



## Cryptic genetic structure in an Argentinian population of *Anastrepha fraterculus* (Diptera: Tephritidae) evidenced by SSR markers and quantitative traits

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**Abstract.** In some regions of Argentina and Brazil, the South American fruit fly *Anastrepha fraterculus* (Wied.) (Diptera: Tephritidae) causes significant damage to crops. An efficient integrated management program requires knowledge of pest population dynamics, dispersion patterns, sexual and oviposition behaviour, and adaptive landscape. The present study combined simple sequence repeat (SSR) molecular markers and morphometric datasets in order to analyse the population structure and infer the oviposition resource use strategy of the females. Infested guava fruits were collected from nine wild trees in Tucumán, Argentina, and a total of 140 adult *A. fraterculus* were recovered. These were then measured for six morphometric traits and 89 of them were genotyped for eight SSR loci. Genetic variability estimates were high (expected heterozygosity = 0.71, allelic richness = 12.5), with 8 to 20 alleles per locus. According to Wright's  $F$ -statistics estimates, the highest proportion (83%) of genetic variation occurred within individuals while variance between and within fruits were similar ( $\approx 8.5\%$ ). Analysis of the cryptic genetic structure based on SSR using different approaches, namely discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) and sparse non-negative matrix factorization (SNMF), yielded results consistent with the occurrence of two clusters with virtually no admixture. Average kinship between individuals which had emerged from the same fruit (0.07) was lower than that expected for full-sib families. Univariate and multivariate analyses of phenotypic data showed 54–66% of variance among individuals within fruits and 34–46% among fruits. The comparison between phenotypic ( $P_{ST}$ ) and molecular ( $F_{ST}$ ) differentiation identified wing width and length as possible target of positive selection. The average kinship and high genetic variation within fruits, together with the highly significant genetic differentiation among fruits, supports the hypothesis that each fruit was colonised by about three ovipositing females. The results also indicate that females were able to disperse widely from the emergence site before mating and starting oviposition activity.

### INTRODUCTION

The South American fruit fly, *Anastrepha fraterculus* (Wiedemann), belongs to the superfamily Tephritoidae; this includes major world pests that use wild and commercial species of fruit as their feeding and breeding sites (Aluja, 1994; Uchôa-Fernandes et al., 2003). *Anastrepha fraterculus* is a complex of cryptic species with the potential to infest several hosts. The nominal species range is very wide, from the south of the United States (Texas) to central Argentina (Dos Santos et al., 2001; Vera et al.,

2006). Along this distribution, important morphological, genetic, and behavioural differences have been recorded, supporting the occurrence of at least eight different biological entities (Hernández-Ortiz et al., 2015) considered synmorphic species (Hernández-Ortiz et al., 2004; Cladera et al., 2014; Hendrichs et al., 2015; Vaničková et al., 2015). In particular, the variation within the complex refers to specific host exploitation (Rocha & Selivon, 2004; Alberti et al., 2008), morphology (Stone, 1942), karyotype and isoenzymes (Morgante et al., 1980; Steck, 1991; Seliv-

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on et al., 2005), egg morphology (Stone, 1942; Selivon & Perondini, 1998), hybridization (Norrbon & Foote, 1989), mitochondrial DNA (Carballo et al., 2001; Smith-Caldas et al., 2001), ribosomal DNA (Sutton et al., 2015), highly repetitive DNA (Bueno, 2000), morphometric characters (Hernández-Ortiz et al., 2004, 2012, 2015; Selivon et al., 2004; Canal et al., 2015), mating compatibility (Vera et al., 2006), reproductive isolation (Selivon et al., 1999), and behaviour (Vera et al., 2006; Cáceres et al., 2009; Devescovi et al., 2014; Dias et al., 2016; Roriz et al., 2017).

In Argentina, *A. fraterculus* has been reported as a fruit fly species of economic and quarantine importance in large fruit production areas (IAEA, 1999). Information from multiple sources (reviewed by Cladera et al., 2014), including isozymes and mitochondrial DNA (Alberti et al., 2002, 2008) and sexual compatibility assays (Petit-Marty et al., 2004a, b) supports the occurrence of a single morphotype named “Brazilian-1” by Hernández-Ortiz et al. (2012, 2015) (also referred as *A. sp.1 aff. fraterculus* by Yamada & Selivon, 2001). This morphotype is present in Argentina in the sub-tropical Northeast and Northwest regions, where the weather is warm and humid (Alberti et al., 2002; Ovruski et al., 2003). Between these regions, the semi-arid bio-geographic province of Chaco represents a natural barrier (Alberti et al., 2002; Gómez Cendra et al., 2014).

In spite of the fact that only one morphotype has been recognised for Argentina, recent results by Oroño et al. (2013) suggested that differences in chemical composition among host fruits may result in a complex internal structure of wild populations. In particular, ISSR marker analysis showed significant genetic differentiation between populations exploiting different synchronic species.

Research on the genetic variability distribution in wild populations, colonization patterns, phylogeography, and gene flow is important for pest control programs. Briefly, the size of management areas and the establishment of phytosanitary barriers should be determined based on population structure, adaptive landscape, dispersal ability, and mating and oviposition behaviour. These information sources would contribute to increasing the efficiency of integrated pest management, and an eventual implementation of the sterile insect technique (SIT) against *A. fraterculus* in Argentina (Klassen & Curtis, 2005).

The suitable habitat structure for fruit flies fluctuates between early (egg to third-instar larva) and adult stages, from a patchy (coarse-grained) to a continuous (fine-grained) distribution. Adult population structure is mainly affected by fly dispersal during the period from emergence to sexual maturity, mating, and oviposition. During this stage, the population is assumed to be large and to mate at random. A finite number of inseminated females colonise available host fruits, meaning that the distribution of genetic variation of larvae within and among fruits depends largely on the effective number of ovipositing females per fruit. The available information indicates that one copulation is enough for the fertilization of all eggs of a single female, and the refractory period is so long (16 days in

laboratory conditions to 19 days in the wild) that, in nature, *A. fraterculus* might be considered functionally monogamous (Abraham et al., 2011). Its oviposition behaviour was first observed by Barros et al. (1983) who identified three stages: searching, puncturing (egg-laying), and dragging of the ovipositor over the fruit surface. Prokopy et al. (1982) evaluated the relation between the ovipositor dragging and the oviposition of a second female on the same fruit, proposing that this behaviour is a way to disperse an “oviposition-detering pheromone”. According to their observations, it is expected that each fruit is colonised by one or a few fertilised females.

With the general purpose of producing information on the biology of *A. fraterculus*, the objective of our work was to evaluate the fine-scale population genetic structure and oviposition resource use of a natural population of this species in a guava orchard in northern Argentina, where no pest management had been conducted whatsoever.

Following Prokopy et al. (1982), our working hypothesis was that individuals emerging from the same fruit originated from a small number of ovipositing females. Consequently they should be more related and have a more similar multilocus genotype and multivariate phenotype than those which develop in different host fruits. To test this hypothesis, we applied a hierarchical sampling of an *A. fraterculus* wild population and evaluated the distribution of genetic and morphometric variance components at two levels (fruit and tree), based on eight microsatellite markers and six quantitative traits. The occurrence of cryptic structure was also evaluated from these molecular markers and phenotypic traits by estimating admixture coefficients with different approaches.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Sampling of *Anastrepha fraterculus*

The analysed *A. fraterculus* population is located near Horco Molle, Tucumán, Argentina. Geographically, it covers an area of 100 ha, ranging from 26°47′22.93″S to 26°46′21.67″S and from 65°20′27″W to 65°19′32.19″W. It is an orchard without any cultural pest control which might affect fly population properties or individual survival.

The sampling was conducted in 2010, from February to April during the fruiting season. Approximately 30–40 guava (*Psidium guajava* L.) fruits with evidence of infestation by tephritid flies (oviposition holes) were collected from each of 10 trees (making a total of 350). Although all fruits were sent for processing at the laboratory in Buenos Aires, about 200 needed to be discarded because they arrived in an advanced state of rotting. The remaining guava fruits were placed in individual containers on sandy litter, covered with a piece of gauze, and kept at 20–25°C. Each container was checked on a daily basis for emerged third-instar larvae and pupae until the fruits started to dry, discarding those that failed to yield adult flies. All pupae from each fruit were transferred to a flask with a sandy substrate, which was kept at room temperature and daily checked for adult emergence. Emerged adults were labelled according to the fruit and tree from which they emerged and stored in Eppendorf tubes at –20°C. Based on the evidence mentioned in the previous section, all *A. fraterculus* recovered individuals were considered to be the “Brazilian-1” morphotype. A few emerged *Ceratitis capitata* flies were discarded.

To evaluate the distribution of genetic and morphological variance, a hierarchical design was applied considering the levels tree and fruit (nested in tree). In order to allow the assessment of within fruit differentiation, fruits that yielded less than 4 emerged adults (about one third of those effectively producing adults) were discarded. As females were missing in many fruits, all morphometric measurements were made only on males emerging from three fruits per tree, to prevent problems associated with sexual dimorphism and sampling unbalance. As a consequence of this limitation, the final number of fruits retained for the analysis was 27. This number represented the best trade-off between sampling size and similar numbers of fruits per tree.

#### DNA extraction and genotyping procedure

A total of 89 of the 140 adult individuals recovered were genotyped, representing 18 fruits (two fruits per tree, with 4–6 individuals each).

DNA extraction followed the protocol specified by Baruffi et al. (1995) with modifications (Lanzavecchia et al., 2014). Eight SSR markers were analysed using the primers A115, D105, A120, A7, C103, A10, A112, and A122 developed by Lanzavecchia et al. (2014). DNA was amplified using the following PCR conditions: one cycle at 95°C (2 min), 30 cycles at 95°C (30 s), 58°C (30 s) and 72°C (30 s), and final elongation at 72°C (10 min). Amplification was performed per Lanzavecchia et al. (2014) in a Veriti Thermal Cycler, Applied Biosystems, using a final volume of 30 µl for the reaction mix.

PCR products were run in an automatic sequencer 3500xl Genetic Analyser, Applied Biosystems with GS 500 LIZ marker and processed by GeneMarker® v.2.4 (SoftGenetics Llc., www.softgenetics.com).

#### Microsatellite statistical analysis

The discriminant power of the analysed loci was evaluated by means of a genotype accumulation curve obtained with the *poppr* package (Kamvar et al., 2015) of *R* software v.3.4.3 (R Core Team, 2017). The hypothesis of an independent distribution of the analysed loci was evaluated by means of the index of association  $I_a$  (Brown et al., 1980) and the standardised index of association  $\bar{r}_D$  (Agapow & Burt, 2001). These coefficients and their significance (obtained by a permutation test) were estimated with the same package.

The genetic variability of each locus was quantified by the total number of alleles ( $A$ ), the observed ( $H_o$ ), and the unbiased expected heterozygosity ( $H_e$ ) per fruit, the total expected heterozygosity ( $H_T$ ) (estimated according to Nei & Chesser, 1983), and the allelic richness ( $R_A$ ) (El Mousadik & Petit, 1996) per locus and fruit, estimated using the *hierfstat* package (Goudet, 2006) of *R*. The excess/deficiency of heterozygotes in each locus within each fruit was evaluated using the  $U$  score (Rousset & Raymond, 1995) estimated with the package *HWxtest* of *R* (Engels, 2016).

The results of the tests for linkage disequilibrium and excess/deficiency of heterozygotes were corrected for multiple tests analysis, applying the method of Benjamini & Hochberg (1995).

The genetic structure of the whole sample was analysed by  $F$  statistics (Wright, 1951, 1965), as defined by Weir & Cockerham (1984). The fixation indices  $F_{IS}$  and non-hierarchical  $F_{ST}$ , as well as their confidence interval (95%, based on 1,000 replicates), were calculated with the package *hierfstat* of *R*. The significance of genetic differentiation among fruits (or trees) was obtained with the same package by  $G$ -statistics (based on 1,999 permutations).

To assess whether the individuals showed association according to the fruit they were caught from, two approaches were

applied. The first one involved a minimum spanning network (MSN) (Bandelt et al., 1999) obtained from a pairwise matrix of genetic distances (Reynolds et al., 1983) with the *poppr* package. The second approach was based on the estimates of pairwise kinship coefficients calculated according to Loiselle et al. (1995) with the function *eco.kin.loiselle* of the package *EcoGenetics* (Roser et al., 2017) of *R*. Then, for both coefficients, distances, and kinships,  $t$ -tests were used to compare estimates obtained between individuals from the same fruit with estimates for individuals from different fruits.

Oroño et al. (2013) demonstrated significant genetic differences among groups defined *a priori* on the basis of host species in an *A. fraterculus* population, sampled in a locality close to that analysed here. In our analysis, we assessed the possible occurrence of cryptic genetic structure that cannot be detected when groups are defined using prior subjective criteria. This issue was evaluated by two methods: (1) discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) (Jombart et al., 2010), and (2) admixture coefficients using sparse non-negative matrix factorization (SNMF) algorithms (Frichot et al., 2014). DAPC is a statistical approach designed to identify and describe clusters of individuals without the need for any prior information on individual groups (Jombart et al., 2010). It has some advantages with respect to Bayesian clustering algorithms, such as those implemented for molecular data in *structure* (Pritchard et al., 2000; Falush et al., 2003) or *BAPS* (Corander et al., 2000; Tang et al., 2009). DAPC produces similar results, but is much more efficient in terms of processing speed, with the additional advantage that it may be also applied to morphological quantitative data (Jombart et al., 2010). We conducted the analysis with the package *adegenet* (Jombart, 2008) without prior information on individual groups. Clusters were identified using the method of successive  $K$ -means implemented in the function *find.clusters* and used as priors for the DAPC procedure. We covered an interval of possible number of clusters ( $K$ ) from 1 to 9. The best  $K$  value is usually selected on the basis of the lowest Bayesian information criterion ( $BIC$ ). An additional criterion, when  $BIC$  is similar for different  $K$  values, is based on the asymmetry ( $As$ ) in individual assignment defined as:

$$As = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^K \left( P_{ij} - \frac{1}{K} \right)^2$$

where  $i$  represents the individual,  $j$  is the inferred cluster,  $P_{ij}$  is the posterior assignment of individual  $i$  to cluster  $j$ .  $As$  is at a maximum when the probability of assignment of individuals to each cluster takes values equal to 1 or 0, and is at a minimum when individual assignment probabilities are similar for all clusters. The significance of genetic differences between the clusters identified by DAPC was evaluated conducting  $F$  statistic analysis considering these clusters as grouping factor.

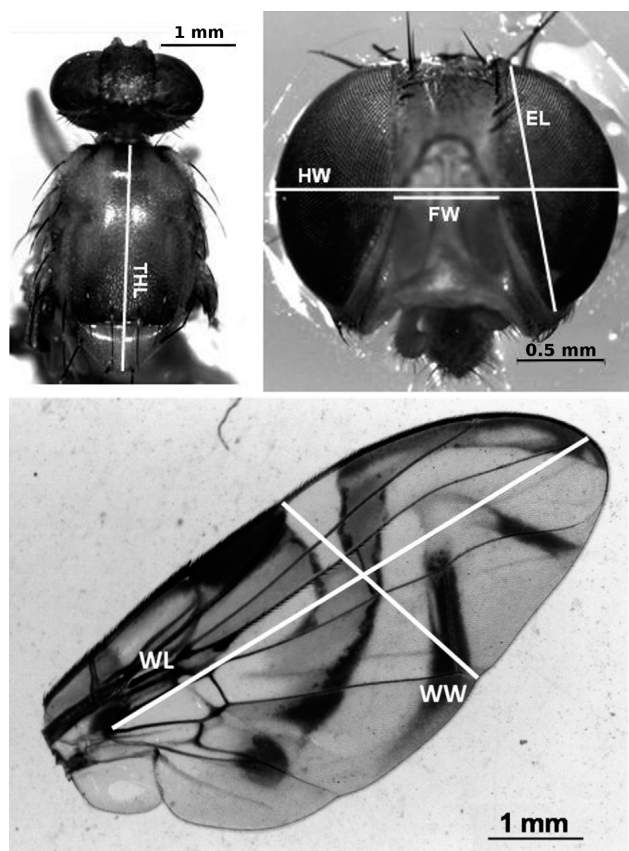
SNMF was carried out with the package *LEA* (Frichot & François, 2015) of *R*. As recommended by Frichot et al. (2014), the optimal number of clusters is based on a minimal entropy criterion, which depends on the number of clusters ( $K$ ) and a regularization parameter ( $a$ ). Empirically, in a first exploratory run we tested 6 levels for the  $a$  value and a  $K$  interval from 1 to 4, by estimating the corresponding entropy using 100,000 iterations and 10 repetitions. The conditions with the lowest entropy were selected as the optimum for the final run, with 10 million iterations and 10 repetitions.

The consistency of individual clusterings, obtained with DAPC and SNMF from molecular data, was evaluated by an independence Chi-square test.

### Morphometric analysis

Morphometric traits were measured in 140 males, 89 of which were the same individuals genotyped and used for molecular analyses as described above. The sample was composed of 4–10 individuals per fruit, three fruits per tree, from nine trees.

Six traits related to body size, head shape, and flying ability were measured and named as: thorax length (*THL*), maximum head width (*HW*), minimum face width (i.e., minimum distance between the eyes) (*FW*), eye length (*EL*), wing length (*WL*), and wing width (*WW*). These measurements were obtained using photographs of the insect body parts (Fig. 1), which were taken using the following procedure. All flies were dissected on 9 cm Petri dishes, each filled with a 0.5 cm thick paraffin layer. The head and thorax was then placed in a Petri dish filled with Bacto® Agar (Difco Laboratories, USA) 1% in distilled water. Head traits were recorded from the front and thorax length from the dorsal view. Special care was taken to orient the pieces in such a way as to minimise parallax error in the photographs. The wings were mounted between slides and cover slips and then sealed with transparent nail polish (by Mauricio J. Sztem & Cia. S.R.L). Only the left wing was measured and included in the analysis. *WW* was defined as the distance between the point where the sectoral branch of the radial vein intersects the wing border and the point where the first branch of the anterior cubital vein joins the external border (*D13* segment in Selivon et al., 2005). *WL* was defined as the distance between the point  $R_{4+5}$  sectoral branch of radial vein intersecting the external border and the point where the medial vein joins  $CuA_1$  (distance between points 4 and 8 in Selivon et al., 2005) (Fig. 1). The whole procedure was conducted on ice to avoid possible sample degradation, since body parts were subsequently used for molecular techniques.



**Fig. 1.** Morphometric traits measured in *A. fraterculus* from Horco Molle, Argentina. Wing length (*WL*), wing width (*WW*), thorax length (*THL*), eye length (*EL*), face width (*FW*), head width (*HW*).

All body parts were photographed using a Leica EZ4HD stereoscopic microscope with a built-in 3MP camera. *THL*, *WL*, and *WW* were measured at 16×; *HW*, *EL*, and *FW* at 35×. Measurements were obtained with a specifically created macro for the *Im-ageJ* image system.

### Morphometric statistical analysis

Phenotypic differences among flies which had emerged from different fruits were evaluated by a random generalised linear model, considering trees and fruits nested in trees as explanatory factors for phenotypic variation. For multivariate statistical analyses, all morphometric variables were standardised to mean = 0 and variance = 1.

The distribution of morphometric variability was evaluated by three different approaches. Method 1 was a univariate analysis applying restricted maximum likelihood (REML) using the package *lme4* (Bates et al., 2013) of *R* software. In this case the model corresponds to the general expression:

$$y_{ijk} = \mu + t_i + f_{ij} + e_{ijk}$$

where  $y_{ijk}$  represents the observation (measurement) of the trait for an individual fly from the fruit  $j$  of tree  $i$  and environment  $k$  (which in this case would be the internal environment of the fruit),  $\mu$  is the overall mean,  $t_i$  is the effect of the tree  $i$ ,  $f_{ij}$  represents the effect of the fruit  $j$  nested in tree  $i$ , and  $e_{ijk}$  is the random residual error. The best model was chosen based on the lowest Akaike information criterion (*AIC*) or penalised log-likelihood, given by:

$$AIC = -2 \log\text{-likelihood} + 2(p + 1)$$

where  $p$  is the number of parameters in the model (Crawley, 2007).

The other two methods used a Bayesian approach to the generalised linear mixed model implemented in the package *MC-MCglmm* (Hadfield, 2010). This procedure approximates the estimates by Markov chain Monte Carlo simulations (MCM-CGLMM) for univariate (method 2) and multivariate (method 3) analysis. For the univariate (method 2) the parameters were: burn-in = 30,000, number of iterations = 200,000, thinning interval = 200. For method 3 the conditions were: burn-in = 3,000, number of iterations = 13,000, thinning interval = 10. The best model was based on the deviance information criterion (*DIC*). The deviance  $D$  is defined as

$$D = -2 \log(\Pr(y|\Omega))$$

where  $\Omega$  is some parameter set of the model. The deviance is calculated at each iteration and stores each *thin*<sup>th</sup> iteration after burn-in. The mean deviance ( $D_m$ ) is calculated over all iterations. The deviance is calculated at the mean estimate of the parameters [ $D(\Omega_m)$ ] and the *DIC* calculated as

$$DIC = 2 D_m - D(\Omega_m)$$

(Hadfield, 2019).

The population structure based on components of phenotypic variance was quantified by  $P_{ST}$  (Brommer, 2011; Pujol et al., 2008), estimated according to the expression:

$$P_{ST} = \frac{\sigma_B^2}{\sigma_B^2 + 2\sigma_W^2}$$

This metric is a raw approximation to Spitze's (1993) quantitative index of population divergence ( $Q_{ST}$ ), which relies on phenotypic rather than additive genetic data, where  $\sigma_B^2$  is the variance between groups (fruits) and  $\sigma_W^2$  is the variance within groups. Variances were taken from the univariate analysis (method 1) de-

scribed above. Confidence intervals (95%) of  $P_{ST}$  estimates were obtained by bootstrap (1,000 resamplings) using the package *boot* (Canty & Ripley, 2017) of *R*.

The cryptic structure based on morphometric traits was evaluated by DAPC. Similar to SSR markers, this analysis was conducted with the package *adegenet* of *R*, without prior information of individual groups. The most probable number of clusters ( $K$ ) was evaluated using the function *find.clusters*, covering  $K$  from 1 to 14. The best  $K$  value corresponds to the lowest BIC.

Pairwise Euclidean distances between individuals were estimated using all analysed traits. Then average distances between individuals which had emerged from the same fruit and individuals which had emerged from different fruits were compared by *t*-test.

## RESULTS

### Genetic diversity estimation

The eight analysed loci showed high polymorphism in the studied population, with 8 to 20 alleles each ( $A$ ) and an allelic richness per fruit ( $R_A$ ) ranging between 1.9 and 4.1 (Table 1). Due to the high genetic variability, all individuals exhibited different multilocus genotypes (MLG) (the genotype accumulation curve is shown in Fig. S1).

The measures of multilocus gametic disequilibrium for the whole sample were non-significant ( $I_a = 0.204$ ,  $P$ -value = 0.32;  $\bar{r}_D = 0.029$ ,  $P$ -value = 0.31) suggesting that the analysed loci are independent. When the analysis was performed for each fruit (Table S1), the trend was similar:  $\bar{r}_D$  was significant only in two fruits ( $\bar{r}_D = 0.28$  and 0.21,  $P$ -values = 0.003 and 0.009, respectively), but after applying the Benjamini & Hochberg (1995) correction for multiple tests they became non-significant ( $P$ -values = 0.057 and 0.086, respectively).

### Population structure

A total of 137  $U$  scores were obtained for all fruit  $\times$  loci combinations (Table S2). Seven of them were positive and statistically significant ( $P$ -values from 0.009 to 0.048), indicating homozygote excess. However, after applying the Benjamini & Hochberg (1995) correction for multiple tests, all results became non-significant.

**Table 1.** Diversity estimates and population structure statistics in *A. fraterculus* from Horco Molle, Argentina. The number of alleles in the population ( $A$ ), average allelic richness per fruit ( $R_A$ ), observed heterozygosity ( $H_o$ ), expected heterozygosity within fruits ( $H_e$ ) and for the whole populations ( $H_T$ ), Wright's fixation indices ( $F_{IS}$ ) and genetic diversity ( $F_{ST}$ ) of each locus are shown.  $Up$  and  $Lo$  are the respective upper and lower limits of the 95% confidence intervals.

Locus	$A$	$R_A$	$H_T$	$H_o$	$H_e$	$F_{ST}$	$F_{IS}$
D105	8	1.946	0.606	0.273	0.419	0.309	0.348
A115	10	2.452	0.715	0.472	0.665	0.071	0.289
A7	17	3.480	0.807	0.647	0.777	0.037	0.167
A120	12	3.380	0.871	0.727	0.794	0.088	0.085
C103	10	3.591	0.838	0.777	0.798	0.048	0.026
A10	9	2.659	0.644	0.657	0.597	0.074	-0.102
A112	20	4.131	0.907	0.891	0.855	0.058	-0.042
A122	14	3.470	0.845	0.706	0.797	0.057	0.115
Average	12.5	3.139	0.779	0.644	0.712	0.086	0.096
$Up$		4.014	0.849	0.761	0.799	0.147	0.175
$Lo$		2.166	0.720	0.528	0.620	0.054	0.015

**Table 2.** Wright's fixation ( $F_{IS}$ ) index estimates and their corresponding 95% confidence intervals in *A. fraterculus* that had emerged from different guava fruits collected in Horco Molle, Argentina.  $Up$  and  $Lo$  are the respective upper and lower limits of the 95% confidence intervals.

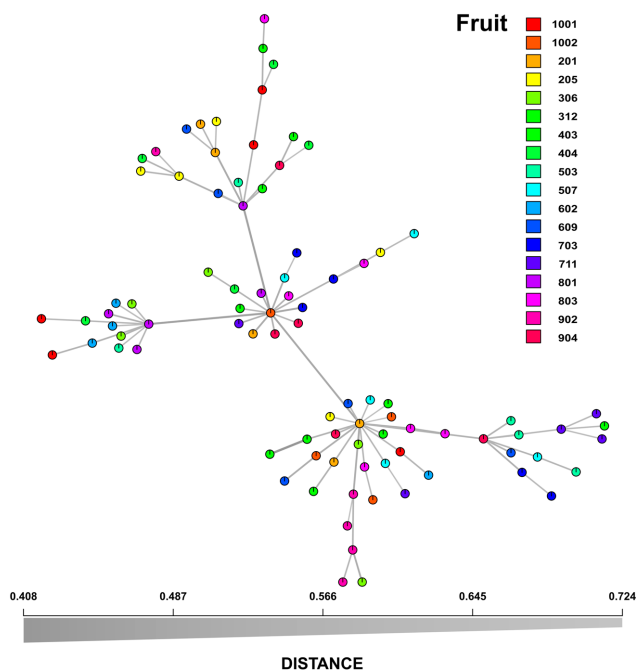
Fruit	$F_{IS}$	$Lo$	$Up$
1001	-0.123	-0.278	0.020
1002	0.366	-0.190	0.705
201	-0.168	-0.334	0.047
205	0.070	-0.275	0.333
306	0.022	-0.116	0.175
312	0.227	-0.018	0.425
403	0.016	-0.298	0.320
404	0.087	-0.116	0.283
503	0.174	-0.019	0.381
507	0.107	-0.017	0.261
602	0.057	-0.098	0.302
609	0.157	-0.010	0.314
703	0.176	0.031	0.317
711	0.131	-0.192	0.467
801	-0.065	-0.429	0.209
803	0.209	0.083	0.340
902	0.085	-0.111	0.280
904	0.138	-0.007	0.286

The summary of variability statistics (Table 1) shows heterozygote deficiency ( $F_{IS} > 0$ ) in 6 loci and in the averaged estimates. The ratio of fruits with  $F_{IS} > 0$  (Table 2) was 5 : 1 which differs highly significantly from the expected (1 : 1) by a random distribution ( $\chi^2 = 8.0$ ,  $P$ -value = 0.005). As a consequence, the average  $F_{IS}$  was positive and its whole confidence interval is above zero, showing a trend to heterozygote deficiency within fruits.

The genetic differentiation among fruits evaluated by Wright's  $F_{ST}$  statistics was highly significant according to a G-statistic Monte Carlo test ( $F_{ST} = 0.087$ ,  $CI = 0.054$ – $0.147$ ,  $P$ -value =  $5 \times 10^{-4}$ , based on 1,999 permutations). Most of the genetic variance was observed at the individual level (83%), whereas the variance among individuals (17%) was almost evenly distributed among (8.6%) and within fruits (among individuals) (8.4%). When the same analysis was conducted to estimate the differentiation among flies which originated from different trees, the  $F_{ST}$ , although highly significant, was much lower ( $F_{ST} = 0.032$ ,  $CI = 0.022$ – $0.048$ ,  $P$ -value =  $5 \times 10^{-4}$ ), and the percentage of variance among trees was only 3.2%.

### Cluster analysis

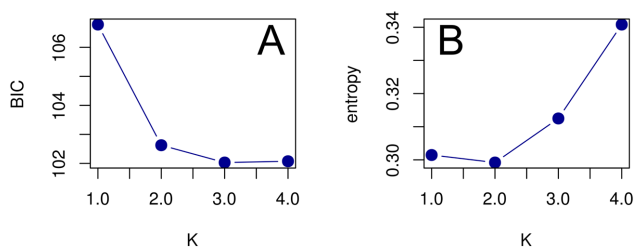
The homozygote excess within fruits observed in the population structure analysis might be attributable to cryptic structure in this *A. fraterculus* population. To evaluate possible relationships between flies which had emerged from the same fruit we obtained a minimum spanning network between genotypes (individuals) based on Reynolds' distance (Fig. 2). The plot shows that individuals (or multilocus genotypes) are not grouped according to the fruit (or tree) that they emerged from. This result suggests that each fruit is colonised by more than one female. However, the comparison of average Reynolds' distance among individuals which had emerged from the same fruit and individuals which had emerged from different fruits revealed highly



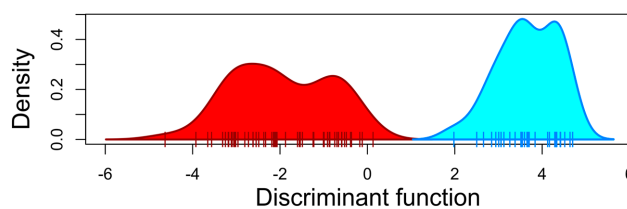
**Fig. 2.** Minimum spanning network for individuals of *A. fraterculus*. Dots represent multilocus genotype (individuals) and the colour indicates the fruit to which they belong.

significant differences ( $t = 4.72$ ,  $P$ -value  $< 10^{-5}$ ) which are compatible with the expectation that at least some of the individuals within each fruit are full-sibs. The comparison of average kinship between individuals which had emerged from the same fruit ( $f_{ij} = 0.07$ ) and individuals which had emerged from different fruits ( $f_{ij} \approx 0$ ) was also highly significant ( $t = -8.86$ ,  $P$ -value  $< 10^{-15}$ ). This result is due to the occurrence of at least some full-sibs within the same fruit and mostly non-related individuals from different fruits.

For the DAPC, the lowest Bayesian information criterion ( $BIC$ ) within the interval  $K = 1-9$  corresponded to  $K = 3$ ; however, the difference in  $BIC$  between  $K = 2$  and  $K = 3$  was very small (Fig. 3A) and the comparison between prior (identified by *find.clusters*) and posterior (after DAPC procedure) assignments showed 100% consistency in both cases. The asymmetry in individual assignment was higher for  $K = 2$  ( $As = 22.23$ ) than for  $K = 3$  ( $As = 19.68$ ). Considering the higher asymmetry and that  $K = 2$  is a more conservative criterion, DAPC was based on this number of clusters. For the principal component analysis (PCA), 28 axes were retained that represented 87.2% of the total variance. For the discriminant analysis, only one axis



**Fig. 3.** A – Bayesian information criterion ( $BIC$ ) in function of the number of clusters ( $K$ ) obtained with the *adegenet* package. B – entropy in function of  $K$  obtained with the *LEA* package.

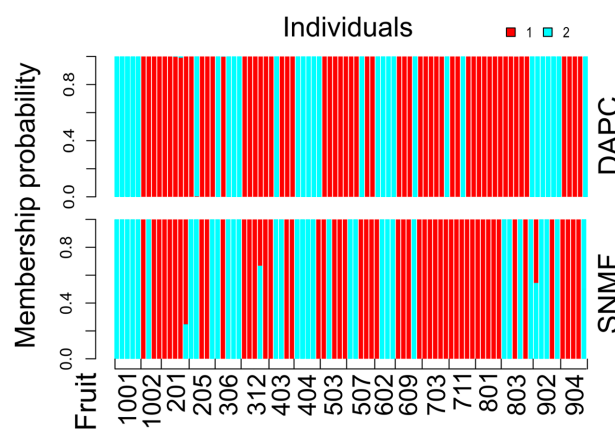


**Fig. 4.** Clusters obtained by discriminant analysis of principal components from molecular data in *A. fraterculus* from Horco Molle, Argentina.

was retained whose eigenvalue was 641.8. The scores of individuals along this axis showed a bimodal pattern (Fig. 4). The curve in red represents the density distribution of scores of individuals of cluster 1, whereas the light blue curve corresponds to individuals of cluster 2. In the plot it is clear that the density curves do not overlap. This result indicates that two cryptic groups (clusters) occur in this population, which can be differentiated by their multilocus genotypes. The number of individuals assigned to clusters 1 and 2 were 58 and 31, respectively. Admixture between clusters was virtually absent (Fig. 5) and individuals within the same fruit may belong to a single or to two different clusters with similar probability.

The exploratory SNMF run identified  $a = 200$  and  $K = 2$  as the conditions satisfying the minimal entropy criterion (0.299) (Fig. 3B). The final run with these parameters assigned 53 individuals to cluster 1 (represented in red) and 36 to cluster 2 (light blue) (Fig. 5). In agreement with the results of the DAPC, SNMF also showed virtually no admixture, although in this case only five fruits had individuals belonging to a single cluster (Fig. 5). The assignment of individuals to different clusters obtained by DAPC and SNMF, despite using different algorithms, showed a consistency of 81% ( $\chi^2 = 29.4$ ,  $P$ -value  $< 10^{-7}$ ), supporting the occurrence of two clusters that can be differentiated by their multilocus genotype.

In summary, DAPC and SNMF were consistent in showing cryptic structure with two genetic clusters. The dif-



**Fig. 5.** Assignment of each individual to the clusters identified by discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) and sparse non-negative matrix factorization (SNMF) based on molecular data in *A. fraterculus* from Horco Molle, Argentina. Each bar corresponds to an individual; numbers on the bottom indicate the fruit to which they belong.

**Table 3.** Means and standard errors (in mm) for six morphometric traits in *A. fraterculus* which had emerged from guava fruits collected from nine trees at Horco Molle, Argentina. Acronyms for traits are defined in Fig. 1.

Tree	STAT	WL	WW	THL	EL	FW	HW
2	Mean	5.77	2.75	2.96	1.41	0.63	1.93
	SD	0.47	0.16	0.13	0.07	0.06	0.09
3	Mean	5.67	2.68	2.95	1.42	0.61	1.92
	SD	0.40	0.13	0.15	0.06	0.05	0.07
4	Mean	5.78	2.65	2.92	1.40	0.60	1.90
	SD	0.18	0.12	0.12	0.04	0.03	0.05
5	Mean	5.85	2.70	3.00	1.45	0.59	1.94
	SD	0.32	0.14	0.16	0.07	0.06	0.11
6	Mean	5.74	2.65	2.93	1.38	0.58	1.89
	SD	0.39	0.18	0.21	0.11	0.05	0.13
7	Mean	5.34	2.49	2.80	1.37	0.59	1.87
	SD	0.50	0.26	0.27	0.10	0.04	0.08
8	Mean	5.67	2.69	2.95	1.40	0.59	1.89
	SD	0.47	0.13	0.15	0.07	0.05	0.10
9	Mean	5.84	2.70	2.96	1.39	0.59	1.89
	SD	0.37	0.17	0.18	0.07	0.04	0.09
10	Mean	5.52	2.64	2.89	1.37	0.61	1.87
	SD	0.46	0.13	0.12	0.05	0.08	0.07
Average		5.69	2.66	2.93	1.40	0.60	1.90

ferentiation between the clusters identified by DAPC was evaluated by the  $F_{ST}$  using assigned clusters as the grouping factor. According to this analysis, the genetic differences between these clusters were highly significant ( $F_{ST} = 0.10$ ,  $P$ -value =  $5 \times 10^{-4}$ ).

### Morphometric statistical analysis

Means and standard deviations of the measured traits are summarised per tree in Table 3. For all traits, the contribution of variance among trees to total variance was non-significant according to the  $AIC$  (REML) or  $DIC$  (MCMCGLMM). The remaining variance components, corresponding to among individuals from the same fruit and among fruits, differed slightly according to the estimation method (Table 4), but were about 54–66% and 34–46%, respectively. This result indicates that morphometric diversity among individuals which had emerged from the same fruit is higher than the differentiation among flies which

had emerged from different fruits. However, the comparison of phenotypic distances showed that individuals which had emerged from the same fruit were significantly more similar to each other than individuals which had emerged from different fruits ( $t = 6.88$ ,  $P$ -value  $< 10^{-10}$ ).

For DAPC of morphometric traits, the function *find.clusters* failed to show a local minimum within the interval  $K = 1–14$  (Fig. 6 Box). Considering that the decrease of the  $BIC$  for  $K > 10$  is rather low, the DAPC was conducted with this number of clusters. The PCA retained four axes, representing 94.8% of the total variance, and the discriminant analysis retained only two axes with eigenvalues of 254.4 and 33.73. The scatterplot (Fig. 6) showed that the 10 clusters were well differentiated with virtually no overlap. Individuals which had emerged from the same fruit belonged to several clusters (Fig. 7), a result consistent with the high morphometric diversity among individuals revealed by the analysis of variance components.

### Comparison between molecular and morphological variance distribution

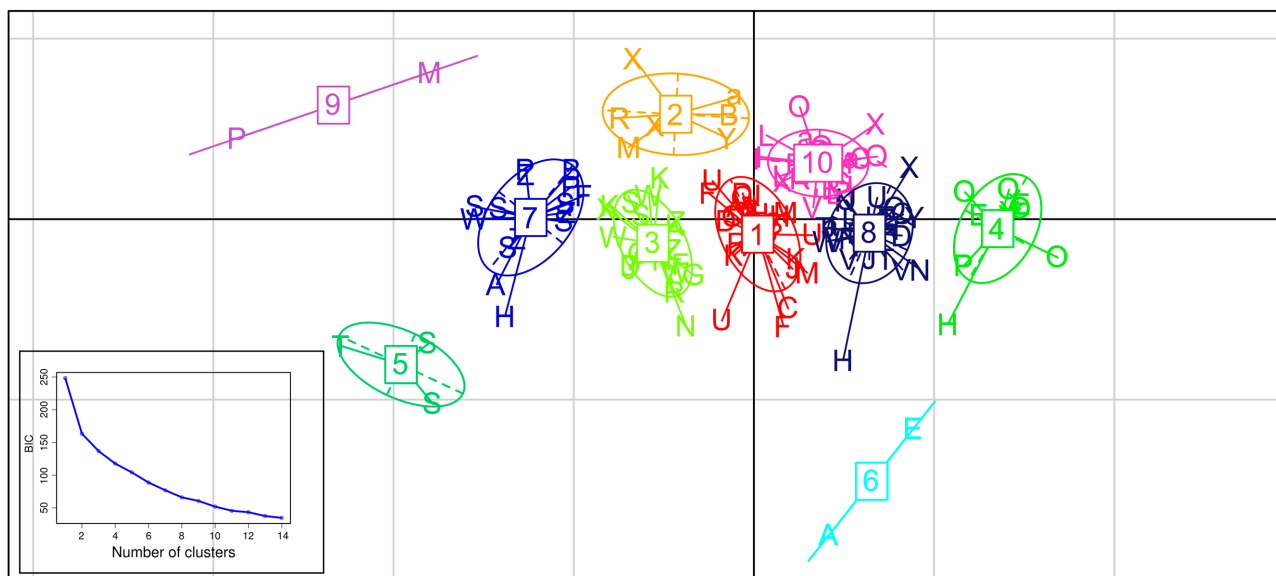
Both molecular and morphometric analysis of variance components were consistent in showing a very low contribution of the among tree variance to total variance. The ratio of among fruits / among individuals (within fruit) variances for molecular markers was close to 1 : 1. This value is similar to the result attained for phenotypic traits applying the multivariate (method 3) approach, where the ratio was 23 : 27. However, in univariate approaches (methods 1 and 2), among fruit variance was about half the within fruit variance, making the ratio close to 1 : 2.

The comparison between  $P_{ST}$  and  $F_{ST}$  estimates (Table 5) showed that confidence intervals of head traits ( $HW$ ,  $FW$ , and  $EL$ ) and body size ( $THL$ ) overlap with that of  $F_{ST}$ , suggesting that for these traits the differentiation among fruits does not differ significantly from that expected by chance. In the case of wing traits ( $WW$  and  $WL$ ), the  $P_{ST}$  was significantly higher than  $F_{ST}$ . This result is usually considered evidence of positive selection (Brommer, 2011), which in this case would favour different morphological optima in different fruits.

**Table 4.** Components of phenotypic variance of six morphometric traits in *A. fraterculus* which had emerged from guava fruits collected from nine trees at Horco Molle, Argentina, estimated by different approaches.

Trait	REML		MCMC uni		MCMC mult	
	Fruit	Individual	Fruit	Individual	Fruit	Individual
WL	0.57	0.42	10066.68	6887.29	0.77	0.49
	(0.3–1.05)	(0.33–0.56)	(4255.32–17098.68)	(5021.59–8535.65)	(0.38–1.27)	(0.37–0.62)
WW	0.37	0.57	1065.47	1566.65	0.59	0.64
	(0.18–0.72)	(0.44–0.75)	(401.09–1866.16)	(1186.17–2008.46)	(0.26–0.97)	(0.47–0.8)
THL	0.33	0.63	991.73	1821.87	0.57	0.69
	(0.15–0.65)	(0.49–0.82)	(398.23–1753.92)	(1398.71–2301.46)	(0.27–0.94)	(0.52–0.86)
EL	0.25	0.74	669.20	1982.43	0.57	0.82
	(0.09–0.54)	(0.57–0.97)	(106.36–1291.16)	(1457.19–2522.23)	(0.26–0.97)	(0.61–1.05)
FW	0.16	0.84	59.91	1228.34	0.51	0.88
	(0.02–0.41)	(0.65–1.11)	(0.00–312.33)	(877.71–1598.58)	(0.23–0.86)	(0.67–1.13)
HW	0.39	0.62	1535.51	2400.28	0.64	0.80
	(0.17–0.77)	(0.47–0.84)	(537.63–2979.63)	(1737.26–3163.22)	(0.31–1.08)	(0.59–1.04)

Univariate analysis applying restricted maximum likelihood (REML), univariate analysis by means of a Bayesian approach which approximates the estimates by Markov chain Monte Carlo simulations (MCMC uni), multivariate version of MCMC uni (MCMC mult). Confidence intervals (95%) are indicated in parentheses. Acronyms for traits are defined in Fig. 1.

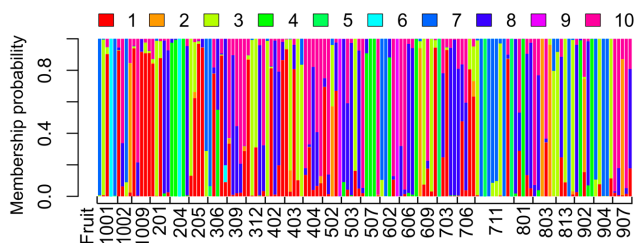


**Fig. 6.** Clusters obtained by discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) analysis for morphometric data in *A. fraterculus* from Horco Molle, Argentina. Ten clusters (1 to 10) are represented in different colours, and individuals by letters identifying the fruit from which they were collected. In the left bottom corner Bayesian information criterion (BIC) values are plotted as a function of the number of clusters tested.

Cluster analyses conducted from molecular and morphometric datasets were not consistent. A comparison between Figs 5 and 7 shows a lack of correspondence between the clusters based on morphometric traits and either of those produced from molecular data.

**Table 5.**  $P_{ST}$  estimated for 6 quantitative traits and  $F_{ST}$  estimated from 8 SSR loci in *A. fraterculus* which had emerged from different guava fruits collected in Horco Molle, Argentina. *Up* and *Lo* are the respective upper and lower limits of the 95% confidence intervals. For highlighted values the *CI* do not overlap that of  $F_{ST}$ . Acronyms for traits are defined in Fig. 1.

Trait	$P_{ST}$	<i>Lo</i>	<i>Up</i>
WL	0.404	0.332	0.429
WW	0.247	0.180	0.261
THL	0.209	0.140	0.223
EL	0.147	0.074	0.168
FW	0.089	0.042	0.093
HW	0.238	0.114	0.296
$F_{ST}$	0.086	0.054	0.147



**Fig. 7.** Assignment of each individual to the clusters identified by discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) based on morphometric traits in *A. fraterculus* from Horco Molle, Argentina. Each bar corresponds to an individual; numbers on the bottom indicate the fruit to which they belong.

**DISCUSSION**

The information about population boundaries, dispersal ability, and possible internal discontinuities of natural populations is relevant to the management of pest insects. The present work applied an ecological genetics approach to evaluate the oviposition strategy of a natural population of *Anastrepha fraterculus*, combining morphometric data and molecular marker variation. This approach takes advantage of the discontinuous distribution of wild populations during early developmental stages (egg to third-instar larvae) which are reflected in the genetic properties of different population patches (fruits). The joint analysis of the distribution of molecular and morphological variation is relevant to the evaluation of the importance of selection and drift as processes modelling population structure.

The analysed SSR markers proved to be highly polymorphic, with high levels of allelic richness: within each fruit, each locus exhibited roughly from 2 to 4 alleles with similar frequencies. The loci were highly informative and allowed the identification of every sampled individual by its multilocus genotype. Similar to the population studied by Lanzavecchia et al. (2014), gametic disequilibrium was not observed between these loci. This fact is important because independence between loci prevents data duplication.

The differentiation among fruits, estimated through  $F_{ST}$  yielded results similar to those obtained with isozyme markers by Alberti et al. (1999) in another Argentinian population of *A. fraterculus*.  $F_{ST}$  estimates were close to each other and highly significant in both cases. In the study by Alberti et al. (1999),  $F_{IS}$  was positive and highly significant indicating homozygote excess. Consistently, the average  $F_{IS}$  estimate obtained in the present work, although lower, was also positive and significant. Homozygote excess seems to be a general trend for *A. fraterculus* popula-



tions as it was also reported by Steck (1991). This suggests that the internal structure of *A. fraterculus* populations might be more complex than expected.

Although up to eight different morphotypes of *A. fraterculus* have been described as representing different cryptic species (Hernández-Ortiz et al., 2015), previous studies demonstrated that only one biological entity is present in Argentina and south Brazil, corresponding to the Brazilian-1 morphotype (Petit-Marty et al., 2004a, b; Alberti et al., 2008; Rull et al., 2012, 2013). However, Oroño et al. (2013), in a neighbouring area to the population analysed in this paper, observed genetic differences among flies exploiting alternative sympatric hosts (flies from peaches were significantly different than those from guava and walnuts).

A deeper fine-scale analysis of population structure is expected to contribute to identification of the boundaries of each management unit in order to establish suitable control strategies. In particular, the sterile insect technique (SIT) depends on the biological characteristics of the species, including reproductive and oviposition behaviour, and dispersal ability. Our results showed similar and significant levels of genetic variation within and among fruits. On the one hand, highly significant differences among fruits (evaluated from  $F_{ST}$  estimates) are expected by drift if the number of ovipositing females per fruit is small. On the other hand, high variation within fruits, together with the occurrence of individuals of different clusters within each fruit, suggest that more than one female would be able to lay eggs in the same fruit.

Regarding oviposition behaviour, Prokopy et al. (1978, 1982, 1987) indicated that tephritid females (*Ceratitidis capitata* and *A. fraterculus*) deposit pheromones onto the fruit surface by dragging their ovipositor, supposedly dissuading a second female of the same species to oviposit in the same fruit. On the basis of this observation, it is expected that each fruit is colonised by only one or just a few females. Different studies indicate that *A. fraterculus* females make only a few punctures per fruit (Sugayama et al., 1997), with no more than one egg per puncture (Salles, 1999). We observed in the field (data not shown) many infested fruits with more than 30 larvae, which is indicative of multiple females ovipositing on the fruit. Consistent with these observations, Dias et al. (2018) recovered an average of 53 eggs from guavas exposed for 24 h to ten inseminated females (i.e. approximately 5 eggs per female) in laboratory conditions.

An indirect method to estimate the number of ovipositing females per breeding site (fruits in the case of tephritid flies) is based on population structure analysis. The rationale of this approach is supported on the only assumption that for a random mating population the genetic variance among breeding sites depends solely on the population allelic frequencies and the effective size of the founder group of each site, according to the expression:

$$\sigma_q^2 = \frac{pq}{2N}$$

(see Falconer & Mackay, 1996, p. 51).

As the relationship between the variance among sites and the  $F_{ST}$  after any number of generations is given by

$$\sigma_q^2 = pq F_{ST}$$

(see Falconer & Mackay, 1996, p. 61).

The effective number of founders may be estimated as  $N = 1/(2 F_{ST})$ , and the effective number of female founders would be half this value:  $N_F = 1/(4 F_{ST})$  (which can be used for bi- or multiallelic loci). This implies that the maximum expected  $F_{ST}$  is 0.25, corresponding to the case where each fruit is colonised by only one female.

This method was applied successfully for chromosomal polymorphisms in the cactophilic species *Drosophila buzzatii*, where Santos et al. (1989) obtained an estimate of approximately five ovipositing females per rotting cladode. In a natural population of *C. capitata*, Civetta et al. (1990), using the same approach on the basis of isoenzyme polymorphisms, obtained an estimate of approximately four females ovipositing per fruit. In the population analysed in this paper  $F_{ST} = 0.086$ , yielding a rough estimate of three founder females (and three males, assuming no re-mating). This estimate might be upwards biased because we did not analyse about 1/3 of the fruits (due to them each yielding fewer than four emerging flies). If they were assumed as colonised by a single female each, the average number of founder females would drop to about two. However, this number seems to be too conservative because empirical observations indicate that the number of emerged adults is much lower than the number of eggs laid, and even those fruits yielding less than four emerged adults might have been colonised by more than two females.

The average kinship ( $f_{ij}$ ) between flies which had emerged from the same fruit was also consistent with the estimated number of founder females. The maximum expected kinship between individuals which had emerged from the same fruit is 0.25 if they are full-sibs (only one founder female). As  $f_{ij}$  is inversely proportional to the number of founder females, our result of  $f_{ij} = 0.07$  is close to the expectation for the occurrence of three full-sib families within each fruit.

In the population studied in this paper, no information is available about the proportion of fruits colonised by *A. fraterculus*. However, Devescovi et al. (2015) analysed the infestation patterns of an east Argentinian population of *A. fraterculus* and *C. capitata* in guava fruits collected on the ground; they found that about 36% were not infested, 46% were infested only by *A. fraterculus*, 14% by both species, and 4% by only *C. capitata*. Although these infestation ratios might be biased (due to sampling of fruits on the ground only), they reveal that a significant proportion of potential host fruits are not colonised, suggesting that the effective fly population size is lower than the carrying capacity. Even though these results cannot be completely extrapolated, we might assume that also our guava orchard is not saturated by flies. Therefore, our results indicate that the pheromones deposited by the female after oviposition might reduce, but not completely deter, oviposition

by a second female, even when other non-attacked fruits are available in the orchard. It is probable that the consequences of pheromone marking are variable, depending on different environmental conditions and on host properties.

If the number of ovipositing females per fruit is low, flies emerging from the same fruit should be, on average, more related to each other than individuals emerging from different fruits. Such a relationship might be extended to different hierarchical levels of the population structure, generating a pattern in which the genetic similarity would decrease with increasing hierarchical levels, i.e. within fruits > between fruits of the same tree > between fruits of different trees, and so on. During egg to third-instar larva stages the individuals are confined to the fruit in which their eggs were laid. Selective processes inside the fruit are likely to occur mostly between full-sibs and a few different families. In the adult stage, flies disperse to search for food and breeding resources. The non-significant differentiation among trees observed in our study is compatible with a wide dispersion and high number of females colonizing each tree. Adult dispersal reduces the population fragmentation and increases the incidence of selective processes over the whole population, including viability and sexual selection components. The average fitness of each family is highly dependent on female fecundity and its ability to choose a suitable oviposition site (Sciurano et al., 2007; Segura et al., 2007; Gómez Cendra et al., 2011). Significant dispersion from the emergence site is consistent with evidence from laboratory and field cage experiments (De Lima et al., 1994; Petit-Marty et al., 2004a, b; Allinghi et al., 2007), indicating that sexual maturity requires from 16 to 21 days from adult emergence. This means that the period from emergence to highest mating activity is long enough to favour wide dispersal. This conclusion is also supported by the minimum spanning network (MSN) which showed that multilocus genotypes are not clustered according to the fruit or tree.

The DAPC and SNMF based on molecular markers suggest the occurrence of a cryptic population structure. Both methods detected two clusters with no admixture. This observation may be related to the homozygote excess tendency reported by Steck (1991) and Alberti et al. (1999) that was assumed as the consequence of complex internal population structure.

In long-term evolutionary scenarios, selection can be differentiated from demographic (migration and drift) processes because the latter are expressed genome-wide whereas selection affects only a limited number of loci (Díaz et al., 2018). Alternatively, comparison between variance components estimated for molecular and morphological traits are frequently used as a tool to evaluate selective processes in natural populations in equilibrium between drift and migration (Brommer, 2011). In our population, morphological variation among trees would be prevented by gene flow, consistent with the results from molecular data. Since the number of founders is low, differentiation among fruits mediated by drift is expected; however, the within-fruit variance component was higher for morpho-

metric traits than for molecular markers. If gene flow is not restricted through generations (our case), differences in local environmental conditions (during larval development) might be a plausible explanation for the patterns of phenotypic variability (Brian et al., 2006). Since the within-fruit environment represents an unpredictable challenge during just a fraction of the generation interval (egg to third-instar larva) (Navarro-Campos et al., 2011), a plastic phenotype offers an advantage in spatially or temporally heterogeneous environments (Hollander et al., 2006). In the case of *A. fraterculus*, the environment within each fruit may be spatially variable due to several factors, including sunlight exposure, a heterogeneous distribution of microorganisms, and the presence of competitor species. A probable source of temporal environmental variation may be that eggs laid by different females are not synchronised, and therefore they face different phases of the fruit rotting process. Environmental variation among fruits might be partially hidden by the referred variation within fruits yielding a lower phenotypic variance component.

The relative within/among fruit variance ratio seems, however, to be trait dependent. The  $P_{ST}-F_{ST}$  comparison showed that the among-fruit differentiation for the two wing traits was higher than expected under a neutral model. Despite the potential pitfalls of using  $P_{ST}$  as an approximation of  $Q_{ST}$  (Pujol et al., 2008), the differences in  $P_{ST}$  estimates among different quantitative traits also support the hypothesis that wing traits might be a response to environmental challenges yielding different outcomes in different fruits. The effects of the host on wing morphology have been recorded in cactophylic species of *Drosophila* (Robertson, 1987; Soto et al., 2010) as well as in several tephritid species (Navarro-Campos et al., 2011; Gómez Cendra et al., 2016; Pieterse et al., 2017). There is evidence in many insects that smaller sizes are associated with lower-quality diets (Danthanarayana, 1976; Chapman, 1998). In fact, food restrictions during the larval stage represent a stress for many *Drosophila* species that may affect body size traits (Robertson, 1987). In *C. capitata*, Navarro-Campos et al. (2011) observed that host fruit quality may affect wing size. The differences in  $P_{ST}$  among morphometric traits found in the present work suggest that the host properties affect body shape rather than body size. This is consistent with observations by Masry & Robertson (1978) in *D. melanogaster* of the effects of temperature during pupal life on the wing/thorax ratio. Wing size variation in *A. fraterculus* was shown to be related with sexual selection (Sciurano et al., 2007) and it is also expected to affect fly dispersal, another important selection component. Therefore, adult fly competitiveness in the field should be strongly determined by host quality.

The DAPC based on morphometric data yielded 10 clusters not related with the fruit that the adults emerged from. The occurrence of 2–4 clusters within each fruit is also compatible with the hypothesis of more than one founder female per fruit. Since it is unlikely that all females lay their eggs at once, it is expected that the progression in the

rotting process is reflected in morphological differences among flies whose eggs were oviposited at different times.

In summary, molecular data analysis suggests that fruits with four or more emerged adults are founded by about 3 ovipositing females. This conclusion is also consistent with the morphometric variation observed within fruits. After emergence, flies are able to disperse widely, as evidenced by the absence of molecular and morphometric differentiation among trees. The host quality may affect fly shape, contributing to a high morphological variation of the studied population. Such variation is expected to affect fitness components, including dispersal ability and copulatory success. The knowledge generated by this fine-scale population structure analysis on a wild *A. fraterculus* population from the north of Argentina brings information on ecology and adaptive strategies used by this pest species, including its ovipositing behaviour and dispersion.

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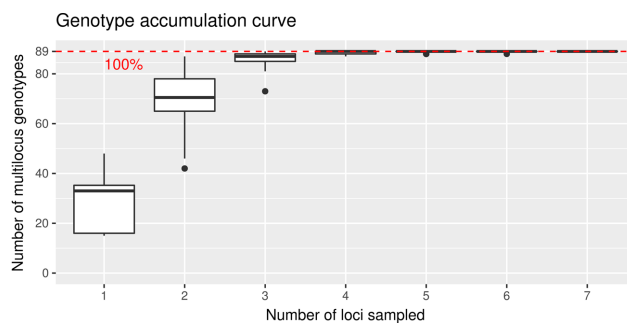
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**Fig. S1.** Genotype accumulation curve showing the minimum number of simple sequence repeat (SSR) loci necessary to discriminate between individuals in a population of *A. fraterculus* from Horco Molle, Argentina.

**Table S1.** Measures of gametic disequilibrium in the population of *A. fraterculus* from Horco Molle, Argentina.

Fruit	$I_a$	$p \cdot I_a$	$\bar{r}_D$	$p \cdot \bar{r}_D$
1001	-0.555	0.927	-0.083	0.928
1002	-0.453	0.746	-0.095	0.691
201	-0.563	0.888	-0.122	0.943
205	0.671	0.084	0.139	0.064
306	-0.027	0.477	-0.004	0.476
312	-0.337	0.775	-0.060	0.764
403	1.484	0.009	0.280	0.003
404	0.097	0.378	0.015	0.373
503	-0.282	0.795	-0.052	0.780
507	-0.529	0.967	-0.081	0.958
602	0.022	0.421	0.004	0.420
609	-0.240	0.760	-0.038	0.759
703	0.329	0.367	0.049	0.375
711	1.290	0.012	0.210	0.009
801	0.133	0.301	0.029	0.281
803	0.379	0.479	0.057	0.486
902	-0.022	0.576	-0.003	0.576
904	0.497	0.247	0.074	0.260

Index of association ( $I_a$ ) (Brown et al., 1980), significance of  $I_a$  ( $p \cdot I_a$ ), standardised index of association ( $\bar{r}_D$ ) (Agapow & Burt, 2001), significance of  $\bar{r}_D$  ( $p \cdot \bar{r}_D$ ).

**Table S2.** Significance (*P*-values) of the *U* score test for heterozygote excess/deficiency in eight loci studied in *A. fraterculus* which had emerged from different guava fruits collected in Horco Molle, Argentina. Significant values are in bold type.

Fruit	D105	A115	A7	A120	C103	A10	A112	A122
1001	0.762	0.381	0.794	0.229	0.571	0.381	0.356	0.111
1002	—	0.333	0.429	—	<b>0.029</b>	0.229	0.571	0.914
201	0.800	—	0.156	0.648	0.127	0.432	0.127	0.889
205	—	0.229	0.952	<b>0.016</b>	0.356	0.206	0.648	0.143
306	0.143	0.889	0.794	0.775	0.457	0.667	0.495	0.775
312	—	0.333	0.111	0.257	0.603	0.127	0.156	0.067
403	0.143	1.000	0.851	0.361	0.127	0.127	0.432	0.060
404	0.619	<b>0.048</b>	0.127	0.603	0.111	0.381	0.851	<b>0.041</b>
503	—	0.200	0.952	0.546	0.711	0.340	<b>0.041</b>	0.143
507	0.333	0.762	0.952	0.257	0.546	0.762	0.857	0.257
602	0.143	0.429	0.571	0.800	0.800	0.857	0.743	0.648
609	1.000	1.000	0.143	0.289	0.257	0.889	0.305	0.111
703	0.857	0.143	0.143	1.000	0.514	0.111	0.424	0.851
711	0.111	<b>0.010</b>	0.889	0.127	0.279	0.111	0.851	0.127
801	—	1.000	0.648	0.667	0.079	1.000	0.495	0.400
803	1.000	0.086	<b>0.044</b>	0.857	0.244	0.172	0.806	0.698
902	1.000	0.698	0.086	0.857	0.079	0.635	0.330	0.743
904	1.000	0.086	0.619	0.333	0.743	0.698	0.149	0.356