREAM's autosomal and X-chromosomal distributions had the highest mean F_{ST} , attesting to its ability to discern subpopulations. DREAM performances are further illustrated in biogeographical, identical by descent (IBD), and CNV analyses. In summary, with approximately 800,000 markers spanning nearly 2,000 genes, DREAM is a useful tool for genetic anthropology, forensic, and personalized medicine studies.

Background

The field of population genetics experienced astonishing changes over the past 50 years, generating new understanding of variability at the molecular level that has allowed for the exploration of new biological paradigms. Over the past decade, this turmoil was driven by the wide availability of single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) microarray and next generation sequencing (NGS) data, which raised major questions concerning human early origins, interbreeding with archaic hominins, and the processes that shaped inter- and intra-population variability.

Such questions are also the core components of forensic DNA phenotyping. Common forensic and mass disaster scenarios alongside accumulated criticism of eyewitness testimonies necessitated the development of more accurate and reliable DNA-based forensics tools based on STRs (short tandem repeats) extracted from minute DNA amounts (Kayser 2015). The a growing demand for accurate profile reconstructions from DNA evidence, beyond STR, dubbed ‘DNA intelligence,’ led to the development of the Forensics Chip and ‘calculators’ for skin and eye colors (Kayser 2015), yet an updated microarray that incorporates recently found forensic markers does not exist.

Interest in human ancestry is not limited to genetic anthropologists, genealogists, and forensic experts. The relatedness of adaptations to diseases is instrumental to identify targets for drug treatment (Sheridan 2015). The appreciation that demographic histories, geographical origins, and migration patterns shaped the genetic risk to disorders and treatment response (Yusuf and Wittes 2016) underlies personalized medicine allowing purporters of personalized medicine vouch for a more comprehensive molecular information on patients through genomics and other ‘omics’ data.

Since NGS technologies remain prohibitively expensive, microarray SNP technology became the ‘workhorse’ for geneticists, although they are limited in a number of ways. First, genotyping data are susceptible to ascertainment bias due to the choice of SNPs (Albrechtsen, Nielsen, and Nielsen 2010). Although there has been an increase in the numbers of genotyped indigenous populations, estimated at 5,000–6,000 groups (Fardon 2012), commercial microarrays still rely on the four HapMap populations (illumina 2010). More recent arrays use some or all the 26 1000 Genomes Project (GP) populations (Thermo Fisher Scientific), but representing the complete human biodiversity continues to be a challenge. This has several negative effects in limiting the phylogeographic resolution of the findings, and maintaining health disparities (Popejoy and Fullerton 2016). Second, microarray content is typically reflective of data known or considered at the time of the design of the array. Finally, most microarrays were not designed to allow inference of copy number variations (CNVs), which are useful in studying various phenotypes and depicting population structure.

Motivated by progress in the studies of modern and ancient genetic diversity, adaptation mechanics, forensic phenotypes, and drug response, we aimed to design an affordable and all-inclusive microarray. Our goals were to: 1) design The Diversity of REcent and Ancient huMan (DREAM) – a state of the art SNP microarray dedicated to genetic anthropology and genealogy, forensics, and personalized medicine; 2) validate its accuracy; 3) evaluate its abilities to discern populations compared with alternative arrays; and 4) assess its performances on worldwide populations.

Methods

Genetic data retrieval

AIMs were obtained from the same 15 studies as listed in Elhaik et al. (2013). Anonymous genotype data of 606 unrelated individuals from 35 populations genotyped on the GenoChip microarray as part of the Genographic Project and their sampling sites were obtained from Elhaik et al. (2014).

Ancient DNA genomic data were obtained from 11 publications depicting 207 ancient genomes (Keller et al. 2012; Raghavan et al. 2013; Fu et al. 2014; Gamba et al. 2014; Lazaridis et al. 2014; Olalde et al. 2014; Seguin-Orlando et al. 2014; Skoglund et al. 2014; Allentoft et al. 2015; Haak et al. 2015; Llorente et al. 2015; Schiffels et al. 2016). In the case of sequence data, sequence reads were aligned to the human reference assembly (UCSC hg19 - <http://genome.ucsc.edu/>) using the Burrows Wheeler Aligner (BWA version 0.7.15) (Li and Durbin 2009), allowing two mismatches in the 30-base seed. Alignments were then imported to binary (bam) format, sorted, and indexed using SAMtools (version 1.3.1) (Li et al. 2009). Picard (version 2.1.1) (<http://picard.sourceforge.net/>) was then used for MarkDuplicates to remove reads with identical outer mapping coordinates (which are likely PCR artifacts). The Genome Analysis Toolkit RealignerTargetCreator module (GATK version 3.6) (McKenna et al. 2010; DePristo et al. 2011) was used to generate SNP and small InDel calls for the data within the targeted regions only. GATK InDelRealigner/BaseRecalibrator was then used for local read realignment around known InDels and for base quality score recalibration of predicted variant sites based on dbSNP 138 and 1000 Genomes known sites, resulting in corrections for base reported quality. The recalibration was followed by SNP/InDel calling with the GATK HaplotypeCaller. Variants were filtered for a minimum confidence score of 30 and minimum mapping quality of 40. At the genotype level, all genotypes that had a genotype depth less than 4 ($GD < 4$) or a genotype quality score less than 10 ($GQ < 10$) were removed from the dataset by setting them to missing in the VCF. GATK DepthOfCoverage was then used to re-examine coverage following the realignment. VCFtools (version 0.1.14) (Danecek et al. 2011) were used to convert the VCF file to PLINK format (Purcell et al. 2007). We used Haak et al.'s (2015) chronology. We obtained the low- and high-coverage sequences data for Neanderthal (Green et al. 2010) and Denisovan genomes (Meyer et al. 2012; Sawyer et al. 2015).

SNP and haplogroup validation

To cross-validate DREAM's genotypes, we genotyped 139 individuals from 17 worldwide 1000 GP populations including: Americans of Mexican ancestry (Los Angeles, USA), Bengali (Bangladesh), British (England and Scotland), Caribbean Africans (Barbados), Colombians (Medellin, Colombia), Esan (Nigeria), Finnish (Finland), Gambian (Western Division, The Gambia), Han Chinese (Beijing, China), Iberian (Spain), Indian Telugu (UK), Italians (Tuscany, Italy), Kinh (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), Mende (Sierra Leone), Peruvians (Lima, Peru),

Punjabi (Lahore, Pakistan), and Yoruba (Ibadan, Nigeria). Genotypes were produced following the Axiom Best Practices Genotyping Analysis Workflow (Thermo Fisher Scientific 2017), which executes sample and marker QC. The concordance between DREAM and 1000 GP (phase 1) genotypes was calculated as the proportion of the genotypes (AA, AB, and BB) that were identical between the two data sets. The marker call rate was calculated as the proportion of genotypes that were not set to No Calls out of the total genotype calls attempted.

Maternal and Paternal haplogroup calling was done using an internal haplogroup calling algorithm developed by the Genographic Project, as in (Elhaik et al. 2013).

Comparing summary statistics between genotyping arrays

DREAM's autosomal and X-chromosomal SNPs ability to differentiate populations was compared against alternative platforms. For each platform, we calculated the alternative allele frequency (AF) and F_{ST} based on 1000 GP phase 3 data (Durbin et al. 2010) provided by the Ensembl Variant Effect Predictor (McLaren et al. 2016). Calculations were based on unrelated Europeans (CEU), Africans (YRI), and Han Chinese (CHB). Aside DREAM, the compared platforms include the complete 1000 GP dataset (87,829,960 SNPs), a reduced subset of 1000 GP without rare SNPs ($MAF < 0.01$) (14,426,697 SNPs), and four microarrays: HumanOmni5 (illumina 2015) (4,156,080 SNPs), HumanOmni2.5 (illumina 2013) (2,226,048 SNPs), Infinium Multi-Ethnic Global (illumina 2016) (1,486,126 SNPs), and Human Origins (Lu et al. 2011) (627,981 SNPs).

Due to the large number of F_{ST} values in each dataset, their length distributions are very noisy. We thus adopted a simple smoothing approach in which F_{ST} values are sorted and divided into 1,000 equally sized subsets. The distribution of the mean F_{ST} value is then calculated using a histogram with 40 equally-sized bins ranging from 0 to 1. To test whether two such F_{ST} distributions obtained by different arrays are different, we applied the Kolmogorov-Smirnov goodness-of-fit test and the false discovery rate (FDR) correction for multiple tests (Benjamini and Hochberg 1995). Because the differences between the distributions were highly significant due to the large sample sizes, we also calculated the effect size, first by using the non-overlapping percentage of the two distributions, and then by using Hedges' g estimator of Cohen's d (Hedges 1981). If the area overlap is larger than 98% and Cohen's d is smaller than 0.05, we considered the magnitude of the difference between the two distributions to be too small to be biologically meaningful.

Next, we compared the identical by descent (IBD) coverage obtained by each microarray. IBD varies by individual, population, proportion of rare alleles, and number of SNPs. For that, we assembled an autosomal dataset by randomly selecting 30 individuals from 3 1000 GP populations (phase 3) that have the same proportion of rare alleles ($MAF < 0.5\%$) (Genomes Project et al. 2015). Analyses were carried out using only the autosomal SNPs of each

microarray. For each individual, we retained the average IBD with all individual of the same population. We then calculated the mean and standard deviation per population and divided them by the number of SNPs of the microarray.

Finally, we compared the linkage disequilibrium (LD) patterns between the microarrays. For that, we used the 1000 GP (phase 3) dataset. We randomly selected 30 individuals from four populations: Yoruba (Ibadan, Nigeria), Finnish (Finland), Japanese (Tokyo, Japan), and Puerto Ricans (Puerto Rico). We then analyzed the SNPs sequenced in those populations that were included in each of the five genotyping arrays: DREAM (688,320) HumanOmni5 (3,845,760 SNPs), HumanOmni2.5 (2,155,999 SNPs), Infinium Multi-Ethnic Global (1,319,453 SNPs), and Human Origins (564,019 SNPs). Lastly, we calculated the LD statistic (r^2) using the PLINK (Purcell et al. 2007) command: `--ld-window-r2 0 --r2 --ld-window 2`, which calculated r^2 for each variant pair with 2 variants between them at most (`ld-window=2`) without filtering low r^2 values (`window-r2=0`).

Identical by descent (IBD) analysis with archaic hominins

We assembled an autosomal dataset by randomly selecting 30 individuals from 15 1000 GP populations (phase 3). Using BCFtools (Li 2011), we merged this dataset with genotypes of the Denisovan, Neanderthal, and the chimpanzee reference genome panTro4 (Feb. 2011) obtained from the UCSC genome browser. We filtered low quality positions (marked as LowQual), InDels and uncalled genotypes with VCFtools (version 0.1.14) (Danecek et al. 2011). We also removed positions that did not differ from the reference allele for all samples using “`--non-ref-ac-any 1`”. The final dataset contained 36,375,129 SNPs. A subset of this dataset contained 669,954 autosomal DREAM SNPs.

We applied Refined IBD implemented in Beagle version 4.1 (21Jan17.6cc) with the reference human genome (Browning and Browning 2013) to both datasets. To improve the small segments detection ability we used `ibdtrim=0` and `ibdcn=0.001`.

Biogeographical origins of worldwide individuals

Biogeographical predictions were obtained with the geographical population structure (GPS) following Elhaik et al. (2014). GPS accepts the DNA of an unmixed individual and estimates its admixture components in respect to nine admixture components corresponding to putative ancestral populations. It then matches the admixture proportions of the individual to those of *reference populations* known to have resided in a certain geographical region for a substantial period of time. GPS then converts the genetic distances between that individual and the nearest $M=10$ reference populations into geographic distances. The *reference populations* can be thought of as “pulling” the individual toward their location in a strength proportional to the similarity of their admixture components until a “consensus” is reached (Das et al. 2017).

DREAM's biogeographical ability was assessed using the Genographic dataset. The 23,731 autosomal SNPs overlapped between the GenoChip and DREAM were used to infer nine admixture components (Figure S1), which were provided as input for GPS. Individuals were grouped into their populations, and subpopulations were computationally determined by employing MATLAB's k -means clustering and multiple pairwise F -tests on populations with $N_p > 4$, where N_p is the number of individuals within a population. For $k=2$ to $k=N_p/2$, we used k -means to identify k clusters and then the ANOVA F -test to test whether cluster pairs are significantly different ($p < 0.05$). If the hypothesis is verified for all the pairs at iteration i then another iteration follows until at least one pair violates the hypothesis and k_{i-1} is the optimal number of clusters. Populations and subpopulations displaying only one individual were discarded from the dataset. The final dataset consisted of 584 individuals grouped into 122 subpopulations from 33 countries (Tables S8, S9). These subpopulations were considered *reference populations*. The admixture components of the *reference populations* were determined by their average.

We localized the 584 individuals using the full *reference population* dataset, the leave-one-out individual, and leave-one-out subpopulation approaches. Two measures were used to assess the biolocalization accuracy: first, a binary index indicated whether an individual is predicted within 200 Km from the border of his true country. Second, the distance between the predicted and true location was calculated with the Haversine formula.

Genetic similarity between the worldwide individuals

To calculate the genetic similarity between individuals, we first created a minimum connectivity k -nearest neighbors (k -NN) graph G based on the nine-dimensional admixture components (Figure S1). We then clustered G by applying the novel graph-theoretic node-based resilience clustering framework NBR-Clust (Matta et al. 2016). The various node-based resilience measures such as vertex attack tolerance, integrity, tenacity, and toughness, compute a relatively sparse critical attack set of nodes, whose removal causes severe disruption to the network connectivity, outputting the result of an optimization function representing the difficulty of disrupting the network as a specific measure of the network resilience. NBR-Clust takes any node-based resilience measure r as a parameter, and performs noise-robust clustering on G primarily by outputting the connected components resulting from the removal of the critical attack set computed by $r(G)$ as the basic clusters. If noise or overlap exist, outlier nodes are computed as a subset of the critical attack nodes which form the cluster boundaries in G . We used *integrity* as the node-based resilience measure to cluster G due to its noted robustness when the number of ground truth clusters are not known a priori. Our integrity-based graph clustering results in 8 clusters, each corresponding to a different color in the figure. The graphs are visualized using the Gephi 0.9.1 graph visualization program (Bastian, Heymann, and Jacomy 2009).

The different sizes of the nodes (and node labels) were created using the *betweenness centralities* property $BC(v)$: $BC(v)$ of a node v is the sum over all pairs of other nodes x, y , of the ratio of the number of x - y shortest paths that go through node v to the total number of x - y shortest paths. As $BC(v)$ measures the extent to which v lies between other nodes (as well as between multiple clusters), larger nodes are intermediate to more pairs of graph nodes than smaller nodes in the visualization. Thus, the highest betweenness, larger nodes tend to lie on the boundaries between clusters in the NBR-Clust framework, representing outliers in terms of cluster overlap or noise. As such, we hypothesize that the largest, i.e., highest betweenness centrality, nodes represent individuals with higher levels of admixture with respect to the clusters to which they are adjacent.

CNV analysis

To infer CNVs, we applied the Axiom CNV Summary Tool (Thermo Fisher Scientific 2015) to the 139 1000 GP populations genotyped in DREAM. The tool uses signal intensity and genotypes to calculate \log_2 ratios and B allele frequencies (BAFs) from normalized probeset signal data. Since the CNVs inferred for the 1000 GP individuals cannot be directly validated, we aimed to replicate the population structure patterns reported by Sudmant et al. (2015).

A CNV was considered valid if a change in the signal intensity was identified in at least 40% of the markers that covered it. To reduce biases in PCA, we selected 11 random individuals from Africa, America, Europe, and East Asia. Since many of the CNVs were not included in DREAM due to their ability to discern populations, we narrowed our analyses to CNVs covered by at least 15 markers that were unique to one regional population and to individuals that harbored at least 15 CNVs. We carried out a PCA analysis on the remaining 132 deletions and 97 duplications. The *PlotGenome* script (Elhaik and Graur 2013) was used to draw the chromosomal view.

Results and Discussion

Designing the DREAM SNP microarray

The DREAM array (Axiom_DDCGPS01) was designed as an Applied Biosystems™ Axiom™ custom array. The Axiom genotyping platform utilizes a two-color ligation-based assay using 30-mer Oligonucleotide probes synthesized in situ onto a microarray substrate. There are ~1.38 million features (or cells) with each SNP feature containing a unique 30mer oligonucleotide sequence complementary to the sequence flanking the polymorphic site on either the forward or the reverse strand. Depending on the 3' (SNP-site) base (A or T, versus C or G), solution probes bearing attachment sites for one of two dyes are hybridized to the target complex, followed by ligation for specificity. DREAM was designed with 809,781 oligonucleotide sequences

complementary to the forward or reverse strands (probesets) that interrogate 799,120 markers (SNPs or InDels). The following sections detail how markers were selected to enable ancestry, genealogy, forensics, and personalized medicine applications.

Ancestry Informative Markers (AIMs)

AIMs are invaluable tools in population genetics and genetic anthropology as they allow the identification of populations that vary in substructure, quantification of the degree of admixture, and detection of subtle population subdivisions using a limited number of markers (Enoch et al. 2006). We collected 50,504 AIMs (49,555 autosomal and 949 X-chromosomal): one third (15,591) were culled from the literature that encompassed over 450 populations ([Figure 1](#)) and the remaining AIMs were selected randomly and uniformly from the GenoChip's autosomal, and X chromosomal AIMs were obtained from over 300 populations (Elhaik et al. 2013).

Ancient DNA markers

Ancient DNA from sequence or genotype data allows direct observations of past admixture and migration events and is often the only evidence that allows the examination of historical hypotheses. As such, ancient DNA studies have provided insights into human evolution and migration (Morozova et al., 2016). We curated genetic data from over 200 ancient genomes ([Table S1](#)). Due to the data sparsity, we strived to select markers shared across as many genomes as possible to minimize the overall number of SNPs while retaining sufficient data (approximated at 1,000 SNPs) from each genome. For that, a greedy algorithm applied to all the genomes iteratively selected the SNPs with the maximal number of alleles available for most of the genomes. Each SNP at a time was marked for inclusion, omitted from the dataset, and the process of SNP selection repeated until each genome was sufficiently covered by at least 1000 SNPs. SNPs from genomes consisting of only a few hundred SNPs were manually added to provide effective coverage.

To facilitate studies on the extent of gene flow from Neanderthal and Denisovan populations to modern humans, we included SNPs from multiple low-coverage genomes while restricting the selection to markers validated by the 1000 GP. As such, we randomly selected 1,000 and 3,000 SNPs for Denisovans 4 and 8 respectively, and 5,000 SNPs from six Neanderthals (Feld1, Mezmaiskaya, Sid1253, Vi33_25, and Vi33_26). Overall, we selected 78,724 markers (73,107 autosomal and 5,617 X-chromosomal), 12,550 of which were culled from archaic hominin genomes.

Adaptation markers

Adaptive responses to selective pressures in particular geographic regions have become increasingly important in understanding human history (Jobling, Hurles, and Tyler-Smith 2013; Racimo, Marnetto, and Huerta-Sanchez 2017). Populations experiencing selective pressures were instrumental in identifying the genetic variants that confer these adaptive qualities. For example, the modulation fatty-acids and growth hormone in Greenland Inuits was found to be influenced

by two markers located in *FADS1* and *FADS2* (Fumagalli et al., 2015). Following previous mapping efforts and based on the literature published over the past five years, we constructed a comprehensive list of adaptive traits, and curated variants and genes that are significantly associated with those traits. Genes significantly associated with adaptations of interest were recorded and included in the design (Figure 2, Table S2).

Forensic informative markers (FIMs) and other traits

To facilitate forensic studies, we aimed to infer FIMs for DNA phenotyping. Following previous studies (e.g., Kayser 2015) and based on academic publications made over the past five years we developed a panel of forensic-relevant traits and curated FIMs and genes that are significantly associated with those traits. We also included in the design markers and genes associated with popular traits such as memory, language, circadian cycle, immune system, and endurance (Figure 3, Table S3).

Enabling copy number variation (CNV) analyses

CNVs have contributed significantly to hominid evolution (Sudmant et al. 2013), biodiversity (Freeman et al. 2006), adaptations, traits, and disease (Sudmant et al. 2015; Zarrei et al. 2015). CNVs may also be useful tools in forensics, similar to that played by STRs. The ability to detect SNPs and CNVs in the same genome screen is thereby advantageous to genetic anthropology, forensics, and epidemiology.

Applied Biosystems™ Axiom™ arrays from Thermo Fisher Scientific can be designed to detect both SNPs and CNVs. Applied to whole-genome data from a set of human cell lines with large chromosomal aberrations, Webster et al. (2013) showed that in regions with sufficient probe density, both copy number gains and losses can be detected with high overall sensitivity and high breakpoint accuracy. We selected 351 genomic regions of varying lengths ($\bar{L}=125,452$; $\tilde{L}=23,647$ bp) that were sufficiently large ($L>10,000$ bp) or shown to differentiate populations (Sudmant et al. 2015). These regions were covered by 29,195 probesets, designed by Thermo Fisher Scientific at an average spacing of $\sim 1,500$ bp. A majority of the regions (306) were covered by 25 probesets or more to ensure detection accuracy (Figure S2, Table S4).

Personalized medicine markers

To enable precision medicine applications, we selected pharmacogenetic SNPs from public repositories and the literature. SNPs were culled from the Pharmacogenomics Knowledgebase (PharmGKB), whose data are associated with human genetic variation in drug responses (Whirl-Carrillo et al. 2012) ($\sim 75\%$ of 3,476 SNPs annotated by PharmGKB were collected), and from the Applied Biosystems Drug Metabolizing Enzymes and Transporters DMET™ microarray (Sissung et al. 2010), whose genes are related to drug absorption, distribution, metabolism ($\sim 60\%$ of 1,924 SNPs were collected). Genes and SNPs implied by the eMERGE network to be associated with phenotypic outcome like pain (e.g., *SCN10A*), Hypothyroidism (e.g., *FOXE1*),

cholesterol (e.g., CETP and LIPC), platelets, and red and white blood cells (Crawford et al. 2014) were also included. We further included SNPs and genes associated with Warfarin response like VKORC1, CYP2C9, ADRB1, ADRA2C, and BEST (Johnson 2008; Scott et al. 2008; Daneshjou et al. 2014) and nearly all the cytochrome P450 genes associated with drug metabolism. Lastly, we included genes associated with aging (Shadyab and LaCroix 2015).

All other genome-wide markers

Studies of sex bias in human admixture, migrations, and kinship analyses typically require a high coverage of the X chromosome. We thereby enriched the X chromosomes with SNPs selected uniformly throughout the genome. We prioritized SNPs that had Applied Biosystems Axiom confirmed probes and those that are targeted by Illumina's HumanOmni5 array. Overall, 50,265 SNPs were selected.

Of particular importance is the major histocompatibility complex (MHC) locus involved in autoimmune and infectious diseases. The MHC region is the most gene-dense region in the human genome. However, the high density in polymorphisms and linkage disequilibrium have limited our understanding of its role. To facilitate further research of this locus, we included SNPs for which Applied Biosystems Axiom had confirmed probesets and that reside within the 4M bp of the MHC. Overall 16,434 SNPs were selected.

To enable further research into traits of interests, we targeted SNPs that reside within or in the 100 kilobases flanking regions of the genes of interest. We used STRING to find genes associated with the genes of interest ([Figures 2 and 3](#)). In some cases, the entire gene families of genes (e.g., keratin and cytochrome P450) strongly associated with the phenotypes of interest were included in the design.

To enable cross-platform kinship analyses, we selected ~230,000 SNPs distributed uniformly throughout the genome that had Applied Biosystems Axiom confirmed probesets.

Finally, we interrogating over nearly 14,000 markers to identify SNPs defining Y and mtDNA haplogroups ([Supplementary Text S1](#)).

Vetting the array

We excluded most of the SNPs that required four probesets or more unless they were vital to call haplogroups. To improve coverage, we prioritized SNPs that required a single preset over those that required two. To protect user privacy, we filtered out all the markers that were recorded in the ClinVar database (Landrum et al. 2016) (as of 2/23/2016). We thus designed a multipurpose genotyping array dedicated for genetic anthropology and genealogy, forensics, and personalized medicine.

Validating the DREAM microarray results

After excluding unreliable Y and mitochondrial markers, the final DREAM array targets 794,302 markers: 730,581 autosomal and pseudoautosomal, 48,973 non-pseudoautosomal (nonPAR) X, 13,576 Y-chromosomal, and 1,172 mitochondrial markers without clinical relevance. The design spans over 1,903 genes (Table S5) enriched with members of the collagen (46), keratin (155), cytochrome P450 (68), FOX (22), POLR (34), solute carrier (38), and interleukin (22) gene families. Of DREAM's autosomal, nonPAR X, Y and mtDNA SNPs, 95.8%, 98.6%, 57.0%, 73.3% are found in the 1000 GP (phase 3), respectively. Coincidentally, DREAM also shares a significant number of SNPs with other commercial arrays, but never more than 40% with each one.

Genotype accuracy was assessed by genotyping 139 individuals from 17 worldwide populations found in the 1000 GP data (Altshuler, Lander and Ambrogio, 2010) and cross-validating them with the 1000 GP data. 100% (139/139) of the samples passed sample QC, and 97.5% (774,648 / 794,302) of the markers passed marker QC. For autosomes that passed marker QC, the concordance rate was 99.70% (88,753,010 genotypes agree / 89,019,543 total genotypes) and the total marker call rate was 99.70% (102,164,485 AA+AB+BB genotypes / 102,468,039 AA+AB+BB+ No calls). For the nonPAR X markers, the concordance between the genotypes from the 46,020 markers (included, passed markerQC, and part of the 1000 GP phase 3) and the 1000 GP phase 3 genotypes was calculated as 99.76% (5,955,934 / 5,970,139). For the Y chromosome, the concordance between the genotypes from the 7,745 markers (part of the 1000 GP phase 3) and the 1000 GP phase 3 genotypes was 99.59% (448,458 / 450,297). For the mtDNA markers, the concordance between the genotypes from the 859 markers (included and part of the 1000 GP phase 3) and the 1000 GP phase 3 genotypes was calculated as 99.84% (108,343 / 108,515). Overall, we confirmed that nearly all the genotypes captured by the DREAM array are accurate.

The SNP density across all chromosomes is shown in Figure 4. 94% of the genome has a mean SNP density of 24.36, 33.34, 39.32 SNPs per 100 kilobases for the autosomes, X, and Y chromosomes. The remaining 6% correspond to the known gaps in the assembly of chromosomes 13, 14, 15, and 22. The short arm of chromosome 6 has the highest SNP density (56.41 SNPs per 100 kilobases) followed by the short arm of chromosome Y (50.53 SNPs per 100 kilobases).

DREAM's potential to assist in ancient DNA studies was evaluated by calculating the number of ancient DNA genotypes for each ancient genome (Figure S3). Of the 207 ancient human genomes used in the design, 201 genomes were well captured ($\bar{L}=22,641$ SNPs) with 150 genomes having more than 100 SNPs. The captured genomes represented 12 out of 14 countries,

excluding Montenegro (two genomes) and Lithuania (one genome), from time periods spanning 40,000 BC to 700 AD.

DREAM's ability to infer uniparental haplogroups was computationally assessed against the respective trees. DREAM markers identified 94% and 61% parental and maternal haplogroups, respectively (Figure 5). All the primary and secondary maternal haplogroups were detected.

Assessing DREAM's abilities to discern population structure

Comparing the alternate allele frequency distribution of various microarrays

Compared to whole genome data, allele frequencies (AF) in microarrays are typically shifted toward intermediate frequency levels (Elhaik et al. 2013), which led to the exploration of correction methods (Lachance and Tishkoff 2013). This is expected, provided that the majority of SNPs are private and that 1Mbp arrays that cover only 1% of the SNPs typically aim to capture mainly common SNPs. None of the arrays we examined exhibited AF distribution similar to the 1000 GP, though they all roughly followed its trajectory (Figure S4). Considering autosomal markers, DREAM had the highest proportion (70%) of common markers (AF>0.05), after the Human Origins (77%) and its AF distribution resembled that of the HumanOmni2.5 array. Interestingly, despite its small size (1,443,399), the AF distribution of the Multi ethnic global array resembled that of the HumanOmni5 array for common markers. DREAM's AF distribution in the X chromosome resembled the 1000 GP's AF distribution after excluding rare variants (AF<0.01), likely due to its enrichment with random markers. DREAM's proportion of common markers (60%) was second only to the HumanOmni2.5 array (66%).

Comparing the genome-wide F_{ST} distribution of various microarrays

The extent to which microarray technology is able to discern and identify sub-populations is of principal interest. F_{ST} is a measure of differentiation whereby the genetic variation of the sub-population is measured relative to the total population (Wright 1951). Here, we employed data from the 1000 GP CEU, YRI, and CHB to calculate F_{ST} in DREAM and comparative arrays as in (Elhaik 2012). DREAM produced the highest proportion of high- F_{ST} autosomal and X chromosomal alleles compared to other arrays (Figure S5). The Multi ethnic global array had the second lowest F_{ST} values after the HumanOmni 5, which can be explained by the high proportion of rare SNPs they shared. The autosomes and X-chromosomal SNPs of the comparative arrays had significantly lower F_{ST} values (Kolmogorov–Smirnov goodness-of-fit test, $P<0.001$) than DREAM's due to the high fraction of rare SNPs in these arrays. The magnitude of the differences between the F_{ST} values of these arrays was also large for autosomal (area overlap 69–77%, Cohen's d 0.23–0.3) and X-chromosomal SNPs (area overlap 74–84%, Cohen's d 0.17–0.26). These results suggest a reduced ability of the competing arrays to elucidate ancient demographic processes (Kimura and Ota 1973; Watterson and Guess 1977).

Comparing the Identical by descent (IBD) of various microarrays

IBD and haplotype-based methods are widely used in population genetic studies. Since, IBD coverage depends on the choice of population, proportion of rare alleles, and the number of SNPs we compared the ratio of the total IBD coverage of three populations, which exhibit similar proportion of rare alleles, to the number of SNPs of each microarray. A high ratio indicates higher IBD coverage per SNP (Figure S6). DREAM has the highest ratio for all populations compared to other arrays, excepting the Human Origins array (FIN). HumanOmni5 has the lowest ratio suggesting that the choice of SNPs is suboptimal. This is evidenced by the mean IBD coverage of FINs, which is 295.4M using HumanOmni5, 321.7M using HumanOmni2.5, and 214.8M using DREAM. All arrays have similar standard deviations, but after normalizing for their size both DREAM and the Human Origins array exhibit the highest standard deviations for all populations.

Comparing the Linkage disequilibrium patterns of various microarrays

Optimizing microarray coverage can be done by including a core SNP panel with essential markers and selecting the remaining SNPs strategically to optimize imputation efforts. Such microarray design would consist of a fewer SNPs in high LD, whereas a wasteful or robust design (depending on one's point of view) would consist of a large number of SNPs in high LD. A comparison of the LD patterns of SNPs from the four 1000 GP populations, which overlapped with each of the five microarrays showed, that the Human Origins microarray had the smallest fraction of high LD markers followed closely by DREAM (Figure S7). This is expected as the Human Origins largely consists of sparse ancient DNA SNPs, whereas DREAM consists of a high fraction of genic markers. The LD cumulative probability distributions of the remaining microarrays generally clustered together with markers of the multi ethnic global microarray exhibiting the highest LD.

Detecting interbreeding with Neanderthal and Denisovan

DREAM's ability to infer IBD with archaic hominins was evaluated by comparing the total IBD between worldwide individuals, Neanderthal, and Denisovan calculated using the complete 36 million SNPs (1000 GP dataset) and DREAM SNPs, representing 1.86% of the complete dataset (Table S6). Total IBD region sizes were highly correlated ($N_{Neanderthal}=450$, $r_{Neanderthal}=0.75$, $N_{Denisovan}=450$, $r_{Denisovan}=0.91$) and exhibit similar between-population patterns in the two datasets.

Biogeographical origins of worldwide populations

Prediction of biogeographical origins is obtained by converting genomic information into geographical coordinates. All biogeographical inferences were carried out using the geographic population structure (GPS) tool, which matches the admixture proportions of a test individual with those of *reference populations* known to have resided in a certain geographical region for a substantial period of time (Elhaik et al. 2014; Das et al. 2017). The efficacy of DREAM's

biogeographical predictions was assessed on 584 worldwide individuals from 33 countries (Figure 6, Table S7). DREAM placed the majority of individuals (85%) within less than 200km away from their country's political borders, in line with Elhaik et al.'s (2014) report. For 30% of the countries, all the individuals were predicted within these extended boundaries. The average prediction distance from the true borders was 157km, an improvement compared to previous studies (Das et al. 2016; Marshall et al. 2016). As expected, the accuracy decreased to 73% and 51% in the leave-one-out individual and -subpopulation analyses, respectively. There, 15% of the individuals were predicted within the extended country's boundaries in both cases and the average distances from the true borders were 293km and 551km, respectively. These findings are similar or better than those reported by Elhaik et al. (2014) and reflect the choice of AIMs and the improvement made in the assembly of the *reference populations*.

Individual clustering by admixture proportions is an effective way to describe population structure (Marshall et al. 2016) and evaluate the ascertainment bias and the AIMs choice. An application of the graph-theoretical clustering technique NBR-Clust (Matta et al. 2016) to the admixture proportions of the Genographic individuals (Figure S1) constructed a graph G (Figure S8) with eight clusters, corresponding to the geographical regions that harbored the people. To examine whether individuals with higher *betweenness centrality* represent genetic mixtures with populations graphically adjacent to them, we created a *population graph* G_P (Figure S9) by merging individuals into their populations in graph G . Here too, nodes with notably high *betweenness* are the Bermudian, Tatarstan-Russian, Puerto Rican, Lima-Peruvian, North-Northeast Indian, and Antananarivo-Madagascan populations. These enlarged nodes lie on *cluster boundaries*. For example, the Madagascan node with high *betweenness* is adjacent to the Oceanic, East Asian, and his own African cluster, in support of recent reports of shared ancestry (Poetsch et al. 2013). North Indians are also adjacent to three clusters representing the Near East, East Asia, and their own Indian population, in agreement with recent studies that depicted these genomes as two-way mixture between West Eurasians and indigenous Andaman Islanders (Moorjani et al. 2013). Our findings are therefore consistent with the known history and demographics of the admixed populations and support the utility of the NBR-Clust framework to represent population structure. Further insights can be made by applying adjacency and graph distance information. We note that graph theoretic representation retains high dimensional information that may be lost in performing two or three dimensional PCA for visualization.

Analysis of CNVs in worldwide populations

Sudmant et al. (2015) reported that the CNV distribution in human population can be used to reconstruct population structure. For example, the authors found that for deletions, the first two principal components distinguished Africans, West Eurasians, East Asians, and Oceanian populations with many other populations clustering with their continental populations. Similar trends were found for duplications, albeit with far less clarity. They also reported that African populations are broadly distinguished from non-African for either deletions or duplications. Our

results reflect Sudmant et al.'s findings in that deletions largely allowed distinguishing regional populations, deletions identified a more coherent population structure than duplications (Figure S10), and finally that Africans were largely separated from non-Africans for both CNV types.

Conclusions

We designed, developed, validated, and assessed the DREAM array, an all-inclusive SNP genotyping chip dedicated to genetic anthropology and genealogy, forensics, and personalized medicine. DREAM can be used to study the genetic relationships between ancient humans, archaic hominins, and modern humans as well as to improve our understanding of human migratory history, adaptations, and the molecular mechanisms that regulate forensic-relevant traits. By comparing the MAF and F_{ST} distributions of the DREAM array to those of the 1000 GP and commercially available arrays, we demonstrated DREAM's ability to differentiate populations within global datasets. Lastly, we demonstrated the biogeographical accuracy of DREAM and its potential ability to infer CNVs. We expect that the expanded use of the DREAM in genealogy and research will expand our knowledge of our species.

Competing interests

EE is a consultant to DNA Diagnostic Centre.

Authors' contributions

EE initiated the study and designed DREAM with YL and TW. MLB supervised the work. EE, LY, AA, MH, DA, GV, GE, and UE carried out the analysis. EE and LY wrote the manuscript. All authors approved the manuscript.

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Figure 1

Worldwide distribution of population from which AIMs were obtained. AIMs from over 450 world populations were harvested from the literature (green) or calculated based on genotyped data from public collections (red).

Figure 2

Local human adaptations. Following Fan et al. (2016), each adaptation is labeled by the phenotype and/or selection pressure. The genetic loci under selection and the studied population are shown.

Figure 3

Human traits and their associated genetic loci.

Figure 4

SNP density in the DREAM. The average numbers of DREAM SNPs per 100,000 nucleotides across the genome are color coded. Gaps in the assembly are shown in gray.

Figure 5

Success rate in identifying Y-chromosomal (left) and mtDNA (right) haplogroups. The plots depict all known basal haplogroups (columns), the number of known subgroups in each haplogroup (top of each column), and the proportion of computationally validated subgroups.

Figure 6

GPS predictions of biogeographical affinities for worldwide 33 populations. The x axis represents populations represented by a vertical stacked column indicating the proportion of individuals predicted within 200km of their country's political borders (blue) and the remaining individuals (green). The average distance from the predicted location and true country of origin is indicated in red balls.

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Supporting Information Legends

Supplementary Text S1, Figures (S1-S8), and Tables (S1-S9) are available via the supplementary file.