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1 **Contrasting population genetics of cattle- and buffalo- derived**
2 ***Theileria annulata* causing tropical theileriosis**

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47 **Abstract**

48 The present study was designed to improve understanding of *Theileria annulata* in sympatric
49 water buffalo and cattle in the Punjab province of Pakistan. The prevalence of tropical theileriosis
50 is high, buparvaquone resistance is widespread, and vaccine protection is poor in the field. Better
51 understanding is, therefore, needed of the factors that influence the genetics of *T. annulata*
52 populations both within its hosts and in its overall populations. Here we utilise a panel of six
53 satellites and a mitochondrial cytochrome b marker to explore the multiplicity of *T. annulata*
54 infection and patterns of emergence and spread of different parasite genotypes. Parasite materials
55 were collected from infected animals in defined regions, where water buffalo and cattle are kept
56 together. Our results show that *T. annulata* is genetically more diverse in cattle- than in water
57 buffalo-derived populations (the mean numbers of unique satellite alleles were 13.3 and 1.8 and
58 numbers of unique cytochrome b locus alleles were 65 and 27 in cattle- and water buffalo- derived
59 populations, respectively). The data show a high level of genetic diversity among the individual
60 host-derived populations (the overall heterozygosity (H_e) indices were 0.912 and 0.931 in cattle,
61 and 0.874 and 0.861 in buffalo, based on satellite and cytochrome b loci, respectively). When
62 considered in the context of high parasite transmission rates and frequent animal movements
63 between different regions, the predominance of multiple *T. annulata* genotypes, with multiple
64 introductions of infection in the hosts from which the parasite populations were derived, may have
65 practical implications for the spread of parasite genetic adaptations; such as those conferring
66 vaccine cross-protection against different strains affecting cattle and buffalo, or resistance to
67 antiprotozoal drugs.

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69 **Key Words:** Tropical theileriosis, *T. annulata*, buparvaquone resistance, antiprotozoal drugs.

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82 **1. Introduction**

83 Vector-borne haemoprotozoa impact globally on the health, welfare, and production of
84 livestock (Jabbar et al., 2015). The genus *Theileria* comprises of two important species, *Theileria*
85 *annulata* and *Theileria parva* (Lawrence, 1979). *T. parva* typically causes East Coast Fever,
86 Corridor Disease, or January Disease in southern and eastern Africa (Uilenberg et al., 1982),
87 whereas, *T. annulata* causes tropical theileriosis in North Africa and South Asia (Nourollahi-Fard
88 et al., 2015). Tropical theileriosis amongst the most important neglected tropical parasitic diseases
89 of livestock (Sivakumar et al., 2014). Cattle and buffalo become infected with *T. annulata*
90 following the transmission of sporozoites through ixodid ticks of the genus *Hyalomma*. These
91 stages invade lymphocytes and develop by schizogony. Micromerozoites released from the
92 lymphocytes enter erythrocytes and multiply by binary fission to produce merozoites. Piroplasms
93 ingested during tick feeding, migrate to the arthropod gut where gametogeny and production of
94 zygotes occurs. These enter the haemolymph and are carried to the salivary gland, where further
95 replication by binary fission gives rise to sporozoites. The life cycle is completed when the next
96 instar of the tick feeds (Gharbi and Darghouth, 2015). Clinically infected cattle and buffalo show
97 high fever and lymphadenopathy, sometimes accompanied by haemolytic anaemia, respiratory and
98 ocular lesions (Al-Hosary et al., 2010; Mahmmud et al., 2011).

99 Avoidance, removal or suppression of *Hyalomma* ticks or prophylactic use of antiprotozoal
100 drugs are generally impractical in the control of tropical theileriosis. The unsustainability of these
101 disease control measures highlights the potential for effective *T. annulata* vaccines. Attenuated
102 vaccines against *T. annulata* have been used in many countries where tropical theileriosis is
103 endemic (Brown, 1990; Darghouth et al., 1999; Tait and Hall, 1990). However, there are practical
104 constraints to the widespread use of live *T. annulata* vaccines in control programmes: (i) a
105 requirement for distribution in liquid nitrogen, which accounts for approximately 30% of the cost
106 (Bouslikhane et al., 1998); (ii) the need to use the vaccine immediately after thawing; (iii) the
107 difficulty and cost of quality control to ensure consistent efficacy and the absence of other
108 pathogens; (iv) problems with post-vaccination reactions, which have been recorded in 3% of
109 animals immunised with Chinese, Moroccan, Iranian or Tunisian stocks (Darghouth, 2008); and (v)
110 the possibility of reversion to virulence. To overcome these problems, research for the
111 development of a killed subunit vaccine against *T. annulata* has focused on antigens present on the
112 surface of sporozoite and merozoite stages of the parasite. High levels of genetic diversity are a
113 major hurdle for the development of subunit vaccines for use in different host species; for example,

114 where cross-protection between cattle- and buffalo-derived *T. parva* strains may be incomplete
115 (Young et al., 1973). Studies of *T. parva* in African buffalo have shown high genetic diversity
116 when compared to cattle (Oura et al., 2005); but while *T. annulata* can infect both cattle and Asian
117 buffalo (Nourollahi-Fard et al., 2015), genetic comparisons between strains infecting sympatric
118 host populations have not been reported. Understanding of allelic variations of buffalo- and cattle-
119 derived *T. annulata* and their circulation is needed to inform antigenicity and immunogenicity in
120 vaccine development.

121 Control of *T. annulata* is heavily dependent on the prophylactic and therapeutic use of a single
122 anti-protozoal drug, buparvaquone, but is now compromised by the emergence of resistance
123 (Mhadhbi et al., 2015). Buparvaquone resistance has been reported with increasing frequency and
124 now represents a serious challenge to efficient livestock production (Mhadhbi et al., 2010).
125 Current understanding of the mechanisms and genetic basis of buparvaquone resistance in *T.*
126 *annulata* is limited (Chatanga et al., 2019; Mhadhbi et al., 2015; Sharifiyazdi et al., 2012), with no
127 functional link between mutations in the candidate cytochrome b locus and resistance phenotype
128 having been demonstrated. Although previous studies have described multiple genotypes and high
129 levels of genetic diversity (Al-Hamidhi et al., 2015; Weir et al., 2011), there is a lack of
130 information on changes in response to drug selection pressure, fitness costs of mutations, and gene
131 flow. It is, therefore, important to understand the genetic diversity and population sub-structure of
132 *T. annulata*, with reference to the emergence and spread of buparvaquone resistance mutations.
133 There is a need for a better understanding of the transmission of different *T. annulata* genotypes
134 present in individual cattle and buffalo hosts as a proxy for multiplicity of infection when
135 considering sustainable control strategies.

136 Population genetic studies of *T. annulata* have previously been performed using panels of
137 satellite makers (Weir et al., 2007), but there are no reports based on mitochondrial cytochrome b
138 sequence analysis using a post-genomic next-generation sequencing approach. Deep amplicon
139 sequencing of metabarcoded mtDNA affords a practical and high-throughput method when
140 compared to conventional Sanger sequencing, to investigate genetic diversity between and within
141 parasite populations. The Illumina MiSeq platform can provide 100,000 or more reads of up to
142 600 bp of loci of interest, depending on primer design. Recently, we have used these methods to
143 study the population genetics of *Calicophoron daubneyi* (Sargison et al., 2019) and *Fasciola*
144 *gigantica* infection in livestock keep in the United Kingdom and Pakistan.

145 In this paper, we describe the use of a mitochondrial cytochrome b locus and six polymorphic
146 satellite markers investigate the population genetics of buffalo- and cattle-derived *T. annulata*.
147 The results may help to: inform future rational vaccine design for the control of tropical
148 theileriosis; predict the likely emergence and spread of genetic adaptations such as buparvaquone
149 resistance; and identify patterns of infection with different genotypes.

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151 **2. Materials and Methods**

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153 *2.1. Parasite resources and gDNA isolation*

154 Blood samples were collected from the piroplasm-positive cattle and buffalo in veterinary
155 clinics throughout the Punjab province of Pakistan between 2017 and 2019. The procedures
156 involved jugular venipuncture and withdrawal of 5 ml of intravenous blood into EDTA tubes,
157 followed by storage at -20°C. Samples were collected by para-veterinary staff under the
158 supervision of local veterinarians following consent from the animal owners. The study was
159 approved by the Institutional Review Board of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences
160 (UVAS-24817). Peripheral blood smears were prepared and stained with 4% Giemsa, then
161 visualised under 1000x oil immersion to detect piroplasm infection. ‘Haemoprotobiome’
162 sequencing was performed on piroplasm-positive blood samples to confirm the presence of *T.*
163 *annulata* (Chaudhry et al., 2019). Genomic DNA was isolated from *T. annulata* positive samples
164 by lysis with GS buffer and proteinase K as described in the TIANamp Blood DNA Kit
165 (TIANGEN Biotech Co. Ltd, Beijing) and stored at -20°C.

166 Four cell-line stocks of *T. annulata* positive controls originally derived from Turkey, India,
167 Tunisia, and Morocco (Katzner et al., 1994) were available at the University of Edinburgh Roslin
168 Institute, UK.

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170 *2.2. Adapter and barcoded PCR amplification of T. annulata cytochrome b*

171 A 517 bp region of the cytochrome b locus was selected for deep amplicon sequencing. One µl
172 gDNA of each of 31 buffalo, 54 cattle and the 4 positive control derived *T. annulata* samples was
173 used as templates for the 1st round adapter PCR amplification. A *de novo* primer set
174 (Supplementary Table S1) was used under the following conditions: 13.25 µl ddH₂O, 1 µl gDNA,
175 0.75 µl of 10 mM dNTPs mix, 5 µl of 5X HiFi Fidelity Buffer, 0.5 µl of 0.5U DNA polymerase
176 enzyme (KAPA Biosystems, USA), and 0.75 µl of 10 µM forward adaptor primers and reverse

177 adaptor primers. The thermocycling conditions were: 95°C for 2 min, 35 cycles at 98°C for 20 sec,
178 55°C for 15 sec, and 72°C for 2 min, followed by a final extension of 72°C for 2 min. The PCR
179 product was purified with AMPure XP Magnetic Beads (1X) (Beckman coulter Inc., USA). A
180 barcoded primer set was used in the 2nd round of PCR amplification to add a fragment of unique
181 sequence into each purified product (Supplementary Table S2) under the following conditions:
182 13.25 µl ddH₂O, 2 µl bead purified PCR products, 0.75 µl of 10 mM dNTPs mix, 5 µl of 5X HiFi
183 Fidelity Buffer, 0.75 µl of 0.5U DNA polymerase enzyme (KAPA Biosystems, USA), and 1.25 µl
184 of 10µM forward and reverse primers. The thermocycling conditions were: 98°C for 2 min, 7
185 cycles at 98°C for 20 sec, 63°C for 20 sec, and 72°C for 2 min. The PCR products were purified
186 with AMPure XP Magnetic Beads (1X) (Beckman coulter Inc., USA).

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188 2.3. *Illumina Mi-Seq run and data handling*

189 A pooled library was prepared with 10 µl of barcoded bead purification PCR product from each
190 *T. annulata* sample and sent to Edinburgh Genomics, UK for deep amplicon sequencing. The size
191 of the amplicon was measured by qPCR library quantification (KAPA Biosystems, USA), before
192 running on an Illumina Mi-Seq sequencer using a 600-cycle pair-end reagent kit (Mi-Seq Reagent
193 Kits v2, MS-103-2003) at a concentration of 15 nM with addition of 15% Phix control v3
194 (Illumina, FC-11-2003). The Illumina Mi-Seq post-run processing uses the barcoded indices to
195 split all sequences by sample and generate FASTQ files. These were analysed using Mothur
196 v1.39.5 software (Schloss et al., 2009) with modifications in the standard operating procedures of
197 Illumina Mi-Seq (Kozich et al., 2013) in the Command Prompt pipeline. Briefly, the raw paired
198 read-ends were run into the ‘make.contigs’ command to combine the two sets of reads for each
199 sample. The command extracted sequence and quality score data from the FASTQ files, creating
200 the complement of the reverse and forward reads, and then joining the reads into contigs. After
201 removing the too long, or ambiguous sequence reads, the data were aligned with the *T. annulata*
202 cytochrome b reference sequence library prepared from the positive controls (for more details
203 Supplementary Data S1 and section 2.1) using the ‘align.seqs’ command. Any sequences that did
204 not match with the *T. annulata* cytochrome b reference library were removed and the
205 ‘summary.seqs’ command was used to summarise the 517 bp sequence reads of the *T. annulata*
206 cytochrome b locus. The sequence reads were further run on the ‘screen.seqs’ command to
207 generate the *T. annulata* cytochrome b FASTQ file. Once the sequence reads were classified as *T.*
208 *annulata*, a count list of the consensus sequences of each population was created using the

209 'unique.seqs' command. The count list was further used to create FASTQ files of the consensus
210 sequences of each population using the 'split.groups' command (for more details Supplementary
211 Data S2).

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213 2.4. Bioinformatics data analysis

214 The consensus sequences of *T. annulata* cytochrome b locus were aligned using the MUSCLE
215 alignment tool in Geneious v10.2.5 software (Biomatters Ltd, New Zealand) and then imported
216 into the FaBox 1.5 online tool (birc.au.dk) to collapse the sequences that showed 100% base pair
217 similarity after corrections into a single genotype. The genotype frequency of each sample was
218 calculated by dividing the number of sequence reads by the total number of reads. A split tree was
219 created in the SplitTrees4 software (bio-soft.net) by using the neighbour-joining method in the
220 JukesCantor model of substitution. The appropriate model of nucleotide substitutions for
221 neighbour-joining analysis was selected by using the jModeltest 12.2.0 program (Posada, 2008).
222 The tree was rooted with the corresponding cytochrome b sequence of *T. parva*. The branch
223 supports were obtained by 1000 bootstraps of the data. The genetic diversity of cytochrome b was
224 calculated within and between populations by using the DnaSP 5.10 software package (Librado
225 and Rozas, 2009), and the following values were obtained: Heterozygosity (H_e), the number of
226 segregating sites (S), nucleotide diversity (π), the mean number of pairwise differences (k), the
227 mutation parameter based on an infinite site equilibrium model, and the mutations parameter
228 based on segregating sites (S_0).

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230 2.5. Satellite genotyping and bioinformatics data analysis of *T. annulata*

231 Six satellite markers (TS6, TS8, TS20, TS31, TS12, TS16) were selected for use on each
232 population as previously described by Weir et al. (2007). A summary of primer sequences and
233 allele ranges is given in Supplementary Table S3. Eighteen buffalo and 35 cattle derived *T.*
234 *annulata* populations were successfully analysed from six markers. PCR amplification was
235 performed using a master mix containing 17.2 μ l ddH₂O, 0.3 μ l of 100 μ M dNTPs, 2.5 μ l of 1X
236 thermopol reaction buffer, 0.3 μ l of 1.25U Taq DNA polymerase (New England Biolabs) and 0.3
237 μ l of 0.1 μ M forward and reverse primers. The thermo-cycling parameters were 94°C for 2 min
238 followed by 35 cycles of 94°C for 1 min, staying at the annealing temperatures of 60°C (TS6,
239 TS20), 55°C (TS8, TS12, TS16), or 50°C (TS31) for 1 min and 65°C for 1 min, with a single final
240 extension cycle of 65°C for 5 min. The forward primer of each microsatellite primer pair was 5'

241 end labelled with fluorescent dye (IDT, UK), and the ROX 400 internal size standard was used on
242 the ABI Prism 3100 genetic analyser (Applied Biosystems, USA).

243 Individual chromatograms were analysed using Peak Scanner software version 2.0 (Thermo
244 Fisher Scientific, USA) to determine the size of the alleles. These were combined across six
245 markers to generate a multilocus genotype (MLG). From the MLG data, allelic variation (A) and
246 heterozygosity (H_e) for individual populations were calculated using Arlequin 3.11 software (Guo
247 and Thompson, 1992). Significance levels were calculated using the sequential method of
248 Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons in the same dataset (Rice, 1989). Analysis of
249 molecular variance (AMOVA) was estimated through the partition of satellite diversity between
250 and within populations (Excoffier et al., 1992) and fixation index (pairwise F_{ST}) values were
251 calculated using Arlequin 3.11 to provide a measurement of population genetic sub-structure.
252 Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) was performed using GenALEX software to illustrate the
253 extent of genetically distinct features of individual populations with plot coordinates (Peakall and
254 Smouse, 2012).

255 The likelihood ratio test statistics (G-test) were calculated using Arlequin 3.11 software
256 (Excoffier et al., 2005) to estimate genetic linkage equilibrium and deviations from Hardy-
257 Weinberg equilibrium. There was no evidence to support linkage disequilibrium for any
258 combination of satellite loci in the individual *T. annulata* populations of buffalo and cattle,
259 indicating that alleles at these loci were randomly associating and not genetically linked (data on
260 file). There was some significant departure from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, even after
261 Bonferroni correction, in addition to relative P values for 108 loci combinations for buffalo and
262 210 loci combinations for cattle *T. annulata* populations. The bottleneck software (version 1.2.02)
263 was, therefore, used to search for the evidence of heterozygosity excess and mode-shift. The
264 Wilcoxon signed-rank test was used to evaluate the statistical significance of any possible genetic
265 drift equilibrium (Lefterova et al., 2015). The data showed that there was no heterozygosity excess
266 according to the Sign Test and Wilcoxon Test (data on file). The mode shift analysis established
267 most populations had a normal L-shaped distribution.

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269 **3. Results**

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271 *3.1. Allelic diversity between cattle- and buffalo- derived T. annulata populations*

272 The allelic diversity data show that *T. annulata* is more diverse in cattle as compared to water
273 buffalo. The mean numbers (\pm SD) of satellite alleles in the cattle- and buffalo- derived
274 populations were 34.7 (\pm 9.1) and 23.7 (\pm 5.2), respectively. The number of alleles (A_n) for each
275 satellite marker in the cattle- and buffalo-derived populations ranged from 22 to 46 and 17 to 32,
276 respectively. The mean numbers (\pm SD) of cattle- and buffalo-specific *T. annulata* satellite alleles
277 (A_u) per marker were 13.3 (\pm 6.3) and 1.8 (\pm 2.04), respectively (Table 1 and Fig. 1). Seventy-nine
278 and 41 cytochrome b locus alleles (A_n) were identified in the cattle- and buffalo-derived *T.*
279 *annulata* populations. The numbers of cattle- and buffalo-specific *T. annulata* alleles (A_u) were 65
280 and 27, respectively (Table 1 and Fig. 1).

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282 3.2. Genetic diversity within *T. annulata* populations derived from cattle and buffalo

283 Overall, the mean heterozygosities (H_e) (\pm SD) of the cattle- and buffalo-derived *T. annulata*
284 populations were 0.912 (\pm 0.056) and 0.874 (\pm 0.028) respectively (Table 2). The heterozygosity
285 (H_e) data reveal high levels of genetic diversity within each population of *T. annulata*; with mean
286 values (\pm SD) for the six satellite markers ranging from 0.8 (\pm 0.082) to 0.959 (\pm 0.017) in
287 individual cattle- and 0.738 (\pm 0.196) to 0.956 (\pm 0.034) in buffalo-derived populations (Table 2).

288 High levels of heterozygosity (H_e) were seen at the *T. annulata* cytochrome b locus, ranging
289 from 0.556 to 0.923 (overall mean value 0.931) in cattle-derived populations and from 0.545 to
290 0.900 (overall mean value 0.861) in buffalo-derived populations (Table 3).

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292 3.3. Genetic sub-structure between *T. annulata* populations derived from cattle and buffalo

293 Genetic differentiation was shown by comparing the fixation indices (F_{ST}) of two populations
294 with each other in a pairwise manner. The F_{ST} values indicated a low level of genetic
295 differentiation between *T. annulata* populations ranging from 0.001 to 0.114 in cattle and 0.003 to
296 0.132 buffalo, respectively (Supplementary Table S4).

297 An AMOVA was conducted using the panel of six satellite markers to estimate the genetic
298 variation within and between the populations. This showed that genetic variation was distributed
299 97.91% and 97% and within; and 2.09% and 3% between cattle- and buffalo-derived *T. annulata*
300 populations, respectively (data on file). PCoA was performed to illustrate as a two-dimensional
301 plot the extent to which populations are genetically distinct. The two axes accounted for 72.5%
302 (25.67 + 46.83) and 73.93% (27.6 + 46.33) of the variation in the cattle- and buffalo-derived

303 populations, respectively; and showed that populations from different regions formed overlapping
304 clusters, hence were not geographically sub-structured (Fig. 2).

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306 *3.4. Genotype distribution of T. annulata populations derived from cattle and buffalo*

307 *T. annulata* satellite data were found to be highly polymorphic in each population, with overall
308 numbers of genotypes per population ranging from 2 to 26 in cattle and 2 to 17 in buffalo. The
309 mean numbers (\pm SD) of *T. annulata* genotypes in cattle- and buffalo-derived populations were
310 8.60 (\pm 2.52) and 6.25, respectively (Table 4).

311 Seventy-nine *T. annulata* cytochrome b genotypes from individual cattle-derived populations
312 were analysed separately. Fifteen populations had a single genotype at high frequencies ranging
313 from 90 to 100%. These comprised of ten populations containing only one genotype; two
314 populations containing two genotypes; one population with three genotypes; one population with
315 four genotypes; and one population with seven genotypes (Fig. 3A). Thirty-nine populations had
316 multiple genotypes at high frequencies. These comprised of five populations containing two
317 genotypes; eight populations containing three genotypes; ten population containing four genotypes;
318 seven populations with five genotypes; four populations with six genotypes; one population with
319 seven genotypes; two populations with eight genotypes; one populations with 12 genotypes; and
320 one with 14 genotypes (Fig. 3A). Phylogenetic analysis of the 79 cytochrome b genotypes of the
321 cattle-derived *T. annulata* populations, showed that two genotypes for 22.9% and 10.8% of the
322 total number of the sequence reads, being present in 36 and 8, populations, respectively. Seven
323 genotypes accounted for between 5.0% and 7.0% of the sequence reads and 45 genotypes
324 accounted for less than 1.0% of the sequence reads (Fig. 4A). The split tree shows that eight
325 genotypes are shared between populations derived from cattle holdings in multiple locations of
326 Lahore, Chakwal, Gujranwala, Okara, and Sahiwal. Seven genotypes are shared between
327 populations derived from cattle holdings in any two locations of Lahore, Gujranwala, Okara, and
328 Sahiwal. Sixty-one genotypes are present in a single location (Gujranwala=24; Qadirabad=12;
329 Okara =14; Lahore=11 genotypes) (Fig. 4A).

330 Forty-one *T. annulata* cytochrome b genotypes from individual buffalo-derived populations
331 were analysed separately. A single genotype predominated in 15 populations at a frequency of
332 between 90 and 100%. These comprised of eight populations containing only one genotype; three
333 populations containing two genotypes; one population with three genotypes; one population with
334 five genotypes; one population with six genotypes; and one population with seven genotypes (Fig.

335 3B). Sixteen populations had high frequencies of multiple genotypes. These comprised of seven
336 populations contained 2 genotypes; two populations contained 3 genotypes; one population
337 contained 4 genotypes; three populations had 5 genotypes; two populations had 7 genotypes and
338 one population contained a maximum of 8 genotypes (Fig. 3B). Phylogenetic analysis of the 41
339 cytochrome b genotypes of the buffalo-derived *T. annulata* populations, showed that three
340 genotypes accounted for 39.1%, 10.8%, and 5.5% of sequence reads being present in 26, 15 and 3
341 populations, respectively. Eighteen genotypes accounted for between 1.0% and 3.0% of sequence
342 reads and 20 genotypes accounted for less than 1.0% of sequence reads (Fig. 4B). The split tree
343 shows that two genotypes are shared between *T. annulata* populations derived from buffalo
344 holdings in multiple locations of Gujranwala, Hafizabad, Okara, and Sahiwal. Five genotypes are
345 present in the populations derived from buffalo holdings in Gujranwala and Okara. One genotype
346 is present in the populations derived from buffalo holdings in Hafizabad and Okara and one
347 genotype from Okara and Sahiwal. Thirty-two genotypes are present in a single location (16
348 genotypes in Gujranwala; 13 genotypes in Okara; and 3 in Hafizabad) (Fig. 4B).

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350 **4. Discussion**

351 *Theileria annulata* is considered to be the most economically important protozoan parasite of
352 water buffalo and cattle in Asia and North Africa, causing high mortality and morbidity. The
353 annual economic impact of the pathogen is estimated to be billions of USD, with a significant
354 impact on both meat and milk production (Jabbar et al., 2015). Our results reveal a high level of
355 genetic diversity within *T. annulata* infecting individual hosts, and between different host-derived
356 populations; being greater in cattle- than in water buffalo-derived populations. *Theileria annulata*
357 genotype distribution in the Punjab province of Pakistan is consistent with high parasite
358 transmission rates and frequent animal movements between different regions. These results may
359 have practical implications for the spread of parasite genetic adaptations.

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361 *4.1. Potential impact of T. annulata allelic diversity on immunisation cross-protection*

362 The satellite and cytochrome b data reported in the present study show that *T. annulata* is
363 genetically more diverse with more circulation of alleles in cattle as compared to water buffalo.
364 The satellite data were informative due to the numbers of alleles present, showing more unique
365 alleles in cattle-derived than in Asian water buffalo-derived *T. annulata* populations. The
366 cytochrome b locus provided further evidence of allelic diversity and differences between cattle-

367 and buffalo- populations. Similarly high levels of parasite heterogeneity have been reported in *T.*
368 *parva*, albeit with higher allelic diversity in African buffalo- than in cattle-derived parasite
369 populations (Oura et al., 2011). Such allelic variation may reflect the capacity of parasite to
370 undergo transmission. For example, the differences between *T. annulata* and *T. parva* could have
371 arisen if the buffalo-derived *T. annulata* transmission is more restricted than transmission between
372 cattle-derived populations in the Punjab province of Pakistan; while *T. parva* transmission may be
373 more efficient between infected buffalo than cattle in endemic east coast fever regions of Africa
374 (Oura et al., 2011).

375 The high level of allelic variation described in *T. annulata* might have practical implications for
376 the development of a sporozoite and merozoite antigen subunit vaccine. Immunisation of cattle
377 with different subunit versions of the sporozoite stage surface protein (SPAG1, TaSP) has
378 provided a degree of protection against cattle-derived *T. annulata*, probably through a reduction in
379 the level of parasitaemia (Schnittger et al., 2002). However, little is known about the antigenic
380 diversity of *T. annulata* candidate loci, which may be important in vaccine development
381 (MacHugh et al., 2011), or about the impact of differences between cattle- and buffalo-derived
382 populations. Our results highlight the need for better understanding of antigenic diversity in the
383 development of a subunit vaccine for tropical theileriosis, capable of providing cross-protection
384 against cattle- and buffalo-derived *T. annulata* genotypes across different regions.

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386 4.2. Potential impact of *T. annulata* genetic diversity on the emergence of buparvaquone 387 resistance

388 Our satellite and cytochrome b locus data show high levels of genetic diversity in both cattle-
389 and buffalo-derived *T. annulata* populations, reflecting high effective population sizes (Al-
390 Hamidhi et al., 2015) and implying high mutation rates across the *T. annulata* genome. The 8.35
391 Mb nuclear genome sequence of *T. annulata* spans four chromosomes that range from 1.9 to 2.6
392 Mb, with 3,792 putative protein-coding genes. In addition, a total of 49 transfer RNA and five
393 ribosomal RNA genes were identified (Pain et al. (2005)). The high level of genetic diversity in *T.*
394 *annulata* may practical implications for the emergence of antiprotozoal drug resistance mutations.
395 Only one drug, buparvaquone, is available for the treatment of tropical theileriosis: Pakistani
396 livestock are treated frequently with buparvaquone and anecdotal evidence suggests that resistance
397 is widespread.

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399 4.3. Potential impact of the multiplicity of *T. annulata* infection on control strategies for tropical
400 theileriosis

401 The presence of a single cytochrome b genotype in 15 cattle and 9 buffalo- derived populations
402 suggests a single emergence and subsequent spread of *T. annulata* infection. The satellite data
403 provide further evidence of low levels of genetic differentiation among cattle-and buffalo-derived
404 populations and show overlapping clusters that are not geographically sub-structured, consistent
405 with the high levels of gene flow due to livestock movements or translocations of ticks to a new
406 region. This could influence the spread of drug-resistant alleles. Studies of the global genetic sub-
407 structure of *T. annulata* have shown a high level of genetic differentiation between Turkey and
408 Tunisia (Weir et al., 2007). Studies have also shown a low level of genetic differentiation in *T.*
409 *annulata* within-countries including Turkey, Tunisia, Oman, China and Portugal (Al-Hamidhi et
410 al., 2015; Gomes et al., 2016; Weir et al., 2011; Yin et al., 2018), reflecting high levels of animal
411 movement, or translocation of ticks.

412 The predominance and the high proportions of multiple cytochrome b genotypes in 39 cattle-
413 and 16 buffalo-derived populations implies multiple emergence of infection. The numbers of
414 satellite genotypes per population provide further evidence for this pattern of emergence of
415 different genetically adapted strains. Random cross mating of gametes and genetic recombination
416 of *T. annulata* in ticks gives rise to the formation of new genotypes (Al-Hamidhi et al., 2015). The
417 multiplicity of infection of *T. annulata* may be influenced by variations in the intensity of
418 transmission due to levels of different tick species infestation, or prevalence of tick infection (Yin
419 et al., 2018). *Hyalomma scupense* is the most common and economically important species and
420 the major vector of *T. annulata*, but *Hyalomma marginatum* and *Hyalomma anatolicum* are also
421 found in Tunisia (Bouattour et al., 1996). There are four *Hyalomma* species responsible for the
422 transmission of *T. annulata* in Turkey, of which *H. anatolicum* is the major vector for *T. annulata*
423 (Aktas et al., 2004). Two tick species, *Hyalomma lusitanicum*, and *H. marginatum* are the vectors
424 of *T. annulata* in Portugal (Estrada-Pena and Santos-Silva, 2005). There are a few reports that *H.*
425 *anatolicum* may be a vector of *T. annulata* in the Punjab province of Pakistan (Karim et al., 2017).
426 The multiplicity of *T. annulata* infection may also be influenced by population bottlenecking
427 effects, arising from seasonal effects of climatic conditions on tick transmission and completion of
428 the parasite's lifecycle. The *T. annulata* transmission season in Turkey is between May and
429 September, with the peak of clinical cases occurring in mid-summer (Sayin et al., 2003). In a
430 region of endemic stability of tropical theileriosis in Tunisia, there is a high level of multiplicity

431 of *T. annulata* infection, but clinical disease is rare; while in a region of endemic instability, a
432 proportion of the population becomes infected all year round, and the clinical disease occurs
433 particularly in adult cattle (Gharbi et al., 2011).

434 Control strategies for tropical theileriosis need to consider factors such as: the reproductive
435 isolation of parasite populations; management of host movements; control of tick vectors;
436 mitigation of the impacts of climate change; and consequences of parasite exposure to
437 antiprotozoal drugs. Understanding of the multiplicity of infection and of high levels of gene flow
438 is, therefore, important in the educational dissemination and implementation of advice on
439 sustainable parasite control.

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597 **Figure Legends**

598 **Fig. 1.** The mean number of alleles in *T. annulata* derived from buffalo and cattle based on a panel
599 of six satellite and a cytochrome b marker. The bar of each marker shows the proportion of
600 alleles in buffalo and cattle. The Y-axis shows the number of alleles of each marker. The unique
601 and shared alleles of buffalo and cattle are represented by a different colour.

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603 **Fig. 2.** Principal coordinate analysis using a panel of six satellite markers to represent 35 cattle-
604 and 18 buffalo-derived *T. annulata* populations.

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606 **Fig. 3.** Relative genotype frequencies of the cytochrome b locus of 54 cattle-derived (2A) and 31
607 buffalo-derived (2B) *T. annulata* populations, collected from the Punjab province of Pakistan.
608 Each genotype (CHA and BHA) is represented by a different colour in the individual population
609 (CY). The population distribution and the frequency of sequence reads generated per population

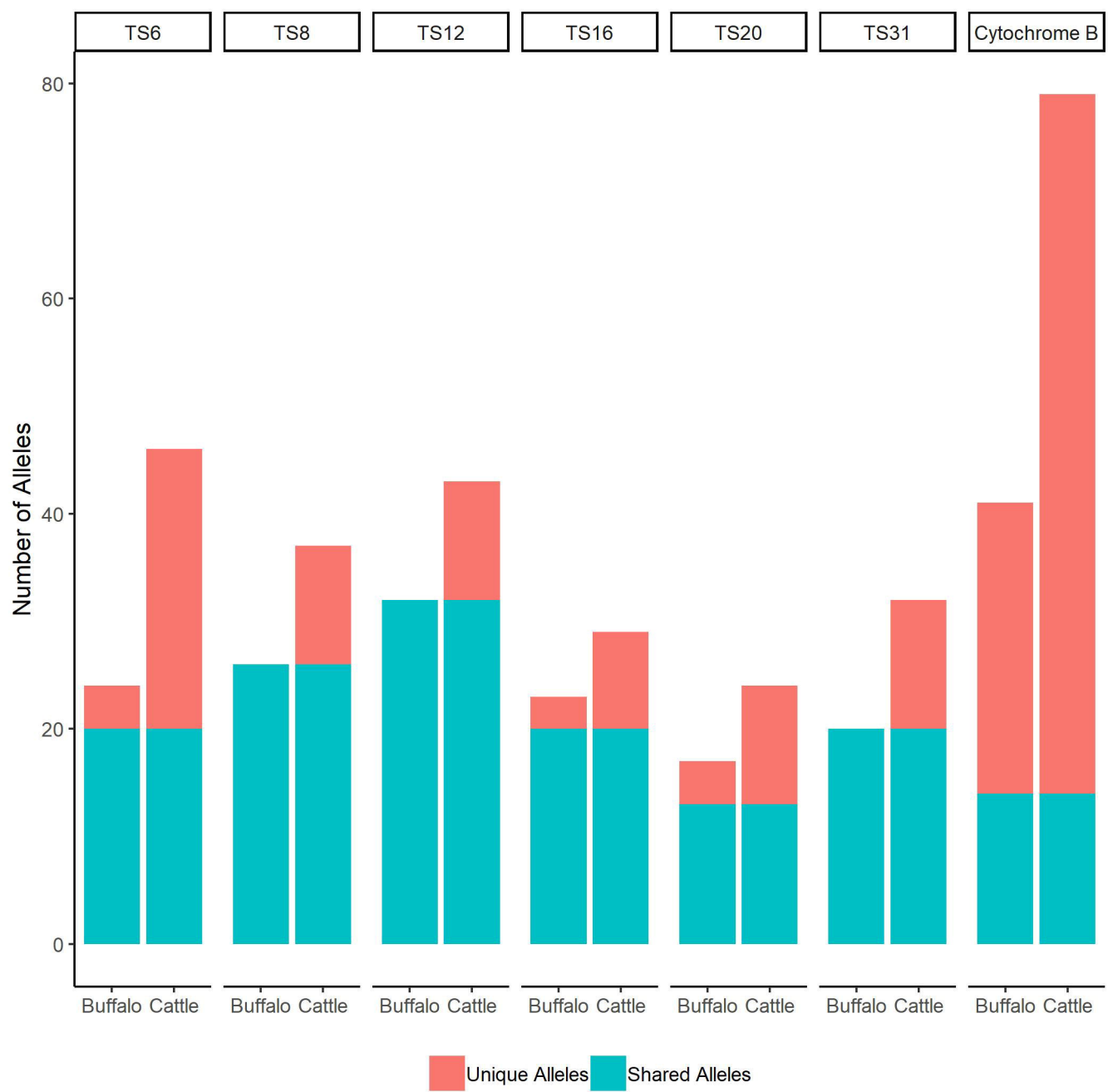
610 for each of the 79 cattle-derived and 41 buffalo-derived *T. annulata* genotypes is shown in the
611 insert table.

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613 **Fig. 4.** Split tree analysis of 79 cattle-derived (3A) and 41 buffalo-derived (3B) *T. annulata*
614 genotypes collected from the Lahore (A), Gujranwala (B), Chakwal (C), Qadirabad (D), Okara (E),
615 Sahiwal (F), and Hafizabad (G) regions of the Punjab province of Pakistan. Each population (CY)
616 is represented by a different colour in the individual genotype (CHA and BHA). The pie chart
617 circles represent the distribution and percentage of sequence reads generated per genotype
618 identified in 54 cattle- and 31 buffalo-derived populations, as indicated in the insert table.

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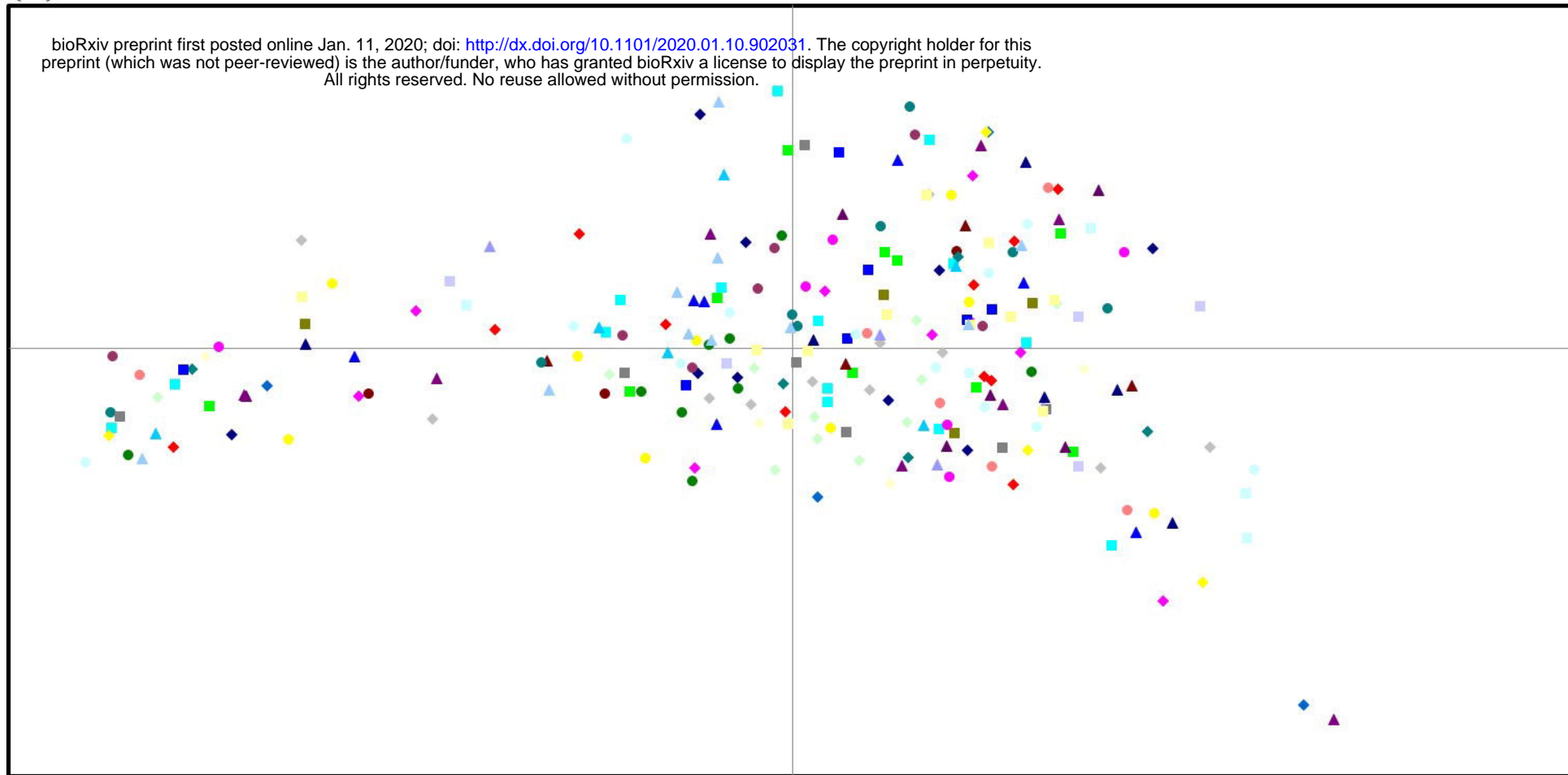


Principal Coordinates Analysis

(A) Cattle

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Coordinate 2 variance: 25.67



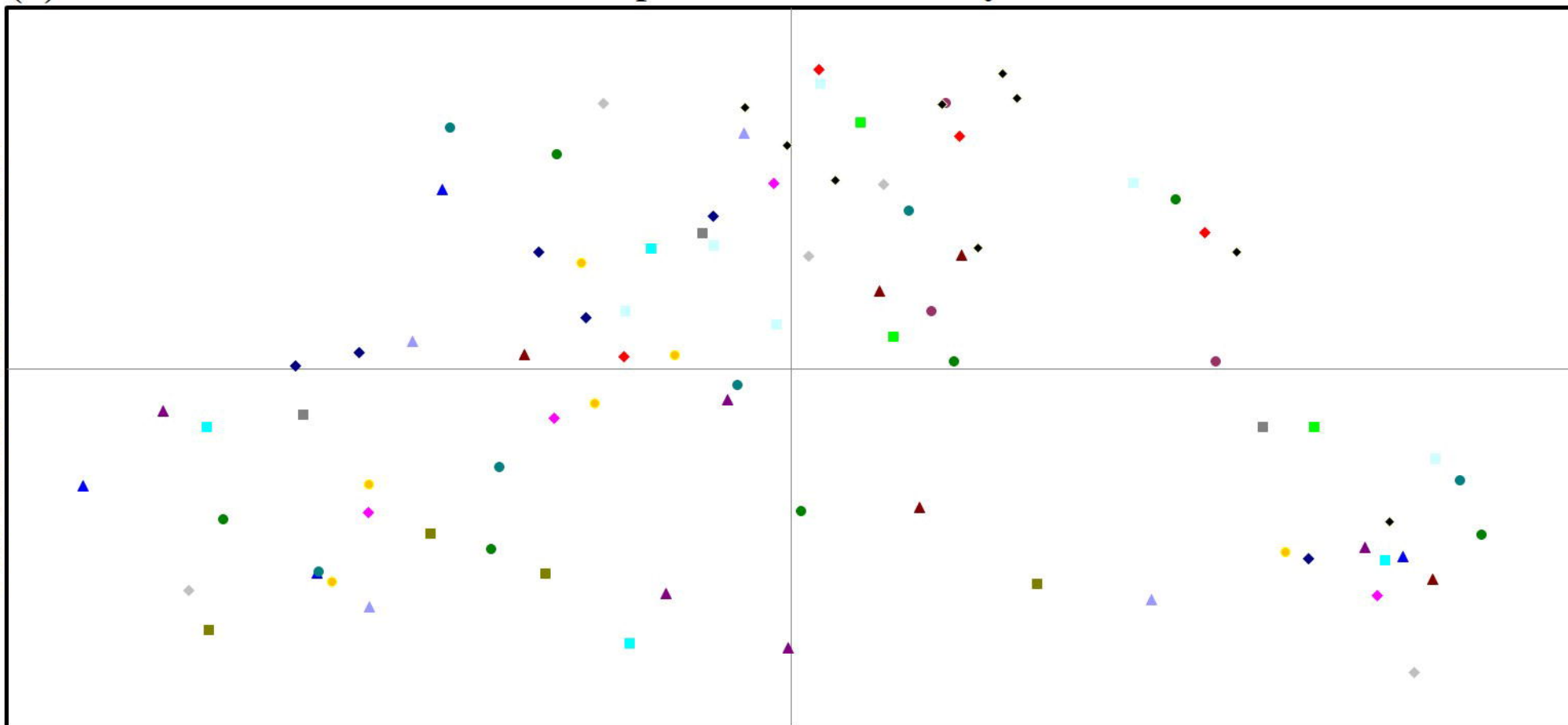
Coordinate 1 variance: 46.83

- pop = CY2
- pop = CY6
- pop = CY79
- pop = CY82
- pop = CY89
- pop = CY84
- pop = CY20
- pop = CY90
- pop = CY26
- pop = CY27
- pop = CY28
- pop = CY30
- pop = CY34
- pop = CY39
- pop = CY38
- pop = CY40
- pop = CY41
- pop = CY37
- pop = CY160
- pop = CY162
- pop = CY154
- pop = CY131
- pop = CY130
- pop = CY120
- pop = CY119
- pop = CY134
- pop = CY150
- pop = CY173
- pop = CY124
- pop = CY175
- pop = CY177
- pop = CY136
- pop = CY151
- pop = CY145
- pop = CY33

(B) Buffalo

Principal Coordinates Analysis

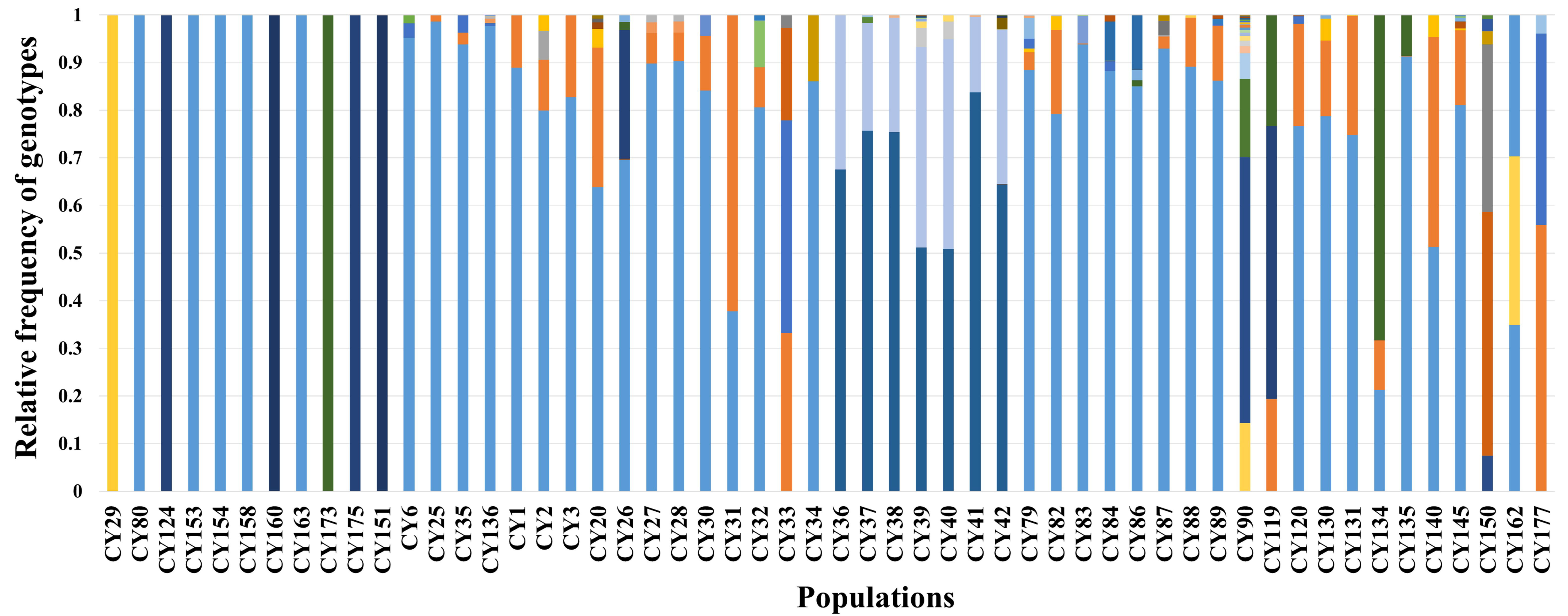
Coordinate 2 variance: 27.60



Coordinate 1 variance: 46.33

- pop = CY7
- pop = CY16
- pop = CY92
- pop = CY109
- pop = CY157
- pop = CY103
- pop = CY15
- pop = CY98
- pop = CY129
- pop = CY142
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- pop = CY138
- pop = CY148
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- pop = CY149
- pop = CY149
- pop = CY139
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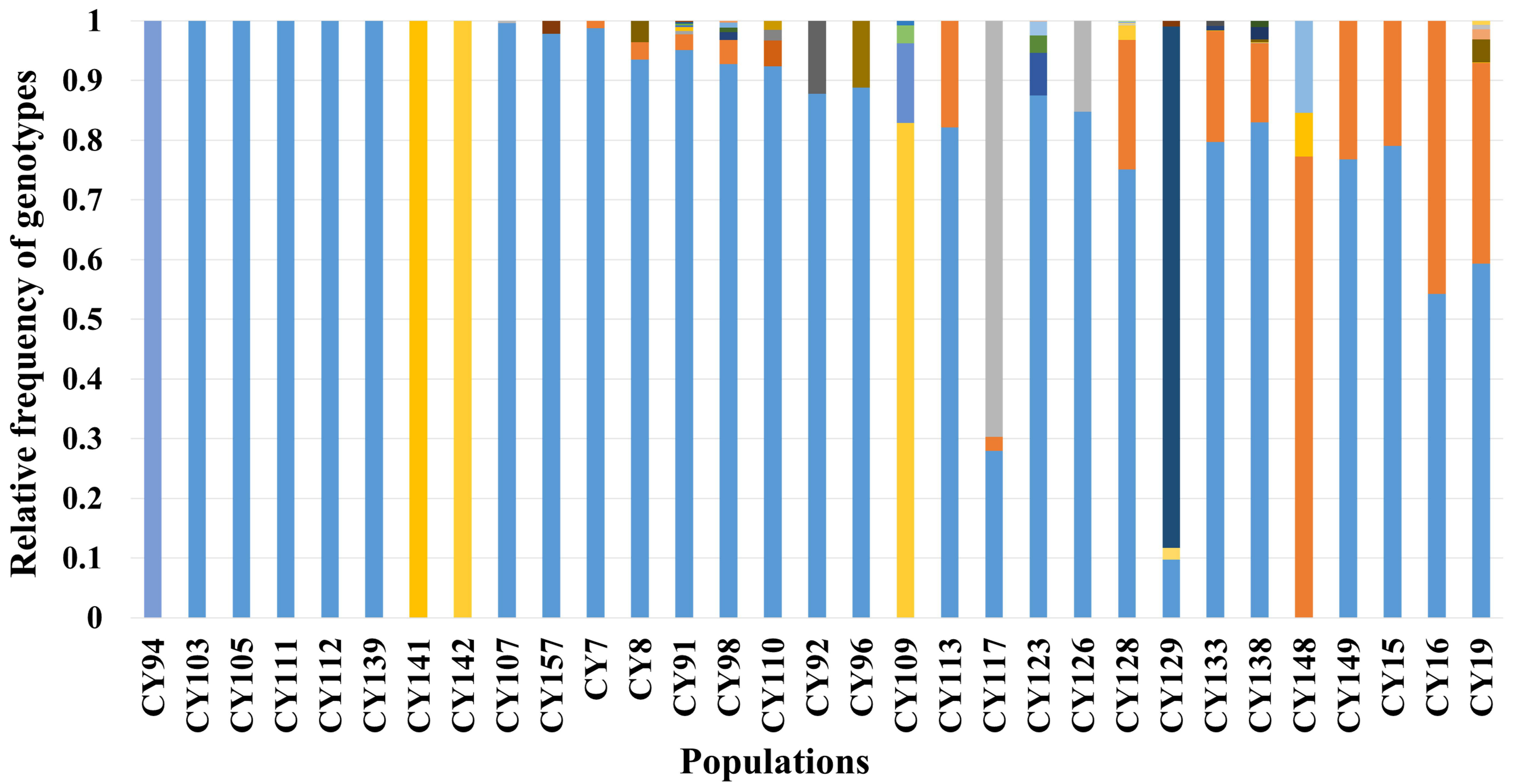
(A) Cattle



CHA1	CHA9	CHA17	CHA25	CHA33	CHA41	CHA49	CHA57	CHA65	CHA73
CHA2	CHA10	CHA18	CHA26	CHA34	CHA42	CHA50	CHA58	CHA66	CHA74
CHA3	CHA11	CHA19	CHA27	CHA35	CHA43	CHA51	CHA59	CHA67	CHA75
CHA4	CHA12	CHA20	CHA28	CHA36	CHA44	CHA52	CHA60	CHA68	CHA76
CHA5	CHA13	CHA21	CHA29	CHA37	CHA45	CHA53	CHA61	CHA69	CHA77
CHA6	CHA14	CHA22	CHA30	CHA38	CHA46	CHA54	CHA62	CHA70	CHA78
CHA7	CHA15	CHA23	CHA31	CHA39	CHA47	CHA55	CHA63	CHA71	CHA79
CHA8	CHA16	CHA24	CHA32	CHA40	CHA48	CHA56	CHA64	CHA72	

Populations	Sequence reads	Genotypes (%)
CY29	6442	CHA16(99.2),CHA4(0.2)
CY80	2997	CHA1(100)
CY124	3450	CHA65(100)
CY151	2032	CHA35(100)
CY153	4391	CHA1(100)
CY154	3483	CHA1(100)
CY158	1514	CHA1(100)
CY160	3621	CHA35(100)
CY163	2842	CHA1(100)
CY173	3393	CHA66(100)
CY175	3798	CHA65(100)
CY6	7361	CHA1(95.2), CHA5(3.0), CHA6(1.7), CHA7(0.1)
CY25	12422	CHA1(98.7), CHA2(1.2)
CY35	3780	CHA1(90.8), CHA2(3.4), CHA5(4.7)
CY136	109536	CHA1(97.6), CHA68(0.9), CHA69(0.4), CHA5(0.6), CHA33(0.1), CHA70(0.1), CHA71(0.1)
CY1	3055	CHA1(89), CHA2(11)
CY2	8032	CHA1(77.9), CHA2(10.6), CHA3(6.0), CHA4(5.3)
CY3	3573	CHA1(82.7), CHA2(17.2)
CY20	66615	CHA1 (60.8), CHA2(29.2), CHA4(6.9), CHA8(1.3), CHA9(0.8), CHA10(0.7)
CY26	8670	CHA1(69.6), CHA11(27.0), CHA12(1.6), CHA13(1.4), CHA8(0.1)
CY27	15741	CHA1(89.7),CHA2(6.4), CHA14(2.2), CHA15(1.5), CHA4(0.6)
CY28	9559	CHA1(90.3),CHA2(5.9), CHA14(2.3), CHA15(1.3)
CY30	8168	CHA1(81.1), CHA2(11.5), CHA17(6.3)
CY31	4219	CHA2(62.2), CHA1(37.7)
CY32	2304	CHA1(80.6), CHA2(8.4), CHA18(9.7), CHA19(1.1)
CY33	2162	CHA2(33.2), CHA5(43.6), CHA20(19.4), CHA21(4.5)
CY34	13252	CHA1(86.1), CHA22(13.8)
CY36	4812	CHA7(67.6), CHA23(32.3)
CY37	47941	CHA7(75.6), CHA23(22.6), CHA24(1.2), CHA25(0.4)
CY38	4812	CHA7(75.3), CHA23(24.0), CHA26(0.5), CHA8(0.2)
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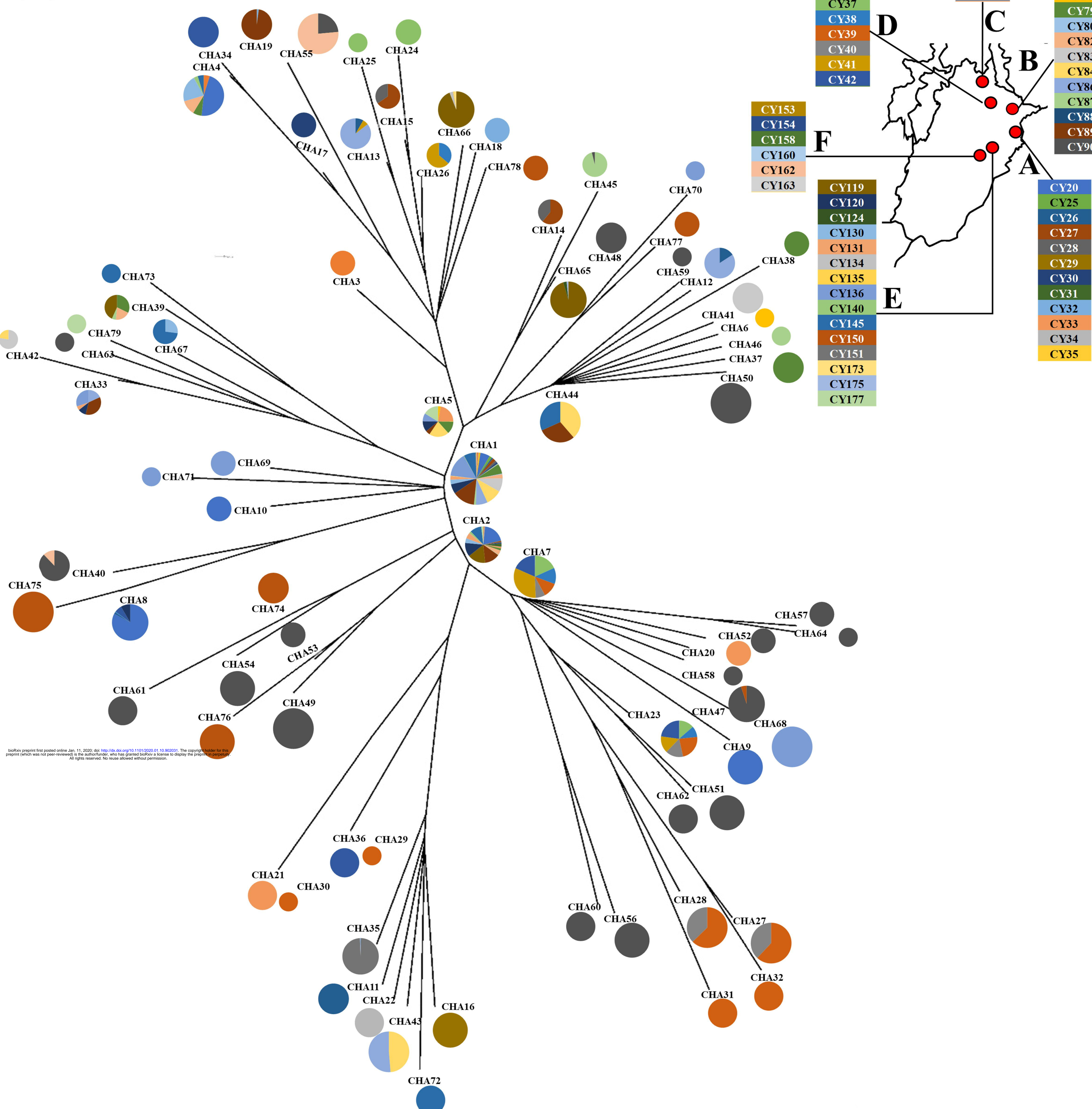
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BHA5									

Populations	Sequence reads	Genotypes (%)
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CY139	18352	BHA1(100)
CY141	14892	BHA41(100)
CY142	12272	BHA16(100)
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CY98	23295	BHA1(92.7), BHA2(4.0), BHA11(1.2), BHA12(0.8), BHA13(0.8), BHA14(0.2)
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CY96	16971	BHA1(88.8), BHA10(11.9)
CY109	16723	BHA16(82.9), BHA17(13.3), BHA18(2.9), BHA19(0.7)
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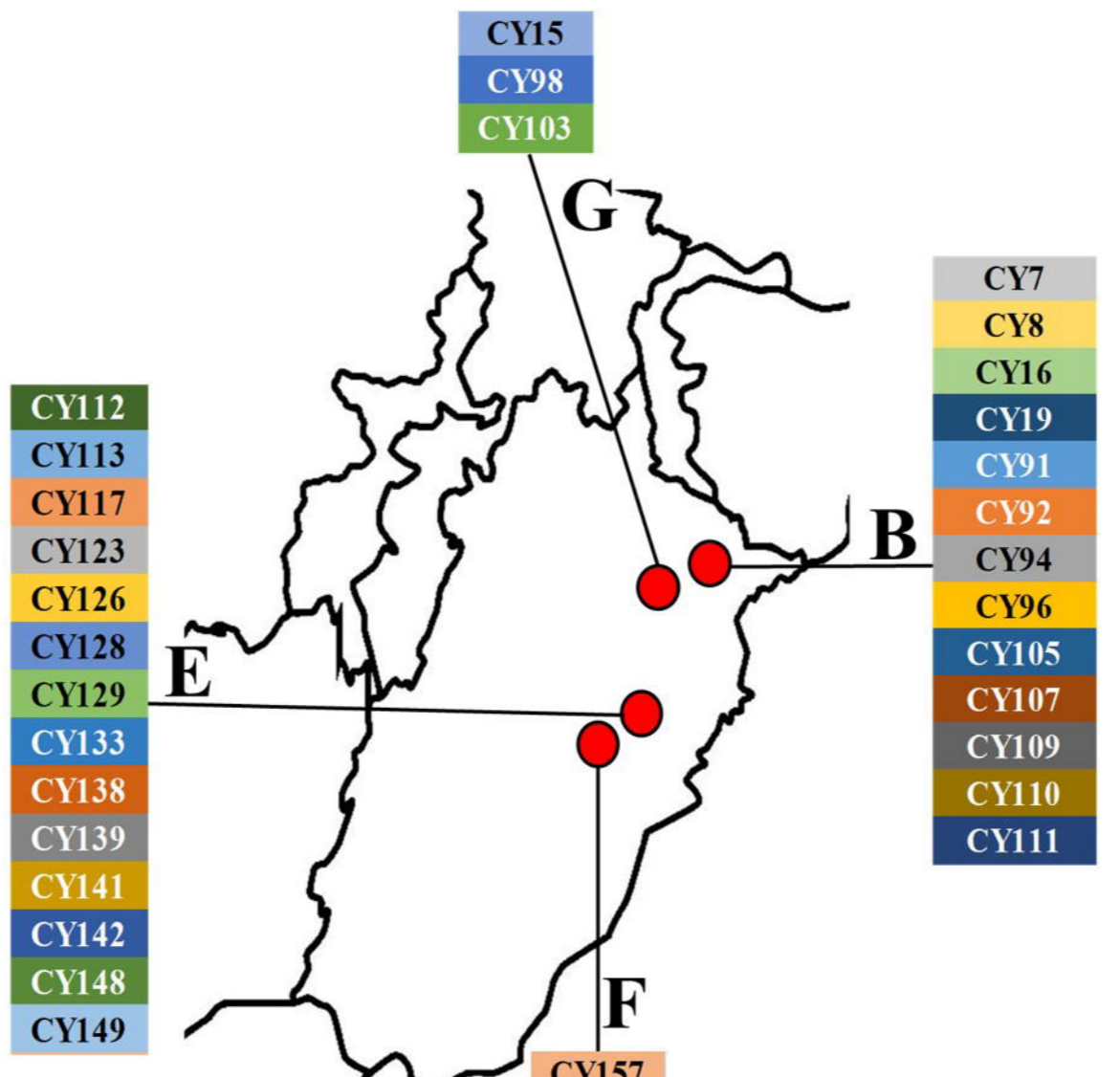
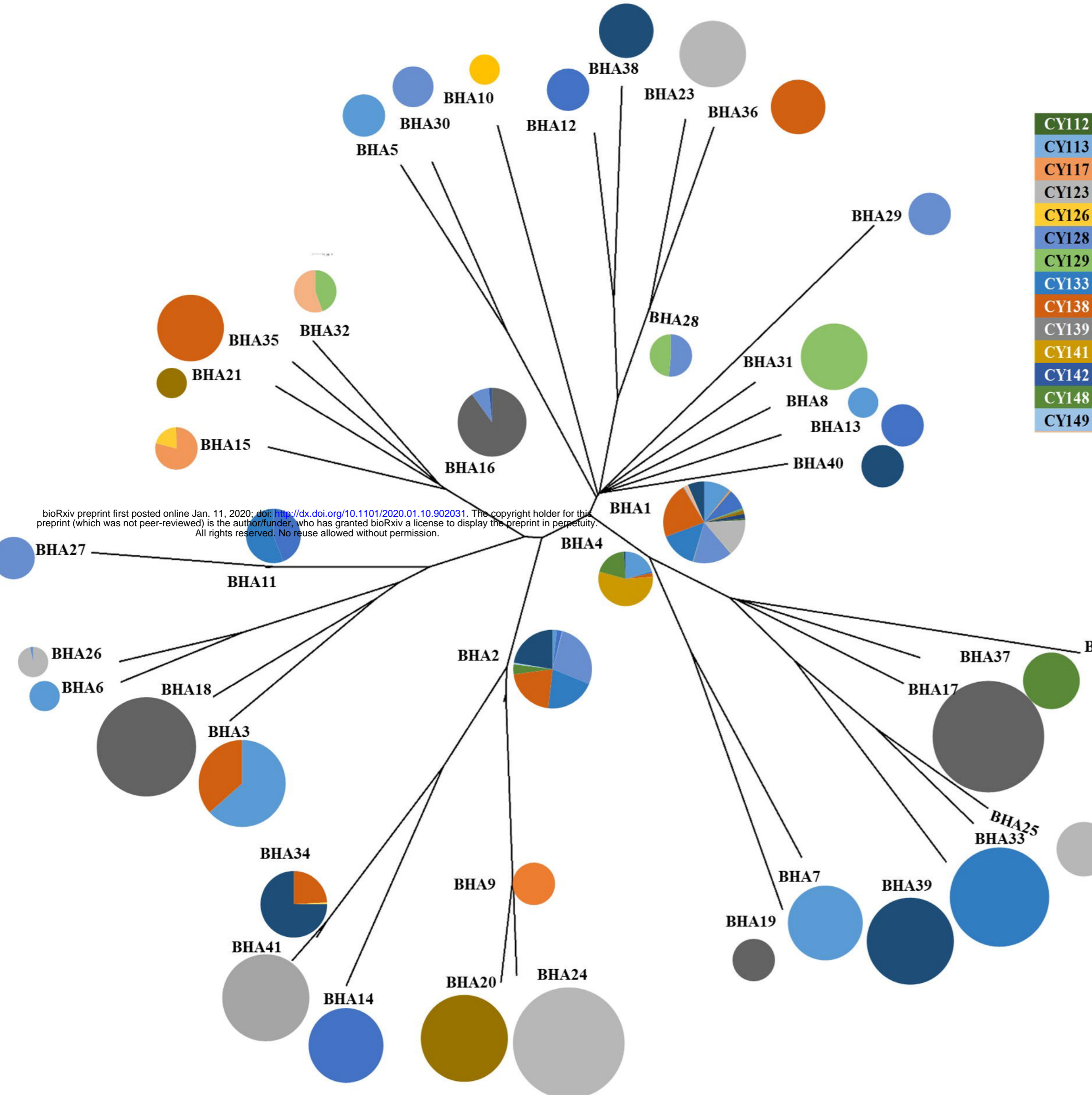
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CHA65	84581 (6.3)	3 (CY119, CY124, CY175)
CHA47	73571 (5.5)	2 (CY90, CY150)
CHA8	92376 (6.9)	5 (CY20, CY26, CY38, CY42, CY120)
CHA66	80068 (5.9)	5 (CY119, CY131, CY134, CY135, CY173)
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CHA74	11807 (0.8)	1 (CY150)
CHA48	10559 (0.7)	1 (CY90)
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