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1 **Detection of selection signatures in the genome of a domestic population of anadromous rainbow**
2 **trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)**

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22 **Abstract**

23 Domestication processes and artificial selection are likely to leave signatures that can be detected at a
24 molecular level in farmed rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). These signatures of selection are
25 genomic regions that contain functional genetic variants that may confer higher fitness to their bearers.
26 We genotyped 749 rainbow trout from a commercial population using a rainbow trout Axiom 57K SNP
27 array panel and identified putative genomic regions under selection using the *pcadapt*, Composite
28 Likelihood Ratio (*CLR*) and Integrated Haplotype Score (*iHS*). After applying quality-control pipelines
29 and statistical analyses, we detected 12, 96 and 16 SNPs putatively under selection, associated with 96,
30 781 and 115 candidate genes, respectively. Several of these candidate genes were associated with growth,
31 early development, reproduction, behavior and immune system traits. In addition, some of the SNPs were
32 found in relevant biological regions (O4, O5 and O20) associated to autosomal inversions localized in
33 Omy05 and [Omy020](#). These findings could represent a genome-wide map of selection signatures in
34 farmed rainbow trout and could be important in explaining domestication and selection for genetic traits
35 of commercial interest.

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38 Keywords: *iHS*, *pcadapt*, domestication, SNPs.

39 **1. Introduction**

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41 The rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss* Walbaum 1792) is native to North America and its geographical
42 distribution ranges from Alaska to Mexico [1,2]. The domestication of this anadromous species began in
43 the 1870s in California [1]. Since then, due to its importance for recreational angling and aquaculture, it
44 has been introduced on all continents except Antarctica. It is one of the main species of fish reared in cold
45 freshwater worldwide, particularly in Europe, North America, and Chile. The species production greatly
46 expanded in the 1950s after the development of pelleted feeds [1]. In the early 1970s, AKVAFORSK Inc.
47 began the first genetic improvement program of *O. mykiss* aimed at increasing body growth rate [3,4].
48 Rainbow trout have reached a high level of domestication (e.g. the entire life cycle is controlled in captivity
49 [5,6]), and there are at least 13 genetic improvement programs [7] including traits such as growth, disease
50 resistance, carcass quality, and age at sexual maturity [1]. The increase in the number of genetic
51 improvement programs for rainbow trout has led to at least 22% of production relying on improved stocks
52 [8]. According to FAO et al. [9], 848.1 thousand tons of rainbow trout were produced in world aquaculture
53 in 2018.

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55 Domestication and genetic improvement programs have produced populations genetically differentiated
56 from the wild varieties from which they derived [10]. Continuous artificial selection has shaped the
57 domestics' genome leaving signatures of selection that are detectable using molecular techniques [11,12].
58 These candidate regions may be regulated features such as morphology, production performance,
59 reproduction, behavior, adaptation to different environments, and resistance to diseases, among others
60 [13]. Positive selection signatures are genomic regions that contain functional genetic variants that confer
61 higher fitness to their bearers [14], and usually, exhibit (i) increased allele frequencies of favorable

62 adaptive substitutions [15,16], (ii) an increased linkage disequilibrium (LD) that decays with the distance
63 in base pairs from the target of selection [17], and (iii) lower genetic diversity at adjacent sites of a selective
64 sweep than non-selected sites [18]. Vitti et al. [19] divided the methods for detection of selection
65 signatures into three major classes: (a) those that are searching for deviations in allele frequency spectrum
66 (e.g. *Tajima's D*, *Fay & Wu's H*, *CLR*), (b) those based on extended haplotype homozygosity within
67 populations (e.g. *iHS*, *Rsb*, *XP-EHH*), and (c) those based on population differentiation (e.g. F_{ST} -based
68 outlier detection and principal component analysis). However, the ability to identify the target of selection
69 depends on many factors, including but not limited to, the number of populations surveyed, temporal scale
70 of the selective event, strength of selection coefficient and type of selection signature [19,20].
71 Consequently, using more than one method to detect targets of selection is often a good option [21], with
72 *pcadapt* [22], *CLR* [23] and *iHS* [24] being two suitable methods to identify recent positive selection.

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74 Previous studies in salmonids have associated selection signatures to traits such as migration in brown
75 trout (*Salmo trutta*) [25], reproductive ecotypes (i.e. shore or stream spawning) in sockeye salmon
76 (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) [26], ecotypes with different evolutionary thermal adaptation (i.e. populations from
77 deserts and mountains) in redband trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss gairdneri*) [27], and economically
78 important traits (e.g. growth, early maturation and disease resistance) in Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)
79 [11,28,29] and coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) [30]. Few studies have addressed signatures of
80 selection in rainbow trout (i.e. [31–33]). Martinez et al. [31], using a set of 110 linked expressed sequence
81 tags (EST) and 188 anonymous microsatellites identified selection signatures associated with egg
82 development, spawning time, and life-history variation. Limborg et al. [32], using a panel of 276 SNPs,
83 identified natural selection signatures between anadromous and resident populations at eight candidate
84 loci associated with the adaptive immune response. Weinstein et al. [33], using 57K SNP identified

85 signatures of selection in wild F1 migratory and resident rainbow trout of Southeast Alaska associated
86 with smoltification. All previously mentioned studies focused only on wild populations, leaving a gap in
87 knowledge for the selection history related to rainbow trout domestication.

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89 The advances in genomics allowed the development of extensive marker panels for agriculture, livestock
90 and aquaculture species. Palti et al. [34] developed a 57K SNP array with SNP distributed across the
91 rainbow trout genome on a scale of one SNP for every ~48,000 bp. Rainbow trout is an excellent model
92 species to identify selection signatures due to its well recognized recent history of domestication, its
93 intense artificial selection record, and its adaptation to different environments. The aim of this study was
94 to identify selection signatures in the genome of one domestic population of rainbow trout. A total of 749
95 individuals of a farmed population were genotyped with a panel of 57K SNP. Selection signatures were
96 searched using two statistical methods: (i) *pcadapt*, (ii) *CLR* and (iii) *iHS*.

97 **2. Materials and Methods**

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99 **2.1. Sampling**

100 We used 749 rainbow trout from the breeding population belonging to the 2014 year-class of the EFIGEN
101 S.A. (formerly Aguas Claras S.A.) breeding program (Puerto Montt, Chile). These fish were introduced
102 from Denmark in 1998 to Quetroleufu, Chile, by Aguas Claras S.A. [35–37]. Prior to their introduction,
103 there is no further information about this population. Subsequently, this population was implemented to
104 establish a breeding nucleus that has undergone 6 generations of selection for growth (3 generations),
105 carcass quality, and appearance (2 generations) traits [35–37]. In recent years, this strain has been
106 developed to resistance to infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPNV) [35,37], sea lice (*Caligus*
107 *rogercresseyi*) [38], and Salmonid rickettsial syndrome (SRS) [36]. Additionally, this anadromous
108 population is characterized by low mortality and late maturation (3rd year) [39]. Bioethical considerations
109 were taken for animal management following regulations of *Comité de Bioética Animal, Facultad de*
110 *Ciencias Veterinarias y Pecuarias, Universidad de Chile, Chile* (certificate N°17,019-VET-UCH).

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112 **2.2. Genotyping**

113 Total DNA was obtained from fin-clip samples using the *DNeasy Blood & Tissue* (Qiagen) kit, following
114 the manufacturer's recommendations. Each sample was genotyped with the commercial rainbow trout
115 Affymetrix® Axiom® 57K SNP panel [34]. The SNP quality control was evaluated using Affymetrix's
116 AXIOM Analysis Suite software with the default settings, removing SNPs that did not match high-quality
117 clustering patterns [35,40]. The SNP array coordinates were updated to the latest version of the rainbow
118 trout genome (GCA_002163495.1 Omyk_1.0) by aligning the 200bp probes of each variant to the
119 Omyd_1.0 genome. Only variants aligned to chromosomes were kept. Furthermore, SNPs that did not

120 pass the following quality control filters were removed using VCFtools v.0.1.15 [41]: (i) call rate < 95%,
121 (ii) SNPs deviated from Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium after Bonferroni correction (HWE, p -value < 1×10^{-6}),
122 and (iii) minor allele frequency (MAF) < 0.05. Additionally, we applied a minimum call rate of 90%
123 for individuals. After quality control filtering, 36,538 SNPs and all individuals were kept for further
124 analyses. Finally, we imputed the missing genotypes and phased the haplotypes with Beagle v.3 [42] using
125 default parameters.

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127 ***2.3. Genetic variation and population structure***

128 For the estimation of patterns of genetic variation and population structure, we further removed SNPs that
129 presented correlations between their allele frequencies larger than the basal level of LD found in this
130 population (0.125; described below). Our SNP set was filtered for linkage disequilibrium (LD) using
131 PLINK v1.09 [43] with the option *-indep-pairwise* and using windows of 50 consecutive SNPs, sliding
132 10 SNPs at the time and removing one SNP from each pair when the Pearson's correlation coefficient r^2
133 was 0.125 or higher. Summary statistics of genetic diversity, such as the observed and expected
134 heterozygosity (H_O and H_E) and inbreeding coefficient (F_{IS}), were calculated using PLINK v1.09. To
135 examine the genetic structure, we used a principal component analysis (PCA; calculated in PLINK v1.09
136 and visualized in R). Finally, we implemented PLINK v1.09 to characterize the pairwise linkage
137 disequilibrium (LD) as Pearson's squared correlation coefficient (r^2), where SNP pairs were located into
138 100 bins to calculate the mean values of r^2 for each bin. Additionally, we estimated the historical effective
139 population size (N_e) across generations using SNePv1.1 [44] and an average generation length of three
140 years [45].

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142 ***2.4. Signatures of selection***

143 We used three methods to detect signatures of selection. The first method based on principal component
144 analysis was conducted with the *pcadapt* package v4.3.3 [22]. This method detects outlier markers based
145 on Principal Component Analysis (PCA) while accounting for population structure [22]. This method is
146 robust to admixture and does not assume prior knowledge of population structure [46]. The test statistic
147 used for this method is the Mahalanobis distance (D) where a vector of the *z*-scores is derived for
148 regressing each SNPs with K principal components [22]. To choose the K number of the principal
149 components, we applied Cattell's rule [47]. The *p*-values were obtained from transforming Mahalanobis
150 distance (D) based on the chi-square distribution [47]. To identify the SNPs candidates for selection, we
151 applied the approach of Storey and Tibshirani [48] based on a [False Discovery Rate \(FDR\) at 0.05](#).

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153 The second method was the Composite Likelihood Ratio (*CLR*) analysis using the SweeD v3.3.2 software
154 [23]. This intra-population method is based on the skewness in the site-frequency spectrum of the alleles
155 across multiple loci along each chromosome to detect selective scan [49]. *CLR* estimates the ratio of the
156 likelihood of a selective sweep at a given position to the likelihood of a null model [30]. We estimate the
157 *CLR* in each chromosome using the grid size set to 100kb.

158

159 The third method was the standardized Integrated Haplotype Score (*iHS*) [24], which is included in the [R](#)
160 [package REHH v3.1.2](#) [50]. This method is based on extended haplotype homozygosity (*EHH*) and
161 corresponds to the probability that two randomly chosen chromosomes carrying the core haplotype are
162 identical by descent [50,51]. The *iHS* compares the *EHH* between alleles within the same population [51].
163 This method requires the information of ancestral allele identification for each SNP. We estimated the
164 ancestral and derived alleles aligning the reference genome of rainbow trout against the *Salmo salar*
165 (GCA_000233375.4) with BLAST using probes of our variants and then applying an in-house script to

166 obtain the ancestral and derived alleles. For SNPs that could not be obtained, the ancestral allele was
167 inferred as the highest allele frequency in the total dataset, as suggested in other studies [52,53].

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169 Identifying the causal variants of selection is laborious as frequently the markers identified to be under
170 selection are not obvious functional elements (e.g. genes). Therefore, in such cases, it is necessary to look
171 for neighbouring functional elements to the selection target that could explain the signature of selection
172 [16]. Candidate regions for selection were defined as those genomic positions containing SNPs with values
173 of *pcadapt* with an expected FDR $\alpha = 0.05$, scores of *CLR* corresponding to the 99.5th percentile to the
174 distribution and values of *iHS* in the top 0.05% of the distribution. Based on the estimated LD decay in
175 this population, we used a range of up to 250Kb on each side of the candidate SNP to identify candidate
176 genes under selection. The genes intersecting the candidate regions detected by *pcadapt*, *CLR* and *iHS*
177 approaches were considered putative candidates for selection and detected using BEDTools [54].

178

179 **3. Results**

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181 **3.1. Genetic variation and population structure**

182 We estimated observed and expected heterozygosities of 0.459 and 0.447 and an inbreeding coefficient of
183 -0.026, from a subset of 2,426 SNPs, after pruning SNPs with a LD correlation coefficient (r^2) of 0.125.

184 The genetic structure showed one major clusters based on the principal component analysis (PCA) (Figure
185 1), where the first two eigenvectors explained 10.82% and 8.86% of the variability, respectively.

186

187 The pattern of LD (Figure 2a) showed a quick decay of LD at small distances (less than 25,000 base pairs).
188 Beyond that point ($r^2 \sim 0.22$), a steady decrease in LD is observed until reaching a value of ~ 0.125 , which
189 is roughly stable at large genomic distance scales. The average LD (r^2) values in this population was
190 0.1457. The pattern of LD decay within chromosomes was very similar to the overall linkage decay curve,
191 except for chromosomes 5 and 20 that present comparatively higher LD and which also remains high at
192 longer genomic distances, in accordance with the presence of the double inversions in chromosome 5
193 (21.99 and 32.83Mb) and 20 (14Mb) as previously described [55] (Supplementary Figure S1,
194 Supplementary Table S1, Supplementary Material). This population shows a continuously decreasing N_e
195 trend from 1,444 to 86 over the last 1,500 years (Figure 2b).

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197 **3.2. Signatures of selection**

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199 Using 36,538 SNPs, we identified several regions harboring evidence of selection signatures by three
200 methods. Besides, we found three relevant regions previously, referred to as regions O4, O5, and O20,
201 that were detected with the *pcadapt*, *CLR*, and *iHS* methods, respectively (Figure 3, Figure 4 and Figure

202 5). Candidate genes related to domestication processes were further labeled as: (G) growth, (E) early
203 development, (R) reproduction, (B) behavior, (I) immune system, and (A) adaptation to culture
204 environment ([Supplementary Table S2, Supplementary Material](#)).

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206 The *pcadapt* approach identified 12 candidate after FDR adjustment at 0.05%. The 12 SNPs are associated
207 with 96 genes localized in [Omy04](#) (11 SNPs) and [Omy27](#) (1 SNP) ([Figure 3, Supplementary Table S3,](#)
208 [Supplementary Material](#)). The candidate region in Omy04, which we call region O4, consists of two
209 clusters of selection targets, with the first cluster including 9 SNPs with an average distance of ~651Kb,
210 while the second cluster includes only two SNPs separated by ~834Kb. In the Omy27, we found only one
211 SNP that does not appear to have been under selection. Due to the cluster of SNPs under selection in
212 [Omy04](#) (an indicative of a reliable signature of selection) we focused on the markers on that chromosome
213 to search for genes associated with selection signatures. Among these we found genes associated with
214 growth (*Sh3rf1, Prkaa2, Dab1, Plpp3, Dhcr24, Clqtnf7, Slain2, Sgcb, Dse, Col10a1, and Sox8*),
215 reproduction (*Psm5, Cpeb2, Spata18, Ube2j1, Ufl1, Hs3st5, Rasd1, Zar1, and Rpl5*), immune system
216 function (*Trim25, Rgs1, Bach2, Tlr13, Trim65, Trim21, Trim39, and Palld*), early development (*Gsn,*
217 *Prdm5, Rgs2, Uchl5 and Pbx1*) and environmental adaptation (*Gadd45a*) in [Omy04](#). Details of the
218 candidate genes related to domestication are shown in [Supplementary Table S2, Supplementary Material](#).

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220 The *CLR* methods reveal 96 SNPs over the threshold and associated to 781 genes distributed along the
221 genome, excluding chromosomes Omy13, Omy16, Omy21, and Omy23 ([Figure 4, Supplementary Table](#)
222 [S4, Supplementary Material](#)). We found a second relevant peak region, called region O5 ([Figure 4B](#)),
223 composed of seventeen candidate SNPs, of which a portion of markers overlapped with two adjacent
224 inversions of 22.83 and 32.94 Mb on Omy05 [55]. In O5 region and the other candidate regions, we

225 found several genes previously linked to growth (*Zc3h3*, *Cyld*, *Smad7*, *Arl15*, *Mrap2*, *Col2a1*, *Atp2a1*,
226 *Itga9*, and *Pax9*), reproduction (*Ptges*, *Miga2*, *Kif3b*, and *Mapk10*), immune system (*Calmodulin*, *Dolpp1*,
227 *Gpx7* and *Adcyap1r1*), early development (*Surf1*, *Rpl7a* and *Skiv2l2*), behavior (*Dnmt3a*, and *Dpysl5*) and
228 adaptation to culture environment (*Sema7a* and *Mafa*). Besides, several genes were detected previously
229 in studies of salmonids species (*Isg20l2*, *Vcp*, *Purb*, *Col9a2*, *Pax9*, *Vash1*, *Pomt2*, *Iah1*, *Itgb1bp1*, *Acyp2*,
230 *Ube2g1*, *Foxn3*, *Purb*, *Tbc1d20*, *Cyld*, *Atp2a1*, *Cyld*, and *Mrap2*). Details of the candidate genes related
231 to domestication are shown in [Supplementary Table S2, Supplementary Material](#).

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233 The *iHS* analysis revealed 16 SNPs over the 0.05% top values associated with 115 genes localized in the
234 chromosomes 20 (**Omy20**) ([Figure 5, Supplementary Table S5, Supplementary Material](#)), called region
235 O20. The average distance between SNPs in the candidate region **O20** corresponds to ~547Kb, which
236 overlapped with an inversion on Omy20 [55]. We found several genes related to growth (*Myof*, *Gdf2*,
237 *Gdf10*, and *Ankrd1*), reproduction (*Htr7*, *Rbp4*, and *Dkk1*), immune system function (*Ch25h* and *Pten*),
238 and early development (*Prkg1*, *P4ha1*, *Pcdh15*, *Noc3l*, *Plce1*, and *Cep55*). Details of the functions of
239 candidate genes associated with domestication are shown in [Supplementary Table S2, Supplementary](#)
240 [Material](#).

241

242 **4. Discussion**

243

244 **4.1. Genetic variation and population structure**

245 In this study, we used a 57K SNP panel to analyze the diversity and genetic structure in one domestic
246 population of rainbow trout to detect selection signatures. The genetic diversity found in this farmed
247 population ($H_O/H_E= 0.459/0.447$) was higher than the levels found in six French domestic strains of
248 rainbow trout, with values of H_O and H_E ranging from 0.36-0.38 and 0.35-0.37, respectively [56]. The
249 genetic diversity values are higher than other domestic salmonids such as Atlantic salmon ($H_O=0.27-0.41$;
250 $H_E=0.24-0.41$) [29,57] and coho salmon ($H_O=0.37-0.39$; $H_E=0.36-0.39$) [30]. Similarly, the
251 heterozygosities found here were higher than those obtained by Weinstein et al. [33] from two wild
252 experimental crosses (F1) of migratory and resident rainbow trout of Southeast Alaska also genotyped
253 with the 57K SNP array [34], $H_O= 0.15-0.18$ and $H_E= 0.14-0.17$, respectively. Gross et al. [58] found
254 higher genetic diversity in domestic rather than wild rainbow trout populations using ten microsatellites.
255 In principle, it is expected that domestic populations that are strongly selected for production traits and
256 are isolated from other populations, should have reduced levels of genetic diversity [59]. Conversely,
257 natural populations should present higher genetic diversity levels, at least in their ancestral distribution
258 range [60]. Therefore, it is possible that the selection has not resulted in a significant decline of diversity
259 despite the continuous decline of N_e , which may be because of a possible hybrid background of this
260 population.

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262 The LD of this domestic population decays relatively rapidly, with LD decreasing by ~50% within the
263 first 100Kb ($r^2=0.146$), which is in line with LD decay patterns previously described for French rainbow
264 trout lines ($r^2=0.23$) [56] and other domestic salmonids (Atlantic salmon [61] and coho salmon [30]). The

265 quick decay of LD is consistent with a historical larger effective population size, which can be observed
266 in our results (i.e. ~1,444). However, this N_e has been characterized by a continuous decline over the last
267 1,500 years until reaching the current strain's N_e of 86. These results are consistent with other studies in
268 rainbow trout [56] and Atlantic salmon [61], that show the N_e has been eroded as in most domestic species
269 in their recent history [62]. The minimal N_e to reduce inbreeding to not more than 1% per generation, and
270 thereby maintaining appropriate levels of genetic variation (both neutral and adaptive) in a population on
271 the long term should be at least 50 [63]. While the current N_e of this population is higher than the minimum
272 recommended, it is important to continue to monitor the genetic variation levels, as further selection and
273 genetic improvement may play an important role in affecting levels [56,62,64]. Furthermore, maintaining
274 the current N_e is also necessary to secure a viable genetic background for the future, in line with the
275 Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi target 13 that requires the maintenance of genetic variation and
276 stopping its loss and erosion for all domestic species [65].

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278 ***4.2. Signatures of selection***

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280 In this study, we applied three different tests to identify selection signatures and studied the effect of
281 domestication and genetic improvement on this rainbow trout population's genome. These methods detect
282 different regions of positive selection in rainbow trout. *CLR* analysis detected the most candidates regions
283 followed by *iHS* and *pcadapt* methods. No overlap was observed among the three methods; yet, *CLR* and
284 *iHS* methods recorded overlapping regions on Omy20, spanning a total of 2.8 Mb that contains 10 shared
285 genes. These patterns of discrepancies between different methods have been observed in previous studies
286 in salmonid species [30]. Besides, we found several genes detected previously in studies about selection
287 signatures in different species, including Atlantic salmon (domestic population: *Isg20l2*, *Vcp*, *Col9a2*,

288 *Pax9, Vash1, Pomi2, Iah1, Itgb1bp1, Mocs, Trim39* [29]; *Acyp2, Ube2gl, Psm5, Cpeb2, Palld, Dhcr24,*
289 *Clqtnf7, Slain2, Sgcb, Prdm5* [57]; *Foxn3* [66]; wild population: *Purb and Fbxl5* [67]; domestic-wild
290 populations: *Zip1* [11]; Coho salmon: *Tbc1d20* [30]; *Oreochromis niloticus* (*Trim16* [68]); livestock
291 species (chicken, *Med22* [69], *Ahcyll* [70]; llama and alpaca, *Pmd8* and *Antxr2* [71]; cattle, *Strip1* [72],
292 *Slc6a117, Hs3st5, Pbx1* [73], *Tgfbi* [74] and *Dym* [75] and humans (*Itga9* [76]).

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294 We found three relevant segments on the genome of functional interest, O4, O5, and O20, localized on
295 the Omy04, Omy05, and Omy20, respectively. In region O4, we found 9 candidate SNPs in Omy04, which
296 overlapped with a paralogous region of the Omy05, which contain two inversions (Figure 3B, dashed red
297 line corresponds to the paralogous regions shared by both chromosomes; Omy05: 58,931,000-86,873,922
298 - Omy04: 13,224,448-40,450,364 [55]). In region O5, we found seventeen candidate SNPs, of which a
299 portion of them (7 SNPs) intersected with two adjacent inversions of 22.83 and 32.94 Mb localized on
300 Omy05 [55] (Figure 4B, dashed blue line corresponds to the probable localization of the two chromosomal
301 inversions). We also identified region O20 in Omy20, which contains 16 SNPs putatively under selection,
302 which overlap with a smaller inversion of 14 Mb that contains multiple rearrangements [55] (Figure 5B,
303 dashed blue line corresponds to the probable localization of the chromosomal inversion).

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305 Inversion regions are relevant structural variants and play a major role in local adaptation and
306 diversification [77]. They protect inverted sequences from recombination during meiosis, enabling
307 favorable alleles to be maintained over generations by balancing selection [77]. Recently, Pearse et al.
308 [55] described two inversions on Omy05 and Omy20 on Rainbow trout's genome. Omy05 is composed of
309 two adjacent inversions spanning ~55Mb [55], which contains a supergene that mediates sexual conflict
310 over migratory tendencies via sex-dependent dominance reversal. They found genes associated with key

311 photosensory, circadian rhythm/entrainment, adiposity, and sex-specific effect (gonad/sex steroid). The
312 Omy20 contains a multiple small inversion without major description. Homeologous regions for this
313 inversion (Omy05) in Omy01 and Omy12 have previously been associated with migratory phenotypes in
314 northern populations [78,79]. In this study, based on homologous regions between Omy4 and Omy5, we
315 found genes with putative functions associated with domestication that we explain below (*Dab1*, *Prkaa2*,
316 *Plpp3*, *Psmb5*, *Prdm5*, *Sh3rf1*, *Palld*, *Sgcb*, *Gsn*, *Gadd45a*). Here we found that O4, O5, and O20 regions
317 and the other regions harbor candidate genes linked to growth, early development, reproduction, immune
318 system, behavior, and adaptation to the environment ([Supplementary Table S2](#), [Supplementary Material](#)).
319 These traits are typically modified in domestic species since they have been direct targets of artificial
320 selection and have been under the effect of inadvertent selection.

321

322 **Growth** has been the principal target in genetic improvement programs in rainbow trout [80]. The
323 population used in this study has been improved for growth for at least three generations. Therefore,
324 findings of genomic regions under selection harbouring genes related to growth were expected. As
325 described in [Supplementary Table S2](#), several genes, including *Cyld*, *Smad7*, *Atp2a1*, *Dab1*, *Prkaa2*,
326 *Plpp3*, *Mrap2*, *Col2a1*, *Col10a1*, *Ankrd1*, *Myof*, and *Sox8* have been previously associated with growth-
327 related traits in some teleost fishes, such as *O. mykiss*, *Salmo salar*, *Danio rerio*, *Sparus aurata* and
328 *Lepisosteus oculatus* [80–87]. In rainbow trout, we found genes putative involve on body weight (*Cyld*
329 [85], *Dab1*, *Prkaa2*, *Plpp3* [88]), promyogenic role (*Smad7* [86]) and growth trait (*Atp2a1* [80]). In
330 Atlantic salmon, we found genes associated to body weight and jaw deformity (*Mrap2* [81] and
331 *Col2a1*[87]). In addition, we also detected nine genes which have been related to growth in studies
332 performed in livestock species, including chicken (*Dhcr24* [89]; *Slain2* and *Sgcb* [91]), sheep (*Clqtnf7*
333 [92]), pigs (*Arl15* [93]) and cattle (*Gdf10* [94] and *Zn3h3* [95]). We also identified ten candidate genes

334 linked with early development in other teleost fish. This trait may influence the growth because the
335 muscles first arise in early embryonic life of teleost fish, unlike other amniotes [96].

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337 In fish farming, maturation is often delayed by exposing fish to different light regimes to those in natural
338 conditions, affecting the perception of seasonality and circannual rhythms [97]. Additionally, the
339 population used in the present study has been selected for anadromous maturity at three years. In this
340 regard, we expect that genes related to reproductive traits may show evidence of selection. We found
341 sixteen genes involved in **reproduction** under positive selection in this population, of which seven genes
342 (*Rbp4*, *Mapk10*, *Zar1*, *Rpl5*, *Dkk1*, *Ptges* and *Kif3b*) are specifically associated with reproduction in
343 teleost fish. The *Rbp4* gene was related to retinoid metabolism in the rainbow trout ovarian follicle, and
344 is expressed in theca and granulosa cells surrounding the oocytes in trout ovaries [98]. The *Mapk10* gene
345 was localized previously in an important chromosomal inversion in Omy05, and it was implicated with
346 circadian rhythm and migratory phenotypes in rainbow trout [55]. *Zar1* gene is a maternal-effect gene
347 crucial for the oocyte-to-embryo turn [99]. In rainbow trout, it might play a role in oocyte/embryo
348 development [100], while in zebrafish, its loss causes early oogenesis arrest and female-to-male sex
349 reversal [101]. *Ptges* gene was linked with gonad differentiation in zebrafish [102]. *Rpl5* gene seems to
350 play a crucial role in the development of ovaries and oogenesis in Nile tilapia [103]. In primitive fish
351 species, the high expression of *Dkk1* has been associated with the gonadal development of sturgeons
352 (*Acipenser ruthenus* [104] and *Scaphirhynchus platorynchus* [105]). In contrast, in zebrafish, the increased
353 expression of *Dkk1* can result in male-biased sex ratios [106]. We also found other groups of candidate
354 genes previously associated with reproduction in other mammals (cattle, *Psm5* [90,107] and *Ufl1* [108];
355 sheep *Hs3st5* [109]; mouse, *Spata18* [110], *Ube2j1* [111] and *Miga2* [112]) and birds (chicken, *Rasdl*
356 [113]; goose, *Htr7* [114]).

357

358 It is well known that host-pathogen interactions lead to strong selection in the genome of host species
359 [115–117]. In this study, we found several genes that are involved in the immune system and specifically
360 with host-pathogen interaction in a cultured environment. For example, in *Salmo salar*, we found several
361 genes previously associated with response against Amoebic Gill Disease (*Trim39* [118]), hematopoietic
362 necrosis (IHN) virus (*Pten* [119]), sea lice (*Lepeophtheirus salmonis*) (*Calmodulin* [122]) and parasite-
363 driven selection (*Purb* and *Fbxl5* [67]). In Coho salmon, the *Sh3rf1* gene was associated with disease
364 resistance against *Piscirickettsia salmonis* [123]. *Pald* gene is related to the molecular mechanism against
365 Koi herpesvirus resistance (KHVR) in *Cyprinus carpio* [124]. Finally, *Tlr13* was involved in the immune
366 response against bacteria and viruses in *Acipenser dabryanus* [125]. We suggest that these genes may be
367 involved in traits related to response to diseases in rainbow trout as part of the adaptation to continuous
368 outbreaks of infectious and parasitic diseases in farming conditions. These results may be relevant because
369 the success and sustainability of salmonid aquaculture depend on the control of diseases [126].
370 Development of more resistant fish strains has been one of the primary purposes of research and
371 development in genetic improvement programs of salmonids in Chile and worldwide [127]. Finally, we
372 detected genes associated with the adaptation to the culture environment (*Gadd45a*) and behavior (*Dpysl5*)
373 in rainbow trout. The *Gadd45a* gene is a putative biomarker for cold shock [128] and water quality stress
374 [129]. *Dpysl5* gene has been associated with intergenerational impacts on offspring behavior behind
375 thermal maternal stress [130].

376

377 **Conclusion**

378 Here we present a genome-wide analysis of the genetic diversity of a Chilean domestic population of
379 steelhead rainbow trout *Oncorhynchus mykiss*. We identified that this lineage presented a historically large

380 effective population size, which is consistent with a relatively **high level of genetic variation** and low range
381 of high linkage disequilibrium. However, the current effective population size has reduced to ~86, which
382 in within the range of values recommended by FAO to minimize inbreeding and contribute to the
383 maintenance of the current genetic diversity in captive populations. We also found evidence for selection
384 signatures across the genome of this population. **Part of these regions are confined to inversion**
385 **polymorphisms, facilitating selection to occur within these regions and safekeeping of beneficial alleles**
386 **from the rest of the recombination landscape across the genome and their loss through other selective**
387 **processes or genetic drift.** Within these inversions and in the rest of the candidates regions detected across
388 the genome of rainbow trout, we found genes mainly associated with growth, reproduction, immune
389 system, behavior and early development; traits which are related to domestication and artificial selection
390 in this species. Lastly, the results presented here provide a background of standing genetic variation and
391 adaptive signals in a farmed rainbow trout population, which provides further knowledge on the effects of
392 domestication and intense directional selection in salmonids. In further research, we suggest including
393 ancestral wild populations of rainbow trout, as a pairwise comparison with their genetic variation may
394 help further elucidating the target of selection in the domestic strains including details such as which
395 allele was selected for in the domestic lineages. Such analysis would also increase the knowledge about
396 the effect of domestication by exploring the nonparallel and parallel genomic footprints between
397 wild/domestic populations.

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399 **Ethics approval and consent to participate**

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430 **Appendix A.**

431 **Supplementary Material**

432 Table S1. Values of LD decay in each chromosome.

433 Table S2. Candidate genes under selection on rainbow trout detected by *iHS*, *pcadapt* and *CLR* methods.

434 Table S3. List of all genes detected by *pcadapt* method.

435 Table S4. List of all genes detected by *CLR* method.

436 Table S5. List of all genes detected by *iHS* method.

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438 FigureS1. LD decay in each chromosome.

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855 **Figure 1.** Principal component analysis (PCA) of genetic differentiation among 749 individuals of one
856 domestic population of rainbow trout based on 57K SNPs. Each dot represents one individual.

857 **Figure 2.** Results of genetic variations: a) Linkage disequilibrium (r^2) decay over the distance between
858 variants across the genome; b) Historical effective population sizes (N_e) over generations of one domestic
859 population of rainbow trout.

860 **Figure 3.** Results of signatures of selection by the *pcadapt* method in one domestic population of rainbow
861 trout based on 57K SNPs. A) Manhattan plot illustrates the distribution of *pcadapt* scores ($-\log(p\text{-value})$)
862 across the genome of rainbow trout. Orange spots represent outliers. B) Manhattan plot shows the
863 distribution of *pcadapt* scores ($-\log(p\text{-value})$) in region A across chromosome 4; red spots represent
864 outliers and box represent the genes that intersect this region, and colors represent the putative function
865 (blue, reproduction; green, immune system; light-magenta, growth, dark-magenta, early development,
866 grey, adaptation to culture environment). Dashed blue line represents the approximate location of the
867 chromosomal inversion of the *Omy20* [55].

868 **Figure 4.** Results of signatures of selection by the *CLR* method in one domestic population of rainbow
869 trout based on 57K SNPs. A) Manhattan plot illustrates the distribution of *CLR* scores across the genome
870 of rainbow trout. Orange spots represent outliers. B) Manhattan plot shows the distribution of *CLR* scores
871 across chromosome 5; red spots represent outliers; box represents the genes that intersect this region, and
872 colors represent the putative function (blue, reproduction; green, immune system; light-magenta, growth,
873 dark-magenta, early development). Dashed blue line represents the approximate localization of the two
874 chromosomal inversions on the *Omy05* [55].

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876 **Figure 5.** Results of signatures of selection by the *iHS* method in one domestic population of rainbow
877 trout based on 57K SNPs. A) Manhattan plot illustrates the distribution of *iHS* scores ($-\log(p\text{-value})$)
878 across the genome of rainbow trout. Orange spots represent outliers. B) Manhattan plot shows the
879 distribution of *iHS* scores ($-\log(p\text{-value})$) in region B across chromosome 20; red spots represent outliers;
880 box represents the genes that intersect this region, and colors represent the putative function (blue,
881 reproduction; green, immune system; light-magenta, growth, dark-magenta, early development). Dashed
882 red line represents overlapped homeologous region of the [Omy04](#) with [Omy05](#) [55].
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