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27 **Abstract**

28 The early stages of invasion involve demographic bottlenecks that may result in lower genetic
29 variation in introduced populations as compared to source population/s. Low genetic variability
30 may decrease the adaptive potential of such populations in their new environments. Previous
31 population genetic studies of invasive species have reported varying levels of losses of genetic
32 variability in comparisons of source and invasive populations. However, intraspecific comparisons
33 are required to assess more thoroughly the repeatability of genetic consequences of colonization
34 events. Descriptions of invasive species for which multiple introductions from a single source
35 population have been demonstrated may be particularly informative. The western corn rootworm
36 (WCR), *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera*, native to North America and invasive in Europe, offers us
37 an opportunity to analyze multiple introduction events within a single species. We investigated
38 within- and between-population variation, at eight microsatellite markers, in WCR in North
39 America and Europe, to investigate the routes by which WCR was introduced into Europe and to
40 assess the effect of introduction events on genetic variation. We detected five independent
41 introduction events from the northern US into Europe. The diversity loss following these
42 introductions differed considerably between events, suggesting substantial variation in introduction,
43 foundation and/or establishment conditions. Genetic variability at evolutionarily neutral loci does
44 not seem to underlie the invasive success of WCR in Europe. We also showed that the introduction
45 of WCR into Europe resulted in the redistribution of genetic variance from the intra- to the
46 interpopulational level contrary to most examples of multiple introductions.

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48 **INTRODUCTION**

49 Invasive species may present a major threat to biodiversity, ecosystem integrity (reviewed in
50 McKinney & Lockwood, 1999; Olden *et al.*, 2004), agriculture and fisheries (Pimentel *et al.*, 2001).
51 They may also present public health risks (e.g. Ruiz *et al.*, 2000). We therefore need to improve our
52 understanding of the processes underlying their success or failure. Another reason that motivates the
53 study of biological invasions is that recently introduced species may be seen as natural experiments,
54 providing opportunities to investigate the genetic consequences of the early stages of colonization
55 (e.g. Cadotte *et al.*, 2006; Sax *et al.*, 2005). The repeated introductions of a given species, in
56 different geographic locations, provides spatial replicates of colonization (reviewed in Bosssdorf *et al.*,
57 2005; Roman & Darling, 2007). In such cases, it is possible to evaluate the repeatability of
58 genetic consequences of colonization events (Ayala *et al.*, 1989) by comparing different introduced
59 populations.

60 It is difficult to detect biological invasions in their early stages (small number of founder
61 individuals, long period with low population densities) and such invasions may also be
62 unpredictable (the location and time of introduction are generally unknown), making them difficult
63 to study directly (e.g. Grevstad, 1999). There are therefore few detailed descriptions of population
64 dynamics and structure during early phases of invasion and founder events remain largely
65 unstudied. Analysis of the genetic variation of recently introduced and source populations can be
66 used to provide indirect information about the first steps of the invasion process. The initial phases
67 of invasion (introduction and establishment) are often associated with a founder effect — a loss of
68 genetic variability with respect to the source population, due to the small number of founder
69 individuals and small population size during the first few generations (e.g. Dlugosch & Parker,
70 2008). By contrast, multiple introductions may increase the genetic variability of the invasive
71 population especially when several genetically differentiated source populations contribute to the
72 invasion (e.g. Facon *et al.*, 2003; Kang *et al.*, 2007; Kolbe *et al.*, 2004). Analyses of the genetic
73 variability of invading populations hence provide insight into the historical demography of the
74 introduction and establishment phases of invasion.

75 Ecological conditions in the new environment may vary greatly from those in the area of origin,
76 representing an adaptational challenge for newly introduced populations (reviewed in Reznick &
77 Ghalambor, 2001; Schierenbeck & Aïnouche, 2006). Within population genetic variability, thought
78 to determine the capacity of populations to adapt to new environments, may therefore be crucial to
79 successful invasion although some examples of successful invaders display very low genetic
80 variability (reviewed in Novak & Mack, 2005; Wares *et al.*, 2005). This hypothesis, although
81 intuitive, has rarely been tested with actual introduced populations, due to the lack of reports of
82 failed invasions and of genetic patterns of repeated independent introductions of a single species
83 (Lockwood *et al.*, 2005; but see Kelly *et al.*, 2006; Roman, 2006; Stockwell *et al.*, 1996; Voisin *et al.*,
84 2005).

85 The western corn rootworm (WCR), *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera* LeConte (Coleoptera:
86 Chrysomelidae), is a major pest of cultivated corn, *Zea mays* L. Most of the damage to this crop is
87 caused by larvae feeding on the root system of maize (Levine *et al.*, 2002). This pest species
88 probably originated in Central America (Branson & Krysan, 1981; Smith, 1966), but the current
89 southernmost limit of its modern distribution is northern Mexico (Krysan & Smith, 1987). It is
90 likely that WCR evolved with corn in Mexico and reached what is now the southwestern USA
91 about 3000 years ago with the introduction of its host plant (Krysan & Smith, 1987). More recently,
92 WCR rapidly expanded its range from the south-western region of the US Corn Belt in the 1950s,

93 reaching the east coast of North America during the 1980s (Metcalf, 1983; Spencer *et al.*, 2005). It
94 was recently introduced into Europe, where it was first observed near Belgrade, Serbia, in 1992. An
95 international network has since monitored its spread throughout Europe (Kiss *et al.*, 2005a), and has
96 provided an annually updated, detailed description of the distribution and spread of WCR in
97 Europe. This monitoring is mandatory within the European Union and serve as a powerful tool to
98 detect new introductions of WCR into Europe, making it unlikely that a large and persistent
99 outbreak remains undetected. Two types of infested area have been identified: 1) areas of
100 continuous spread (in Central and South-Eastern (CSE) Europe and north-western (NW) Italy) that
101 correspond to “successful invasions” and 2) several disconnected outbreaks that did not persist over
102 time and/or did not spread. These outbreaks correspond to “unsuccessful invasions”. The CSE
103 Europe outbreak now extends over eleven countries, from Austria to the Ukraine and from Southern
104 Poland to Southern Serbia. The first disconnected outbreak was discovered near Venice in 1998.
105 Since then, new disconnected outbreaks have been detected, in NW Italy and Switzerland (canton
106 Ticino) in 2000, north-eastern (NE) Italy in 2002 (Pordenone) and 2003 (Udine), Northern Italy
107 (Trentino), Eastern France, Switzerland, Belgium, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands in
108 2003, and the Parisian region, France in 2002, 2004 and 2005. Unsuccessful invasive outbreaks can
109 be classified in two categories. Outbreaks detected in North Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands and
110 the Parisian region did not persist over time and are currently extinct. We refer to these as “extinct
111 outbreaks”. Outbreaks detected in NE Italy, Eastern France and the United Kingdom have persisted
112 over time but did not undergo geographic expansion. We refer to these as “established but non
113 spreading outbreaks”. A recent population genetics study by Miller *et al.* (2005) showed that the
114 different WCR introduction foci in Europe probably resulted from both the intracontinental
115 movement of insects and repeated transatlantic introductions from North America. Miller *et al.*
116 (2005) suggested that independent introductions were probably responsible for at least the CSE
117 Europe, NW Italy and Paris-2002 outbreaks. WCR thus provides us with an opportunity to analyze
118 introduced populations in the early phases of invasion, and represents an ideal biological model for
119 assessing the details and repeatability of genetic consequences of colonization events, through the
120 comparison of different introduced populations. Miller *et al.* (2005) focused on the statistical
121 inference of WCR introduction routes and did not describe genetic variation within and between the
122 populations they investigated. Moreover, they did not genetically study several European foci as
123 well as American populations of WCR. There is thus so far no precise description of the worldwide
124 geographic distribution of the genetic variability of WCR.

125 We reanalyzed the data of Miller *et al.* (2005), investigated additional American and European
126 WCR samples, so as to cover most of the geographic distribution of *D. virgifera virgifera*, and
127 addressed the following issues: 1) we inferred the most probable source population and introduction
128 route of each European outbreak; 2) we documented the effect of multiple introductions on the
129 overall genetic variance of WCR in its introduction range in Europe (more specifically, we analyzed
130 the balance between intra- and interpopulation genetic variance in the introduced range compared to
131 the source geographic area); 3) finally, we evaluated the intraspecific repeatability of losses of
132 genetic variation between independent introductions by comparing different outbreaks originating
133 from the same source population. Based on this analysis, we evaluated the relationship between the
134 invasion success and genetic variation of introduced populations of WCR.

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136 ***MATERIALS AND METHODS***

137 ***Sample collection***

138 Samples of WCR from European outbreaks were collected at ten sites in five countries (see details
139 in Table 1 and Figure 1). In CSE Europe, the sample studied was collected close to the site at which
140 this species was first observed in Europe — Belgrade Airport in Serbia (only one sample from CSE
141 Europe was used because unpublished results have shown little or no genetic differentiation
142 between sites in this outbreak). The European samples from CSE Europe, Friuli, Piedmont, Paris-2,
143 and Alsace (Eastern France) studied here were those investigated by Miller *et al.* (2005). We also
144 sampled a site (Trentino) corresponding to a small disconnected outbreak observed in 2003 in
145 northern Italy and two sites corresponding to the large outbreak in NW Italy: Lentate in Italy
146 (Lombardy) and Balerna in southern Switzerland (SW). In this area, WCR was first detected in
147 2000, the year in which this outbreak was first detected in Piedmont, from which we also collected
148 a sample (Oleggio). The sample collected close to Roissy Airport near Paris (Paris-1 sample)
149 studied by Miller *et al.* (2005) was small. We therefore obtained and genotyped additional
150 individuals from this site. We reprocessed the individuals collected by Miller *et al.* (2005) from
151 Alsace, France, for which microsatellite data were missing, to try to fill in the gaps where possible.
152 Finally, we included a sample from the outbreak near Heathrow Airport (London, UK) first detected
153 in 2003 in the analysis. These European sampling sites correspond to all the outbreaks detected in
154 Western Europe between the first observation of WCR in Europe and 2006, with the exception of
155 three outbreaks for which no beetles were detected after 2003: the outbreaks discovered in Belgium
156 and the Netherlands in 2003, and the outbreak detected near Venice in North-Eastern Italy in 1998.
157 In three of the outbreaks (Alsace, Paris-2, and Friuli), sampling was performed before any
158 eradication attempts. In the four other outbreaks (CSE Europe, NW Italy, UK and Pairs-1)
159 eradication attempts occurred before the sampling. In these latter outbreaks, eradication activities
160 principally consist of aerial application of pyrethroid insecticides and the establishment of crop
161 rotation in subsequent years.

162 In North America, we choose a sampling scheme that allows the description of the genetic
163 structure of WCR in its native continent. Kim and Sappington (2005a) showed that there is little to
164 no genetic differentiation between US populations of WCR from Texas to the East Coast of the
165 USA; Krysan & Smith (1987) showed that the state of Durango, in northern Mexico, is the
166 southernmost limit of the geographic distribution of WCR in America. For our analysis we choose
167 samples from locations that represent the genetic variability of WCR from Texas to the East Coast
168 of the USA and that were previously analyzed by Kim & Sappington (2005a), namely
169 Pennsylvania, Illinois, Texas. To those three samples, we added samples collected at the
170 southernmost limit of WCR distribution in North America and at an intermediate locality in Arizona
171 near the border with Mexico.

172 In invasive outbreaks (CSE Europe and NW Italy), where population densities were high, adult
173 beetles were sampled with aspirator devices or butterfly nets. In the other outbreaks (UK, the three
174 French outbreaks and Friuli), because of the very low population densities, WCR adults were
175 trapped with sexual pheromone-based sticky traps used for WCR monitoring in Europe. When
176 beetles were collected with aspirator devices or butterfly nets, the insects were sampled within one
177 day in a unique maize field. For each site sampled using the trap method, the collection of
178 individual beetles could be separated by a few days and a few kilometers. The number of
179 individuals in each sample is given in Table 1.

180 *DNA extraction and microsatellite analysis*

181 Template material for polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification of microsatellites was
182 obtained using three different protocols. DNA was prepared from a single leg per individual in 25

183 μl 15% Chelex (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA) supplemented with 2 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ proteinase K (Euromedex,
184 Mundolsheim, France), as described by Estoup *et al.* (1996) for two individuals from the Paris-1
185 sample. For the other insects of the Paris-1 sample and all individuals from Alsace, DNA was
186 extracted from the thorax of each specimen, using the DNeasy tissue kit (Qiagen, Hilden,
187 Germany). For the other insects, the “salting out” rapid extraction protocol (Sunnucks & Hales,
188 1996) was used to extract DNA from the head of each individual. Prior to using the latter two
189 extraction protocols, individuals were washed at least three times in 0.065% NaCl, to remove
190 ethanol from the tissues. Subsequently, each head or thorax was cut and placed in a 1.5 ml
191 microcentrifuge tube, frozen in liquid nitrogen and pulverized with a micropestle. DNA was
192 extracted from the pulverized material.

193 Six dinucleotide (DVV-D2, DVV-D4, DVV-D11, DVV-D5, DVV-D8, DVV-D9) and two
194 trinucleotide (DVV-T2 and DVV-ET1) microsatellite loci (Kim & Sappington, 2005b; Miller *et al.*,
195 2005) were amplified in two separate multiplex PCR reactions, and analyzed as described by Miller
196 *et al.* (2007). Allele scoring was standardized between this study and that of Kim & Sappington
197 (2005a), using a panel of common reference DNA samples (not shown), as reported by Kim *et al.*
198 (2008).

199 ***Summary statistics of genetic variation***

200 Genetic variation within populations was quantified by determining the mean number of alleles
201 per locus, A , and mean expected heterozygosity, H (Nei, 1987). A is highly dependent on sample
202 size (e.g. Leberg, 2002), rendering comparisons between populations potentially problematic. We
203 therefore used GenClone 1.0 (Arnaud-Haond & Belkhir, 2007) to estimate A for a sample size
204 between one and the actual size of the sample considered, using the multiple subsampling method
205 (Leberg, 2002). Exact tests for population differentiation (Raymond & Rousset, 1995a) were carried
206 out for all pairs of populations, with GENEPOP (Raymond & Rousset, 1995b). As this test involves
207 non orthogonal and multiple comparisons, a sequential Bonferroni correction was applied (Sokal &
208 Rolf, 1995 p.236). GENEPOP was also used to calculate pairwise F_{ST} estimates (Weir &
209 Cockerham, 1984) as statistics summarizing genetic variation between populations, and to test for
210 Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, with the probability test approach.

211 ***Identification of source populations***

212 The most probable source population for each European outbreak was identified by
213 calculating the mean multilocus individual assignment likelihood of each introduced outbreak
214 sample i to each sample of possible source populations s (hereafter denoted $L_{i \rightarrow s}$ (see Pascual *et al.*,
215 2007; and Rannala & Mountain, 1997)). Pascual *et al.* (2007) showed, by computer simulation, that
216 $L_{i \rightarrow s}$ efficiently identifies the actual source population of a recently introduced population, even if
217 the candidate source populations display only weak differentiation (i.e. display low F_{ST}) and if the
218 introduced population endured a strong founder event. More specifically, $L_{i \rightarrow s}$ values remain similar
219 in expectation for a large range of founder event intensities, though its variance increases, as high-
220 frequency alleles tend to be retained after a founder event. Individuals in introduced populations
221 subject to bottlenecks therefore tend to bear alleles present at high frequency in the source
222 population, resulting in high individual assignment likelihoods in the actual source population. $L_{i \rightarrow s}$
223 values were calculated with GENECLASS 2 (Piry *et al.*, 2004). No ad hoc statistical test has yet been
224 described for formally comparing mean individual assignment likelihoods (as well as F_{ST}).
225 Moreover, non-parametric tests, such as the Friedman analysis of variance by rank or pairwise

226 Wilcoxon signed rank test, using the locus as the repetition unit, are not sufficiently powerful (due
227 to limited number of loci) for such comparisons in the context of the present study.

228 Therefore, for each European outbreak, the most probable source population was simply
229 identified as that with both the highest $L_{i \rightarrow s}$ value and the lowest F_{ST} -value with this outbreak.
230 However, as only a small fraction of the large geographic range of WCR in North America has been
231 sampled, the selected populations may not be the “true” source population per se, corresponding
232 instead simply to the most probable of the source populations studied.

233 Multiple introductions in a single location are expected to leave a genetic signature for
234 migrants originating from sources genetically differentiated from the outbreak considered. Because
235 of the number of loci we used, only migrants of first generation would be detectable (see Rannala &
236 Mountain (1997) for a discussion on the power of statistical tests of assignment). To detect multiple
237 introductions, two methods were therefore applied: 1) the detection method of first generation
238 migrants of Paetkau *et al.* (2004) implemented in GeneClass2 (ver. 2.0, Piry *et al.* (2004)) was used.
239 10000 individuals were simulated per population and the likelihood calculation of Rannala &
240 Mountain (1997) was used. The statistics used was the individual assignment likelihood to the
241 population where the individual was sampled. 2) A multimodal distribution of the individual
242 assignment likelihood value of an outbreak into each putative source population can be observed
243 when first generation migrants introduced from different sources are frequent in the outbreak
244 (unpublished results). We thus tested the unimodality of the distribution of assignment likelihood
245 value of individuals belonging to each European population into each possible source population
246 (normality test of the data using a Kolmogorov-Smirnov test).

247

248 **RESULTS**

249 The Lombardy and SW samples were considered as a single population sample, as they
250 displayed no significant genetic differentiation (see below). The Pennsylvania and Illinois samples
251 are referred to as the "northern US sample" below. Microsatellite allele frequencies for each locus
252 and population are listed in the Appendix. The mean number of alleles per locus and expected
253 heterozygosity are given for each population in Table 1.

254 ***Genetic variation within populations***

255 The complete dataset of WCR samples showed substantial polymorphism, with a mean of
256 12.375 alleles per locus over all samples. The number of alleles varied from 6 for the DVV-D5 and
257 DVV-ET1 loci to 23 for the DVV-D8 locus. All 99 observed alleles were present in North America
258 and 58 of these alleles were detected in Europe. In North America, all loci were polymorphic in all
259 samples, whereas, in Europe, some loci were monomorphic in some samples (e.g. the DVV-D5
260 locus, which was monomorphic in CSE Europe and all Italian samples; see Appendix).
261 Significantly fewer alleles were found in Europe than in North America (mean A when pooling all
262 populations within each continent = 7.250 and 12.375, respectively; Wilcoxon’s signed rank test, p
263 = 0.008), and expected heterozygosity (mean among populations) was lower in Europe than in
264 America (0.457 and 0.681, respectively; Wilcoxon’s signed rank test, $p = 0.008$).

265 The standardization of A as a function of smallest sample size (i.e. MSS in Table 1) made it
266 possible to compare samples. In North America, the samples from Mexico, Texas and Arizona were

267 genetically more diverse than those from the northern US (Illinois and Pennsylvania) (Wilcoxon's
268 signed rank tests, $p \leq 0.024$). Expected heterozygosities (H in Table 1) in North America range from
269 0.644 (Pennsylvania) to 0.753 (Mexico). H was significantly higher in Mexico than in Texas and in
270 the northern US samples (Wilcoxon's signed rank tests, $p \leq 0.04$).

271 In Europe, A was highly heterogeneous between samples, varying from 1.75 ($MSS = 1.711$) in
272 Friuli to 5.75 ($MSS = 4.374$) in the UK (Table 1). The UK and Alsace samples had significantly
273 higher allelic diversities than any other European sample (Wilcoxon's signed rank tests on MSS ,
274 $p \leq 0.024$ for each test) except for comparisons of the UK sample to both the Parisian samples. Mean
275 expected heterozygosity ranged from low to medium values in Europe (about 0.3 in Friuli to 0.6 in
276 Alsace and the UK). No significant differences of genetic variability could be detected between
277 extinct (Paris-1 and 2), established but not spreading (UK, Alsace and Friuli) and invasive (NW
278 Italy and CSE Europe) outbreaks (global test: Friedman's test by rank performed over loci, $p > 0.5$
279 for both A and H ; invasive vs others: Wilcoxon's test over loci $p \geq 0.164$ for both A and H ; and
280 extinct vs others: Wilcoxon's test over loci, $p \geq 0.194$ for both A and H).

281 *Genetic variation between populations*

282 Most pairwise comparisons showed significant genetic differentiation ($p < 0.05$; Table 2), with
283 large to very large F_{ST} estimates (mean = 0.16, SD = 0.11). In North America, pairwise genetic
284 differentiation ranged from weak in the northern US ($F_{ST} = 0.01$) to considerable between northern
285 US and Mexico (mean $F_{ST} = 0.11$, SD = 0.01). Most sample pairs in Europe displayed significant
286 differentiation, with high F_{ST} values (mean = 0.19, SD = 0.12), with the exception of SW-Trentino,
287 SW-Lombardy and Trentino-Lombardy pairs, for which F_{ST} estimates were below 0.01 (mean =
288 0.002, SD = 0.003). SW and Lombardy were not significantly differentiated (Fisher's exact test, $p =$
289 0.86), with an F_{ST} value of zero, and were hence pooled together for subsequent analysis.

290 A high level of genetic differentiation was observed for most intercontinental comparisons
291 (mean pairwise F_{ST} values = 0.15, SD = 0.09), with the exception of comparisons between the UK
292 sample and samples from the northern US, for which an F_{ST} value of only about 0.01 was obtained.
293 Intercontinental pairwise F_{ST} decreased from the South-West to the North-East for American
294 samples (mean F_{ST} (SD) of 0.25 (0.09), 0.17 (0.07), 0.11 (0.06), 0.12 (0.07), 0.10 (0.06), for
295 comparisons of the European samples with Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Illinois and Pennsylvania
296 sample, respectively).

297 *Identification of the most representative source populations*

298 The hypothesis of a single source population for each European outbreak was never rejected.
299 All 77 normality tests performed suggest that assignment likelihood values of European individuals
300 into the eleven potential source populations are approximately normally distributed (Kolmogorov-
301 Smirnov tests, $p > 0.05$ for all tests), so that the unimodality of the individual assignment likelihood
302 distributions was never rejected. Using the method of Paetkau *et al.* (2004), we found that two
303 European individuals were classified as first generation migrants ($p < 0.05$ for both individuals),
304 one in the UK, statistically assigned into Texas or Pennsylvania ($-10\text{Log}(L) = 4.55$ and 4.56,
305 respectively), and one in Paris-1 assigned into UK. These migrants probably correspond to multiple
306 introductions from the most representative source population identified for each of these outbreaks.
307 Overall, we found no evidence for multiple introductions from various differentiated source
308 populations into the European outbreaks.

309 The most probable source population of each European sample i was identified by analyzing the
310 F_{ST} values of all sample pairs including sample i and all mean individual assignment likelihoods of
311 sample i into sample s ($L_{i \rightarrow s}$ values expressed on a $-\log$ scale). The deduced most probable source
312 population for each outbreak was identified as the sample with both the highest $L_{i \rightarrow s}$ and the lowest
313 F_{ST} value (Table 2). These criteria identified the northern US population as the most representative
314 source population for CSE Europe, the UK, Paris-2 and Alsace. For all the NW Italian and Swiss
315 samples, minimum F_{ST} estimates and maximum $L_{i \rightarrow s}$ identified a sample from the same region as the
316 most probable source. If these NW Italian and Swiss samples were considered to correspond to a
317 single outbreak, then their most probable source population was Pennsylvania in the northern US.
318 Both F_{ST} and $L_{i \rightarrow s}$ values suggested that the Paris-1 population originated in the UK, and that the
319 Friuli population originated in CSE Europe.

320 A detailed investigation of allelic frequency distributions (see Appendix) supported our
321 identification of the most probable source population for each outbreak. A sample from the source
322 population should contain all the alleles present in samples corresponding to introductions from that
323 population. All the alleles of the Friuli population were found in CSE Europe, and all the alleles of
324 the CSE Europe, UK, Paris-2 and NW Italy samples were found in the northern US sample. A
325 single rare allele of the Paris-1 population (allele 207 of DVV-D2) was not present in the sample of
326 its most probable source, the UK. Allelic distributions also made it possible to reject alternative
327 hypotheses. For instance, the UK is unlikely to be the source of the Piedmont population, given the
328 presence of allele 198 at locus DVV-D11 and alleles 208 and 234 at locus DVV-D8 in the Piedmont
329 population, and the absence of these alleles in the UK. The UK is also unlikely to be the source of
330 the Paris-2 population, as alleles 198 at locus DVV-D11, 152 at DVV-D9 and 214 at DVV-D8 were
331 present in the Paris-2 population but absent from the UK sample.

332 ***Comparison between introduced populations and their most representative source populations***

333 The mean number of alleles was smaller for all European outbreak samples than for their inferred
334 source populations (Table 1 and Figure 2). MSS was, on average, 38.2% (SD = 20.5%) lower and H
335 was 25.1% (SD = 15.1%) lower in European populations than in their inferred sources (Figure 2).
336 The decrease in the number of alleles was significant in all cases (Wilcoxon's signed rank tests, $p =$
337 0.016 for all tests) other than for comparisons of the samples from Alsace and the UK with the
338 sample from Illinois (Wilcoxon's signed rank tests, $p = 0.25$ and 0.156 respectively) and for the
339 comparison of the Paris-1 and UK populations (Wilcoxon's signed rank test, $p = 0.062$). A
340 significant decrease in expected heterozygosity was observed only for comparisons of the Piedmont
341 and Pennsylvania populations and the Friuli and CSE Europe populations (Wilcoxon's signed rank
342 tests, $p = 0.008$ and 0.016 respectively).

343 The loss of variability differed markedly between outbreaks (Figure 2). Genetic bottlenecks
344 were weakest for the UK and Alsace populations, with a loss of less than 16% MSS , whereas the
345 other outbreak populations showed MSS losses exceeding 28% (Figure 2). The loss of expected
346 heterozygosity was also highly heterogeneous, with a loss of less than 18% for Parisian samples and
347 samples from the UK and Alsace and a loss of more than 29% for Italian samples and CSE Europe.

348 When considered individually, European outbreak populations were generally significantly less
349 variable than northern US sample (see above). However, overall, the global European gene pool
350 contained almost as much genetic variation as that of the northern US sample. The number of
351 alleles was similar in the northern US sample and the global European gene pool ($A = 8.25$ and

352 7.25, respectively, and $MSS = 8.25$ and 6.23 , respectively; Wilcoxon's signed rank test, $p = 0.218$
353 and 0.032 for A and MSS) (Figure 2). The 11 alleles (concerning all eight loci) present in the
354 northern US sample but not in Europe were all rare (frequency $\leq 2\%$). Expected heterozygosity was
355 nevertheless significantly lower in the global European gene pool (0.457) than in the northern US
356 sample (0.647) (Wilcoxon's signed rank test, $p = 0.008$).

357 The UK and Alsace populations were genetically very variable (Table 1) and had a variability
358 similar to that of the northern US sample. However, they were far from being solely responsible for
359 the high allelic diversity found within the global European gene pool. Removing the UK and Alsace
360 populations from the global European gene pool decreased the number of alleles by only 12 %
361 (from 58 to 51 alleles). The global European gene pool was rapidly increased by successive
362 introductions (Figure 3): 46.5 % of the 58 European alleles arrived with the first introduction of
363 WCR into Serbia in 1992, and 33 % of the total allelic diversity (19 additional alleles) was added
364 during the second recorded introduction (in NW Italy in 2000). Subsequent introductions added
365 15.5 % (9 additional alleles in the UK and Paris-1 introductions), 2% (1 allele in Alsace) and 3% (2
366 alleles in the Paris-2 population) to the overall allelic diversity of European populations. Hence
367 allelic variability doubled in a very short period, between 1992 — the year in which WCR was first
368 detected (27 alleles) — and 2004 (58 alleles). On average, the genetic diversity loss was not
369 significantly different between outbreaks that had been subjected to eradication activity (Paris-1,
370 UK, NW Italy and CSE Europe) and those that had not (Alsace, Paris-2 and Friuli), with a mean
371 loss of MSS of nearly 33% and a mean loss of H of nearly 21% in both outbreak categories
372 (Wilcoxon's test performed over loci, $p > 0.204$ for both tests).

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374 **DISCUSSION**

375 In this study, we analyzed the worldwide genetic variation of the invasive western corn
376 rootworm *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera*. We considered almost all known European outbreaks
377 (CSE Europe, NE Italy, NW Italy, the Parisian region and Alsace in France, and the UK), with the
378 exclusion of those whose low density or rapid disappearance, subsequent to eradication attempts
379 made sampling impossible. Moreover, samples collected in the USA and Mexico, cover much of
380 the American geographic distribution of WCR. We detected five independent introduction events
381 from the northern US into Europe (see Figure 4 for an illustration of the suggested routes of
382 introduction. The diversity loss following these introductions differed considerably between events,
383 suggesting substantial variation in introduction, foundation and/or establishment conditions.
384 Finally, our results indicate that the introduction of WCR into Europe resulted in the redistribution
385 of genetic variance from the intra- to the interpopulational level.

386 **Routes of introduction of WCR**

387 Our results show a decrease in genetic variability from Mexico to the north-eastern USA. This
388 observation is consistent with the hypothesis that WCR originated in the neotropics (Branson &
389 Krysan, 1981; Smith, 1966), subsequently colonizing North America following the expansion of
390 corn cultivation (Krysan *et al.*, 1977).

391 The routes of WCR introduction in Europe were studied by Miller *et al.* (2005), using model-
392 based Bayesian approaches to the analysis of genetic variability. Miller *et al.* (2005) demonstrated
393 that there have been at least three independent introductions of WCR from North America to Europe

394 over the past two decades, leading to the CSE Europe, NW Italy and Paris-1 outbreaks. They also
395 showed that the NE Italian Friuli population corresponded to a secondary introduction from CSE
396 Europe. However, they were unable to draw firm conclusions about the origins of the Paris-2 and
397 Alsace populations. Our analysis supports the conclusions of Miller *et al.* (2005) concerning the
398 CSE Europe, NE and NW Italy populations, but additional data for the Paris-1 and Alsace
399 populations and analysis of the UK population have provided new information.

400 The UK outbreak appears to have resulted from a direct introduction of WCR from North
401 America, with the Paris-1 population probably corresponding to a secondary introduction from the
402 UK. The UK population being the source population of the Paris-1 outbreak may initially appear
403 illogical, as WCR was first detected in the Parisian region in 2002 but was not detected in the UK
404 until one year later (Kiss *et al.*, 2005a). However, observation dates strongly reflect the effort
405 devoted to WCR monitoring. The first report of WCR in France in 2002 prompted the monitoring
406 of English corn fields, beginning in the summer of 2003 (Cheek *et al.*, 2004; Ostoja-Starzewski,
407 2005) and resulting in the first detection of WCR. In addition, large trap counts at one English site
408 in 2003 indicated that the pest had likely been present for at least one year prior to its detection
409 (Cheek *et al.*, 2004). This information strongly suggests that WCR was present in the UK before
410 2003 and thus have possibly served as the source of the Paris-1 outbreak. Our data also indicate that
411 the Alsace outbreak, rather than corresponding to a secondary introduction from other European
412 populations, likely originated from a direct introduction from the northern US. We also found that
413 the Paris-2 population was probably founded by individuals originating from the northern US.
414 Finally, the weak genetic structure of populations from NW Italy and Switzerland suggested that
415 these populations probably correspond to a single outbreak.

416 Our results hence indicate that there have been five independent introductions from the northern
417 US into Europe (Figure 4) that led to the CSE Europe, NW Italy, the UK, Paris-2 and Alsace
418 populations. Secondary introductions of WCR within Europe were probably responsible for two
419 additional outbreaks: the UK may have been the source of the Paris-1 population and CSE Europe is
420 the most probable source of the Friuli population in NE Italy. The occurrence of multiple
421 introductions of WCR in Europe is consistent with a growing number of analyses of invasive
422 species (e.g. Chen *et al.*, 2006; Facon *et al.*, 2003; Fonseca *et al.*, 2000; Kang *et al.*, 2007; Kolbe *et*
423 *al.*, 2004), suggesting that multiple introductions of invasive species may be a common
424 phenomenon (reviewed in Bossdorf *et al.*, 2005; Roman & Darling, 2007).

425 ***Uncertainty relating to inferences on routes of introduction***

426 Due to the considerable genetic similarity between UK and Northern US, it was difficult to
427 firmly exclude UK as the putative source population of the European outbreaks. However, the low
428 but significant level of genetic differentiation between the UK and northern US populations appears
429 to be sufficient to distinguish between populations assigned to the northern US and the UK. A
430 careful examination of allelic frequency distributions also revealed the presence of alleles absent
431 from the UK in some European outbreaks. Based on an approximate Bayesian computation (ABC)
432 approach, Miller *et al.* (2005) rejected the possibility that an unstudied population already
433 established in Europe (such as that the UK outbreak, which was not studied by Miller *et al.* (2005))
434 was the source of the CSE Europe, Paris-1 and NW Italy outbreaks. Therefore our analysis as well
435 as that of Miller *et al.* (2005) suggest that the UK was not the source of most European outbreaks.

436 Our analysis of the data set presented in this study show that UK, Paris-2, Alsace, CSE Europe
437 and NW Italy outbreaks were not successive introductions, i.e. they did not originate from each

438 other. They thus correspond to independent introductions from their own source population.
439 Strictly, we cannot exclude the possibility that an unstudied population already established in
440 Europe (a “ghost population”) was the origin of these outbreaks. Several lines of evidence refute
441 this latter hypothesis. To be a viable source of new outbreaks, a population would probably need to
442 be persistent over time and reasonably large. Detected but unsampled introduced populations (the
443 Netherlands, Belgium and Venice area in Italy) were geographically very limited and did not persist
444 over time (Kiss *et al.*, 2005a). Populations that were not detected by the European monitoring
445 network may have existed. But precisely because they were not detected, these undiscovered
446 outbreaks were probably too small and not sufficiently persistent to be the origin of the studied
447 outbreaks. Moreover, as mentioned previously, Miller *et al.* (2005) rejected the “ghost scenario”
448 hypothesis for Paris-1 and 2, Alsace, CSE Europe, and NW Italy. We therefore conclude that five
449 independent introductions of WCR have occurred from Northern US into Europe (Figure 4).

450 ***Heterogeneity in loss of diversity***

451 Most European outbreaks of WCR (the UK, Alsace, Paris-2, NW Italy and CSE Europe
452 populations) had the same source population (northern US). This circumstance has provided us with
453 a rare opportunity to analyze multiple instances of the same type of demographical event (i.e. the
454 foundation of new population) within a single species. The history of WCR introduction into
455 Europe thus provides an opportunity to directly compare the effects of independent introductions
456 from the same original gene pool. Our findings show considerable heterogeneity in genetic
457 differentiation between outbreaks and between outbreak and source populations, leading us to reject
458 the hypothesis of homogeneity or repeatability in loss of genetic variability between introductions.
459 The differences in diversity loss were not accounted for by differences in time between the
460 introduction and sampling of populations. The French and Friuli populations were sampled the year
461 they were first detected, but nonetheless differed considerably in terms of loss of diversity
462 compared to their respective sources. Thus, we conclude that the observed variation in the loss of
463 genetic variability may reflect differences in conditions for the introduction, foundation or
464 establishment of populations (e.g. number of founder individuals, number of introductions involved
465 in each outbreak and population dynamics after introduction). Stochastic or deterministic processes,
466 such as eradication attempts, may account for the observed heterogeneity. However, in the
467 particular case of WCR, eradication activity does not seem to be an explanatory factor of the
468 observed heterogeneity in loss of diversity.

469 Previous population genetic studies of invasive species have reported a wide range of genetic
470 variability loss during introductions (Facon *et al.*, 2003; Holland, 2001; Johnson & Starks, 2004;
471 Kolbe *et al.*, 2004; Lindholm *et al.*, 2005; Ross *et al.*, 1996; Tsutsui *et al.*, 2000; Zayed *et al.*,
472 2007). However this heterogeneity corresponds to differences in diversity loss between studies
473 focusing on different species (see Cox (2004), Wares *et al.* (2005), Bossdorf *et al.* (2005) and
474 Roman & Darling (Roman & Darling, 2007) for reviews). In that respect, WCR allowed
475 heterogeneity of diversity loss to be investigated at the intraspecific level (see also Kelly *et al.*,
476 2006; Roman, 2006; Stockwell *et al.*, 1996; Voisin *et al.*, 2005).

477 Recent reviews have suggested that many successful invasive species suffer no major loss of
478 diversity, suggesting a link between the genetic variation of introduced populations and invasion
479 success. In 29 studies of invasive animals reviewed by Wares *et al.* (2005), introduced populations
480 were found to contain about 80% of the native genetic diversity. Similarly, more than 65% of the
481 invasive species reviewed by Bossdorf *et al.* (2005) and Roman & Darling (Roman & Darling,
482 2007) showed no significant loss of diversity with respect to native populations. For WCR, repeated

483 introductions from the same genetic pool have occurred, making it possible to analyze the link
484 between genetic variation and invasion success within this species. We found that genetic
485 variability within the introduced WCR populations was heterogeneous and that their establishment
486 or invasive success was apparently not related to the level of the genetic variability of the various
487 introduced outbreaks. The extinct Parisian outbreaks and the non spreading Alsace and UK
488 outbreaks were as diverse as or more diverse than the successfully invasive CSE European and NW
489 Italian outbreaks. This suggests that, at least for invasive pest species subject to human control and
490 eradication, such as WCR, high levels of genetic diversity may not be the key determinant of a
491 successful invasion. However, we measured only evolutionarily neutral genetic variation, through
492 microsatellite markers, and such variation is often weakly correlated with that involved in the
493 adaptive potential of introduced populations in a novel environment (for reviews see McKay &
494 Latta, 2002; Merila & Crnokrak, 2001; Reed & Frankham, 2001). Alternative explanations for the
495 success or failure of WCR invasion may include differences in pest management efforts, such as
496 monitoring and pesticide treatments. The success of the initial European introduction (CSE Europe,
497 first detected in 1992 (Kiss *et al.*, 2005a)) may in part be due to the absence of monitoring of this
498 species during its early phase of establishment, allowing it to reach high densities before control
499 attempts were implemented.

500 ***Redistribution of genetic variance in relation to multiple introductions***

501 If all the European outbreaks are combined, the genetic variation observed in the invaded area is
502 similar to that found in the northern US. Thus, recurrent introductions from the same original gene
503 pool resulted in an increase in overall European genetic variability over time, with at least a
504 doubling of allelic diversity within a span of 12 years.

505 Demonstrations of multiple introductions based on previous population genetics analyses, such
506 as those of Kolbe *et al.* (2004), Facon *et al.* (2003) or Genton *et al.* (2005), have mostly shown a
507 redistribution of interpopulation genetic variance into intrapopulation variance (but see Kelly *et al.*,
508 2006; Stockwell *et al.*, 1996; Voisin *et al.*, 2005). This is of evolutionary importance in terms of
509 adaptation, as natural selection acts on intrapopulation variance (e.g. Falconer & Mackay, 1996).
510 This shift may be accounted for by a single invaded area experiencing multiple introductions from
511 genetically differentiated source populations. The case of WCR is different in that its invasion of
512 Europe has resulted in the redistribution of genetic variance from intrapopulation level to the
513 interpopulation level. Interpopulation variance accounted for 1% of total variance in the northern
514 US and 19% in Europe. The genetic variation contained in a single non structured gene pool
515 (northern US) has been distributed among several introduced, unconnected and genetically
516 differentiated populations over a large area (the European continent).

517 The lack of examples of a redistribution of genetic variance from the intra- to the
518 interpopulation level during multiple invasions probably results from the technical difficulties
519 associated with the detection of multiple introductions from a single source. The genetic signatures
520 of multiple and single introductions from a single source population are unlikely to be distinguished
521 with commonly used genetic markers (most often mitochondrial markers) and statistical techniques
522 (haplotypic networks or distance-based trees). Moreover, because of the rapid spatial spreading of
523 most invasive populations, a late sampling of the invaded area is likely to result in the detection of a
524 single homogenized and genetically diverse population irrespective of the number of introductions
525 from a unique source population. WCR European outbreaks were detected and sampled at an early
526 stage of the invasion process and hence probably before any secondary contact between outbreaks.

527 This allowed a redistribution of genetic variance from the intra to the inter population levels to be
528 detected, which may actually correspond to a transitory state in the invasion process.

529 Natural selection acts on intrapopulation variance (e.g. Falconer & Mackay, 1996). The
530 redistribution of genetic variance from the intra- to the interpopulation level in WCR may therefore
531 jeopardize the adaptation of this species to new environmental conditions in Europe. However,
532 geographically close invasive outbreaks, such as those corresponding to the CSE Europe and NW
533 Italy populations, will probably overlap in the future, restoring much of the original intrapopulation
534 genetic variance. It is worth pointing that northern US populations are polymorphic for adaptive
535 traits, such as insecticide resistance (e.g. Meinke *et al.*, 1998; Parimi *et al.*, 2006) and resistance to
536 crop rotation (Levine *et al.*, 2002). Chemical insecticide treatments and crop rotation strategies are
537 also used in Europe against WCR (Kiss *et al.*, 2005b; Van Rozen & Ester, 2007). Therefore
538 recurrent and independent introductions of WCR into Europe are likely to increase the probability
539 of adaptations to management strategies being introduced, potentially increasing the invasiveness
540 and economic impact of this pest.

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731 **Figure legends**

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733 **Figure 1:** Geographic distribution of WCR in 2006 and sampling sites. Distribution area, with sites
734 at which WCR was observed for at least one year is shown in gray.

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736 **Figure 2:** Loss of genetic diversity in European invasive populations of WCR with respect to their
737 most representative source populations. White bars correspond to the % allelic diversity loss,
738 corrected for sample size, and gray bars correspond to the % mean expected heterozygosity (gene
739 diversity (Nei, 1987)) loss. Significant diversity losses are indicated by asterisks (based on
740 Wilcoxon's signed rank tests). For the two European outbreaks probably originating from a
741 secondary introduction from Europe (Friuli and Paris-1), diversity loss with respect to northern US
742 populations is also shown to illustrate the effect of successive introductions. For comparisons of the
743 entire area of invasion in Europe with the most probable source of the invasion, we pooled all
744 outbreaks originating from the northern US into a single sample referred to as global Europe (with
745 only the Piedmont sample included to represent the NW Italian outbreak).

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747 **Figure 3:** Cumulated allelic richness (mean allele number per locus) in Europe during the invasion
748 by the western corn rootworm. The dotted line shows the allelic richness of the most representative
749 native source population (northern US).

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751 **Figure 4:** Suggested routes of introductions of WCR in Europe. The dotted line encircles the NW
752 Italian outbreak.

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Table 1: Western corn rootworm population samples used in this study, with statistics summarizing genetic variation within populations

Geographic area	Sample name	Location	1 st obs.	N	Collection year	A		
						DC	MSS	H
North America	Mexico	Registrillo, Durango, Mexico	<1940	14	2001	7.250 (3.694)	6.154 (2.716)	0.753
	Arizona	Willcox, Arizona, USA	<1974	40	1998	9.000 (4.928)	5.524 (2.311)	0.681
	Texas	New Deal, Texas, USA	<1980	51	2004	8.125 (4.673)	5.493 (2.650)	0.675
	Illinois	Champaign, Illinois	<1974	60	2003	7.250 (5.120)	4.806 (2.189)	0.649
	Pennsylvania	Bellefonte, Pennsylvania	<1985	62	2003	7.500 (5.043)	4.798 (2.366)	0.644
Central South Eastern Europe area of spread	CSE Europe	Belgrade Airport, Serbia	1992	38	2003	3.375 (1.685)	2.912 (1.257)	0.453
Western European disconnected outbreaks	Friuli	Buttrio, Italy	2003	27	2003	1.750 (0.707)	1.711 (0.634)	0.293
	Trentino	Storo, Italy	2003	44	2004	2.875 (1.959)	2.430 (1.449)	0.361
	Piedmont	Oleggio, Italy	2000	40	2003	4.250 (3.151)	3.252 (2.060)	0.420
	Lombardy	Lentate, Italy	2001	44	2003	3.250 (2.816)	2.322 (1.499)	0.347
	SW	Balerna, Switzerland	2000	45	2003			
	Paris-1	Roissy Airport, France	2002	19	2003	3.750 (1.753)	3.160 (1.162)	0.510
	Paris-2	Pierrelaye, France	2004	74	2004	3.750 (1.581)	2.931 (0.722)	0.534
	Alsace	Schwindratzheim, France	2003	9	2003	4.625 (1.996)	4.625 (1.996)	0.581
UK	Slough, United Kingdom	2003	36	2005	5.750 (3.770)	4.374 (2.212)	0.612	

757 **Note:** 1st obs.: year of first observation of the outbreak. N: number of individuals analyzed per sample. A: average number of
758 alleles per locus; standard deviations across loci are shown in brackets. A is given by direct counts (DC) and based on multiple
759 subsampling (MSS), accounting for sample size variation. MSS is given for the smallest sample size (n = 9). H: mean expected
760 heterozygosity (Nei, 1987). Significant deviation from Hardy Weinberg Equilibrium was observed for the Paris-2 sample only
761 (p<0.0001).

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763 **Table 2:** Pairwise estimate of F_{ST} (Weir & Cockerham, 1984) and mean individual assignment likelihood ($L_{i \rightarrow s}$) of each sample to each potential
 764 source population (Pascual *et al.*, 2007).

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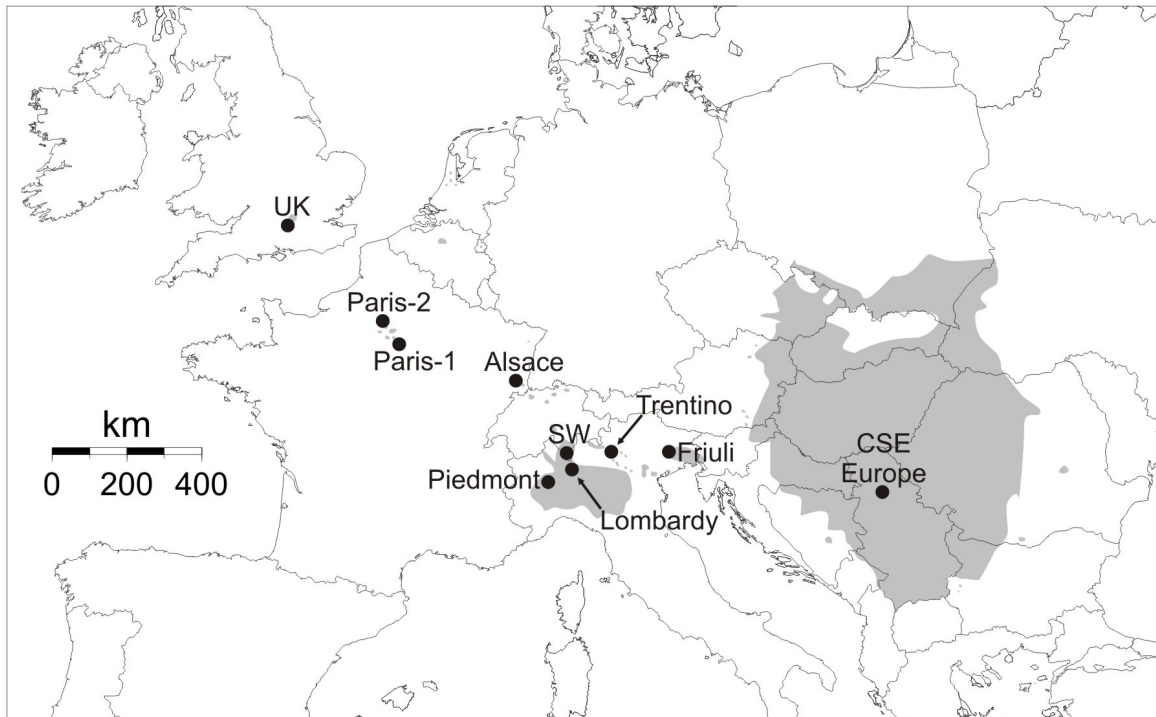
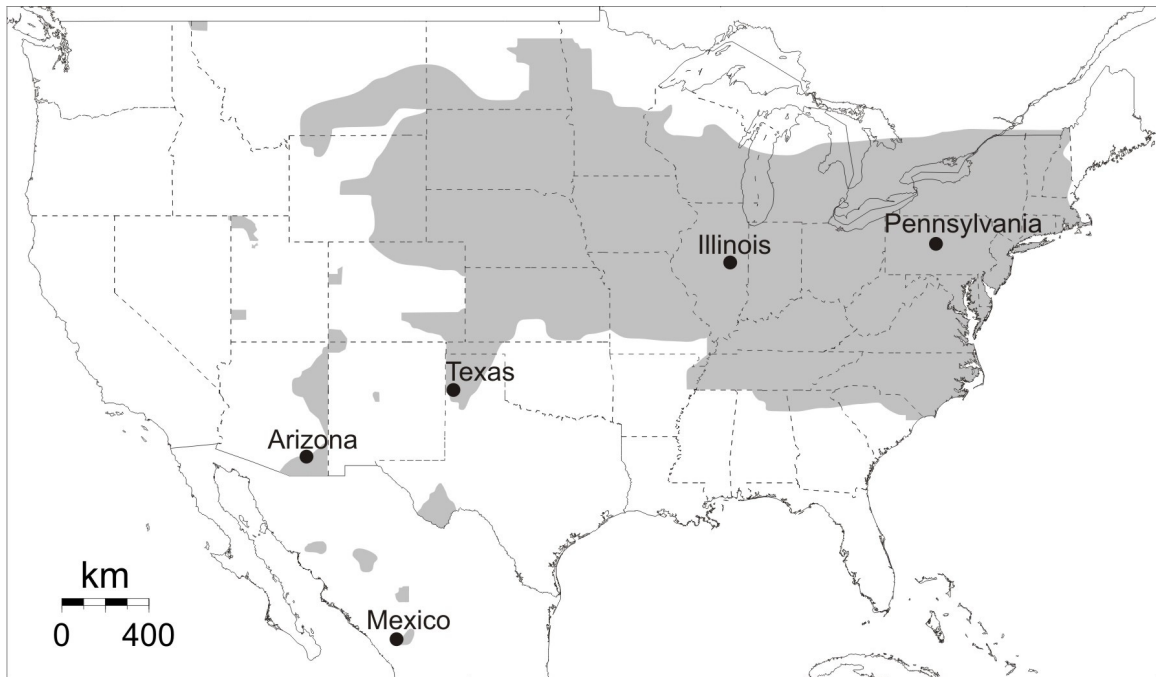
	Potential source populations														Most likely source population	
	North America					Europe										
	Mexico	Arizona	Texas	Illinois	Pennsylvania	CSE Europe	Friuli	Trentino	Lombardy-SW	Piedmont	Paris-1	Paris-2	Alsace	UK		
Arizona	0.0590	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Texas	0.0870	0.0295	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Illinois	0.1002	0.0501	0.0164	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Pennsylvania	0.1177	0.0638	0.0169	0.0094	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CSE Europe	0.224 (16.410)	0.167 (16.770)	0.103 (8.974)	0.109 (8.259)	0.095 (7.627)	-	0.116 (11.143)	0.264 (17.760)	0.276 (19.266)	0.197 (13.196)	0.257 (11.080)	0.148 (12.130)	0.118 (8.960)	0.126 (8.581)		Pennsylvania
Friuli	0.319 (16.649)	0.276 (18.605)	0.226 (10.048)	0.229 (9.175)	0.218 (8.152)	0.116 (4.863)	-	0.43 (19.620)	0.429 (20.986)	0.357 (15.354)	0.439 (14.479)	0.278 (12.777)	0.267 (9.425)	0.285 (11.301)		CSE Europe
Trentino	0.331 (16.010)	0.222 (13.740)	0.151 (8.674)	0.17 (8.498)	<u>0.13</u> <u>(7.708)</u>	0.264 (11.534)	0.43 (18.465)	-	0.005 (3.812)	0.028 (4.359)	0.299 (12.051)	0.17 (9.634)	0.256 (12.248)	0.149 (7.851)		Pennsylvania*
Lombardy-SW	0.37 (15.885)	0.257 (14.143)	0.178 (8.895)	0.202 (9.030)	<u>0.152</u> <u>(7.922)</u>	0.276 (12.026)	0.429 (18.463)	0.005 (3.784)	-	0.023 (4.400)	0.324 (12.297)	0.203 (10.321)	0.27 (12.280)	0.173 (7.984)		Pennsylvania*
Piedmont	0.285 (16.214)	0.177 (13.497)	0.103 (8.660)	0.116 (8.396)	<u>0.082</u> <u>(7.672)</u>	0.197 (12.059)	0.357 (18.382)	0.028 (6.957)	0.023 (7.354)	-	0.224 (11.380)	0.133 (10.482)	0.161 (11.241)	0.09 (7.814)		Pennsylvania*
Paris-1	0.223 (15.938)	0.136 (11.390)	0.105 (9.045)	0.068 (7.553)	0.087 (7.706)	0.257 (12.784)	0.439 (23.903)	0.299 (18.588)	0.324 (21.812)	0.224 (11.179)	-	0.154 (11.061)	0.095 (7.952)	0.066 (7.148)		UK
Paris-2	0.207 (16.384)	0.143 (13.127)	0.074 (9.342)	0.069 (9.140)	0.052 (8.189)	0.148 (11.703)	0.278 (18.206)	0.17 (14.494)	0.203 (16.341)	0.133 (11.507)	0.154 (11.224)	-	0.141 (11.201)	0.086 (9.912)		Pennsylvania
Alsace	0.100 (14.648)	0.06 (12.215)	0.042 (9.660)	0.021 (8.301)	0.046 (8.940)	0.118 (13.178)	0.267 (19.268)	0.256 (19.240)	0.27 (21.460)	0.161 (12.901)	0.095 (10.165)	0.141 (15.418)	-	0.032 (8.928)		Illinois
UK	0.128 (16.125)	0.066 (13.203)	0.022 (9.077)	0.008 (8.097)	0.013 (8.436)	0.126 (13.840)	0.285 (22.653)	0.149 (17.122)	0.173 (19.244)	0.09 (11.848)	0.066 (10.887)	0.086 (14.242)	0.032 (9.768)	-		Illinois

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768 **Note:** The only non significant pairwise differentiation exact test before and after correction for multiple comparisons was that between the Alsace and
 769 Illinois samples. The Lombardy and SW samples were considered as a single population sample (denoted Lombardy-SW), as they displayed no
 770 significant genetic differentiation. $L_{i \rightarrow s}$ values expressed on a $-\log$ scale are indicated in parentheses for the European outbreaks only. For each
 771 European outbreak, maximum $L_{i \rightarrow s}$ and minimum F_{ST} are indicated in bold typeface. For the Piedmont, Lombardy-SW and Trentino populations,
 772 maximum $L_{i \rightarrow s}$ and minimum F_{ST} with respect to all other samples are underlined. The most representative source population for each European
 773 outbreak is indicated in the last column. * indicates the most likely source of the single outbreak corresponding to the Piedmont, Lombardy-SW and
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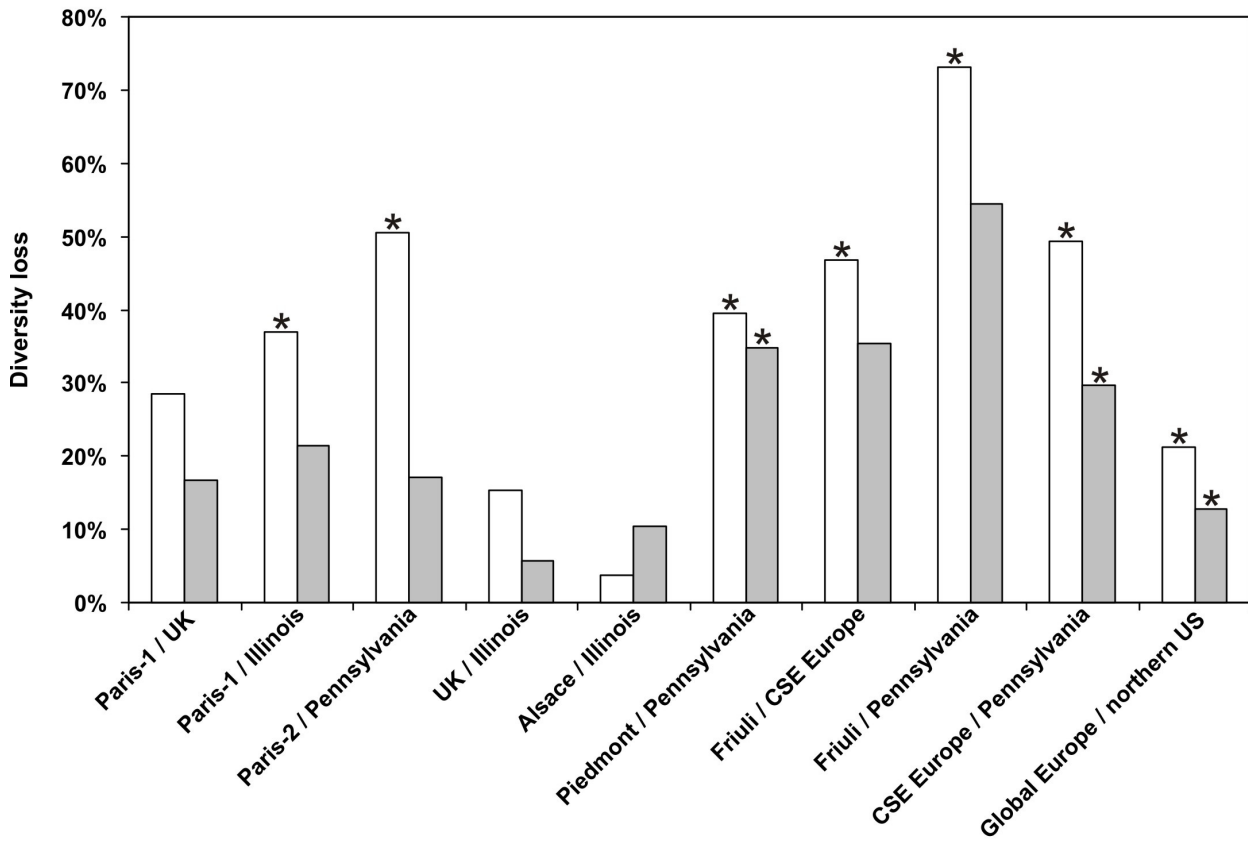
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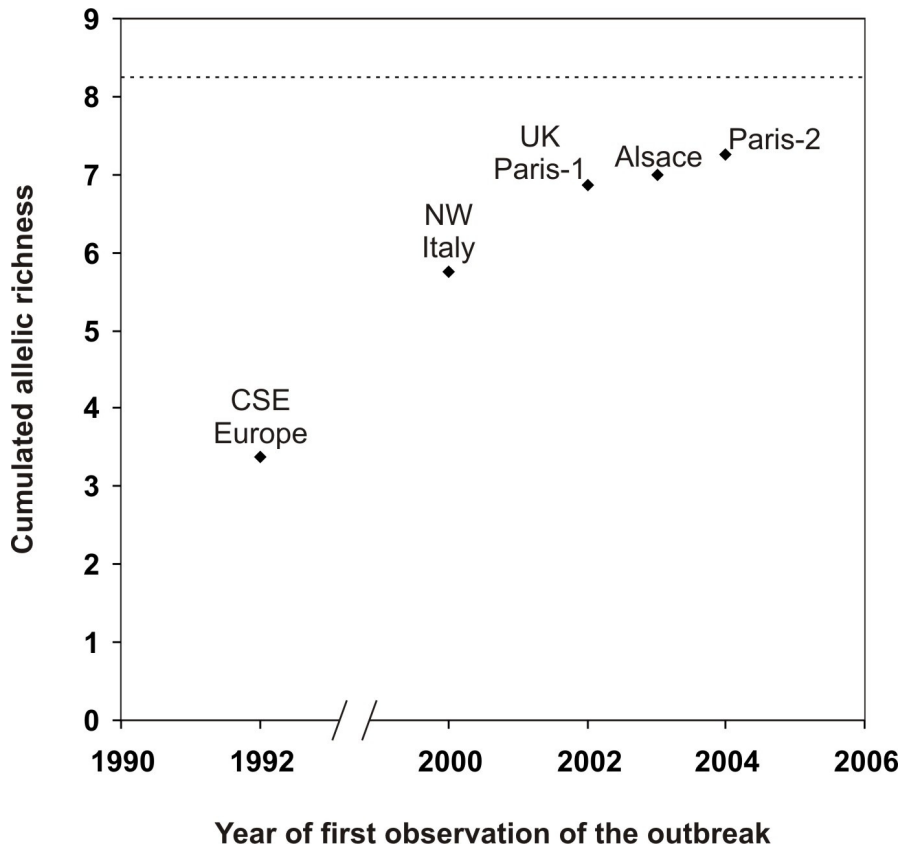
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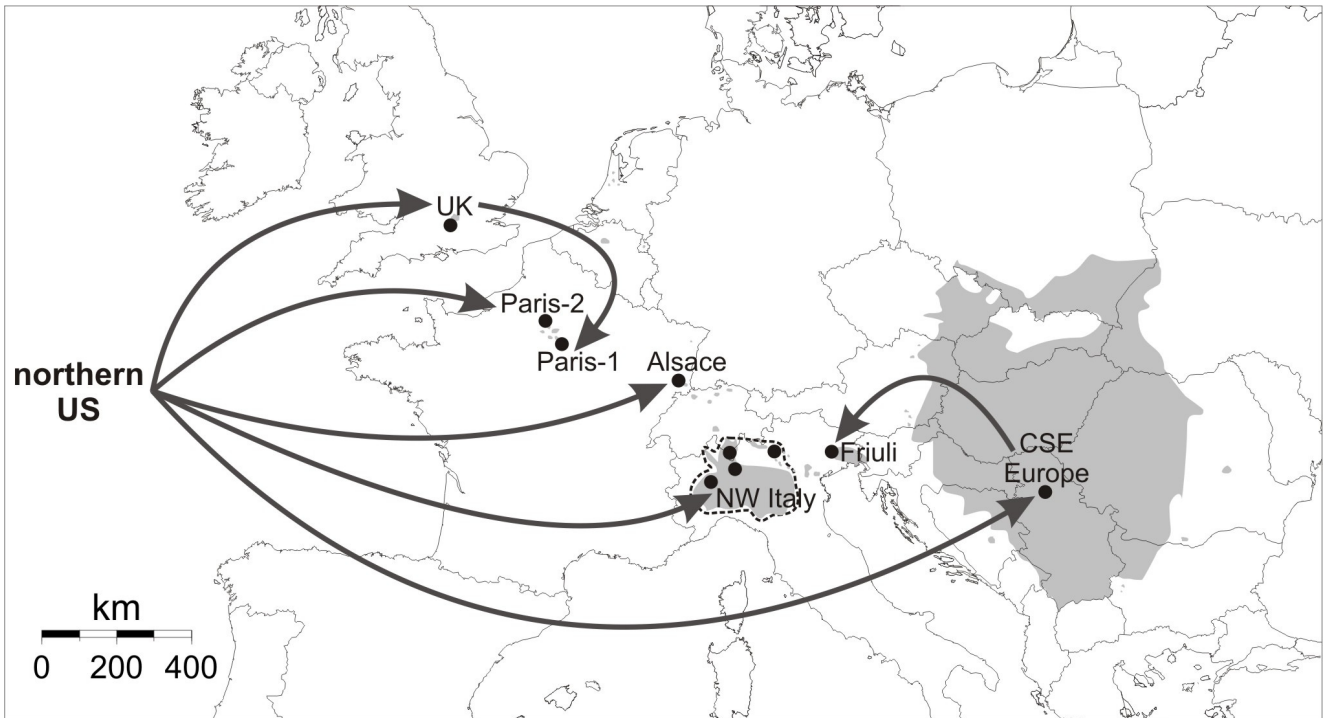
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803 **Supplementary material**

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805 **Table S:** Allele frequency distributions of the WCR samples collected in North America and in Europe. The Lombardy and SW samples
806 were considered as a single population sample (denoted Lombardy-SW), as they displayed no significant genetic differentiation.

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	North America					Europe									
	Allele	Mexico	Arizona	Texas	Illinois	Pennsylvania	CSE Europe	Friuli	Trentino	Lombardy-SW	Piedmont	Paris-1	Paris-2	Alsace	UK
Locus DVV-D2															
Gene number		28	76	102	120	124	70	52	86	176	80	38	144	18	68
Allele number		7	11	8	8	9	4	3	2	3	4	6	4	6	9
	177	0.214	0.053	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.026	0	0.056	0.015
	179	0.143	0.039	0.118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	181	0.357	0.395	0.225	0.350	0.218	0.214	0.558	0	0	0.100	0.421	0.083	0.611	0.206
	183	0.071	0.382	0.392	0.367	0.548	0.329	0.058	0.802	0.750	0.663	0.316	0.681	0.111	0.412
	185	0.143	0.026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	187	0	0	0.029	0.050	0.024	0.100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.111	0.147
	189	0.036	0	0	0.017	0.008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.056	0.015
	191	0	0.013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	193	0	0.026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	197	0	0.026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.006	0	0	0	0	0
	199	0	0.013	0.029	0.033	0.024	0	0	0.198	0.244	0.188	0	0.056	0	0.044
	201	0	0	0.137	0.067	0.097	0.357	0.385	0	0	0	0.026	0.181	0.056	0.029
	203	0	0.013	0.010	0.025	0.048	0	0	0	0	0.050	0.158	0	0	0.088
	205	0	0.013	0.059	0.092	0.024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.044
	207	0	0	0	0	0.008	0	0	0	0	0	0.053	0	0	0
	217	0.036	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Locus DVV-D4															
Gene number		28	76	102	120	124	70	52	84	176	80	38	134	18	66
Allele number		6	8	6	8	7	3	2	3	2	4	4	4	5	7
	219	0.536	0.132	0.098	0.175	0.210	0	0	0.012	0	0.013	0	0.030	0.111	0.152
	223	0	0	0.118	0.125	0.169	0.286	0.288	0	0	0	0.105	0.157	0.056	0.167
	225	0.036	0.197	0.510	0.442	0.452	0.643	0.712	0.750	0.739	0.775	0.342	0.761	0.333	0.394
	227	0.107	0.026	0.059	0.075	0.048	0	0	0	0	0.013	0.289	0	0.111	0.152
	229	0.071	0.026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

231	0.143	0.118	0.049	0.100	0.065	0.071	0	0.238	0.261	0.200	0.263	0.052	0.389	0.061
233	0	0.382	0.167	0.042	0.032	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.061
235	0.107	0.105	0	0.017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
237	0	0	0	0.025	0.024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.015
239	0	0.013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Locus DVV-D5

Gene number	26	80	102	120	124	74	34	82	172	80	38	128	18	72
Allele number	5	4	4	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
162	0.038	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
168	0	0	0.039	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170	0.077	0.013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
172	0.692	0.863	0.843	0.867	0.790	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.632	0.852	0.944	0.889
174	0.154	0.100	0.029	0.025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
176	0.038	0.025	0.088	0.108	0.210	0	0	0	0	0	0.368	0.148	0.056	0.111

Locus DVV-D8

Gene number	24	80	102	120	124	74	34	84	172	80	38	126	18	72
Allele number	14	18	18	17	17	5	2	7	9	10	5	6	8	12
208	0	0.013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.013	0	0	0	0
212	0.042	0.063	0.029	0.092	0.040	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.111	0.056
214	0.125	0.150	0	0.008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.056	0	0
216	0.083	0.088	0.127	0.033	0.145	0	0	0.071	0.128	0.138	0.079	0.302	0.111	0.042
218	0.042	0.050	0.098	0.383	0.234	0.135	0	0.071	0.006	0.150	0.763	0.516	0.278	0.375
220	0	0.150	0.069	0.058	0.065	0	0	0.012	0	0.013	0.053	0	0.167	0.028
222	0.125	0.013	0.088	0.033	0.040	0	0	0.036	0.070	0.013	0	0.016	0.056	0.125
224	0.042	0.038	0.059	0.033	0.024	0	0	0.298	0.297	0.225	0	0.056	0	0.069
226	0	0.038	0.039	0.025	0.024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.014
228	0.042	0.100	0.010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
230	0.042	0.113	0.127	0.008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
232	0.083	0.038	0.039	0.025	0.016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
234	0.125	0.025	0.029	0.008	0.016	0	0	0	0	0.013	0	0	0	0
236	0.042	0.025	0.049	0	0.016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
238	0.042	0.050	0.020	0.008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
240	0.125	0	0.069	0.050	0.081	0	0	0.155	0.233	0.175	0	0	0	0.083
242	0.042	0	0.029	0.083	0.056	0.108	0	0	0.006	0	0.053	0	0.056	0.111
244	0	0	0.039	0.083	0.121	0.595	0.706	0	0	0.050	0.053	0	0.167	0.056

246	0	0	0.049	0.017	0.065	0.149	0.294	0	0.006	0	0	0	0.056	0.028
248	0	0	0.029	0.050	0.032	0.014	0	0.357	0.250	0.213	0	0.056	0	0.014
250	0	0.013	0	0	0.016	0	0	0	0.006	0	0	0	0	0
252	0	0.025	0	0	0.008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
256	0	0.013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Locus DVV-D9

Gene number	24	80	102	120	124	70	52	84	172	80	38	144	18	72
Allele number	5	5	6	3	6	2	1	3	2	2	2	3	3	2
128	0	0	0.020	0	0.008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
130	0.208	0.063	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
136	0	0	0.010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
138	0.292	0.313	0.294	0.292	0.250	0.100	0	0.464	0.378	0.250	0.421	0.299	0.111	0.347
140	0.292	0.450	0.569	0.567	0.597	0.900	1.000	0.524	0.622	0.750	0.579	0.438	0.778	0.653
142	0.125	0.138	0.088	0	0.024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
150	0.083	0.038	0.020	0.142	0.105	0	0	0.012	0	0	0	0	0.111	0
152	0	0	0	0	0.016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.264	0	0

Locus DVV-D11

Gene number	28	76	102	120	124	56	50	84	176	78	38	82	18	66
Allele number	12	14	12	12	12	6	2	4	6	8	6	6	6	8
174	0.107	0.026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
176	0.179	0.487	0.353	0.383	0.298	0.339	0	0	0	0.077	0.737	0.280	0.389	0.348
178	0.036	0	0.029	0.017	0.105	0.268	0	0.274	0.381	0.218	0.026	0	0	0.106
180	0.071	0.053	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
182	0.107	0.092	0.108	0.050	0.065	0	0	0	0	0.064	0.026	0.012	0.056	0.076
184	0.036	0.026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
188	0.071	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
190	0	0.013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
192	0.071	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
196	0.036	0	0.059	0.083	0.169	0.214	0.560	0.310	0.307	0.333	0.026	0.159	0.056	0.045
198	0.143	0.079	0.118	0.025	0.008	0	0	0	0.006	0.013	0	0.244	0	0
200	0.107	0.053	0.147	0.117	0.073	0	0	0.226	0.148	0.115	0.132	0	0.222	0.136
202	0	0.026	0.078	0.108	0.048	0	0	0	0.011	0.064	0.053	0	0.222	0.167
204	0.036	0	0.010	0.008	0.008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.056	0
206	0	0.013	0.029	0.158	0.194	0.125	0.440	0.190	0.148	0.115	0	0.280	0	0.091
208	0	0	0	0.017	0.008	0.018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

210	0	0.039	0	0	0.008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
212	0	0.039	0.039	0.017	0	0.036	0	0	0	0	0	0.024	0	0.030
214	0	0	0.020	0.017	0.016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
216	0	0	0.010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
228	0	0.039	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
232	0	0.013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Locus DVV-T2

Gene number	28	76	102	120	124	70	52	86	176	80	38	144	18	68
Allele number	5	6	6	3	3	2	1	1	1	3	2	2	3	3
204	0.214	0.053	0.088	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
210	0	0.132	0.245	0.317	0.298	0.100	0	0	0	0.075	0.447	0.313	0.167	0.206
213	0.036	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
216	0.036	0.013	0.010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
219	0.143	0.145	0.078	0.150	0.089	0	0	0	0	0.100	0	0	0.111	0.176
222	0.571	0.592	0.569	0.533	0.613	0.900	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.825	0.553	0.688	0.722	0.618
225	0	0.066	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
240	0	0	0.010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Locus DVV-ET1

Gene number	22	80	102	120	124	64	32	82	172	80	38	128	18	72
Allele number	4	6	5	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	3
160	0	0.300	0.422	0.450	0.540	0.234	0	0.915	0.983	0.925	0.842	0.422	0.556	0.653
163	0.364	0.250	0.284	0.283	0.202	0.234	0	0.085	0.017	0.075	0.132	0.164	0.111	0.250
166	0.318	0.075	0.147	0.192	0.194	0.484	0.688	0	0	0	0.026	0.414	0.278	0.097
169	0.273	0.300	0.127	0.075	0.065	0.047	0.313	0	0	0	0	0	0.056	0
172	0	0.050	0.020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
178	0.045	0.025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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