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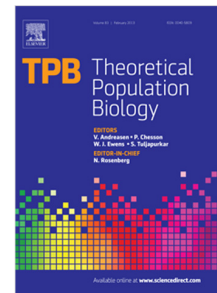
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1 Gene drives and population persistence vs  
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9 **Abstract**

10 Synthetic gene drive constructs are being developed to control disease vectors,  
11 invasive species, and other pest species. In a well-mixed random mating population  
12 a sufficiently strong gene drive is expected to eliminate a target population, but it  
13 is not clear whether the same is true when spatial processes play a role. In species  
14 with an appropriate biology it is possible that drive-induced reductions in density  
15 might lead to increased inbreeding, reducing the efficacy of drive, eventually  
16 leading to suppression rather than elimination, regardless of how strong the  
17 drive is. To investigate this question we analyse a series of explicitly solvable  
18 stochastic models considering a range of scenarios for the relative timing of mating,  
19 reproduction, and dispersal and analyse the impact of two different types of gene  
20 drive, a Driving Y chromosome and a homing construct targeting an essential  
21 gene. We find in all cases a sufficiently strong Driving Y will go to fixation and the  
22 population will be eliminated, except in the one life history scenario (reproduction  
23 and mating in patches followed by dispersal) where low density leads to increased  
24 inbreeding, in which case the population persists indefinitely, tending to either  
25 a stable equilibrium or a limit cycle. These dynamics arise because Driving Y  
26 males have reduced mating success, particularly at low densities, due to having  
27 fewer sisters to mate with. Increased inbreeding at low densities can also prevent  
28 a homing construct from eliminating a population. For both types of drive, if  
29 there is strong inbreeding depression, then the population cannot be rescued by

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30 inbreeding and it is eliminated. These results highlight the potentially critical role  
31 that low-density-induced inbreeding and inbreeding depression (and, by extension,  
32 other sources of Allee effects) can have on the eventual impact of a gene drive on  
33 a target population.

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## 36 1 Introduction

37 Gene drive is a process of biased inheritance whereby a genetic element can be transmit-  
38 ted from parents to offspring at a greater-than-Mendelian rate and thereby increase in  
39 frequency in a population (Burt & Crisanti, 2018). Many naturally-occurring gene drive  
40 systems have been described (Burt & Trivers, 2006; Lindholm *et al.*, 2016; Fishman  
41 & McIntosh, 2019; Burga *et al.*, 2020), and there is increasing interest in potentially  
42 using synthetic drivers to control disease vectors, harmful invasive species, and other  
43 pests (Bier, 2021; Hay *et al.*, 2021; Nolan, 2021). This interest derives in part from the  
44 fact that driving elements can spread in populations even if they cause some harm to  
45 the organisms carrying them, even disrupting reproduction to such an extent that the  
46 population could be substantially suppressed or eliminated (Burt, 2003; Godfray *et al.*,  
47 2017). Potential strategies for population suppression include the use of gene drive  
48 constructs to produce a male-biased sex ratio, or to knock-out genes needed for survival  
49 or reproduction, or both (Galizi *et al.*, 2014; Kyrou *et al.*, 2018; Simoni *et al.*, 2020).

50 Because drive depends on a deviation from Mendelian transmission it cannot operate  
51 in wholly asexual populations, and, moreover, it will tend to be less effective in inbred  
52 populations (i.e., with mating of close relatives), where the frequency of heterozygotes is  
53 reduced relative to outcrossed populations (Burt & Trivers, 2006; Agren & Clark, 2018).  
54 The extent of inbreeding in a population can be affected by many factors, including,  
55 potentially, population density. In particular, in some species, when densities are low, the  
56 only mates available may be relatives, and the frequency of inbreeding correspondingly  
57 high. In such a species, release of a gene drive could lead to a reduction in population  
58 density, which in turn leads to increased inbreeding, reducing the effectiveness of the  
59 drive and the ultimate impact on population density (relative to what would have  
60 occurred had there been no change in inbreeding), potentially even making the difference  
61 between the target population persisting or being eliminated (Bull *et al.*, 2019).

62 Previous modelling has investigated some aspects of this problem. The reduced efficacy  
63 of drive in the face of inbreeding has been analysed in numerous contexts, including the  
64 autosomal killers (Petras, 1967), B-chromosomes (Burt & Trivers, 1998), transposable  
65 elements (Wright & Schoen, 1999), MEDEA-like elements (Noble *et al.*, 2021), and  
66 engineered gene drive constructs for population suppression (Drury *et al.*, 2017). In  
67 each case the breeding system was treated as an exogenously determined variable.

68 Hamilton (1967) demonstrated that, in species whose biology is such that low density  
69 leads to increased inbreeding, low density could be a barrier to the spread of a Driving Y  
70 chromosome. Again, population density in his model was an exogenous variable, rather  
71 than an endogenous one responding to the presence of the Driving Y. In the closest  
72 precedent for the modelling presented here, Bull *et al.* (2019) analysed the impact of  
73 two different types of gene drives on a population when the frequency of sib mating is  
74 assumed to increase as population mean fitness declines, and found that population  
75 elimination could be prevented, even with perfect drives. However, they did not model  
76 population density explicitly. Finally, while deterministic spatial models using partial  
77 differential equations can show population elimination by sufficiently strong drives  
78 (Beaghton *et al.*, 2016), stochastic individual-based models often lead to suppression  
79 but not elimination (North *et al.*, 2013, 2019, 2020; Eckhoff *et al.*, 2017), potentially  
80 consistent with a role for low density inbreeding, though inbreeding was not monitored  
81 or manipulated in these models. More recently, Champer *et al.* (2021) analysed an  
82 individual-based model of gene drives in continuous space, and observed that preventing  
83 inbreeding promoted elimination, consistent with expectations, but did not study this  
84 result in detail.

85 To more fully investigate the potential role of low-density-induced inbreeding in prevent-  
86 ing population elimination, we have analysed a series of explicitly solvable stochastic  
87 models that include spatial structure, gene drive, and alternative life history scenarios  
88 of mating, dispersal, and reproduction. We first focus on Driving Y chromosomes, and  
89 consider seven life history scenarios. In all of them a sufficiently strong Driving Y will  
90 eliminate a population, except the one scenario in which low population density leads to  
91 increased inbreeding, in which case there is suppression but not elimination, no matter  
92 how strong the drive. We then show that the same life history also prevents population  
93 elimination by a gene drive that uses the homing reaction. In both cases populations  
94 persist because inbreeding gives a fitness advantage to the wildtype chromosome over  
95 the driver; incorporating strong inbreeding depression into the models removes this  
96 fitness advantage, and the population is then eliminated. These results highlight the  
97 key role that low-density-induced inbreeding can have on the fate of a population faced  
98 with a gene drive, and emphasize the importance of incorporating inbreeding depression  
99 (and, by extension, other negative effects of low density on population growth rates) in  
100 models of suppressive gene drives.

## 101 2 Driving Y

102 We model an infinite sized population with discrete generations. Two key events in  
103 a species' life history are mating of males and females, and offspring production by  
104 mated females to make the (unmated) males and females of the next generation. Each  
105 of these activities can occur either in an infinite well-mixed population ("in the cloud"),  
106 or after individuals have settled randomly into an infinite array of "patches", so in  
107 addition to mating and reproduction there is also movement. Mating is random, so that

108 if mating occurs in the cloud then it is according to the proportion of the different types  
 109 in the cloud, whereas if it occurs in patches, then it is according to the different types  
 110 in the particular patch. Females mate only once in their life, and store the sperm for  
 111 subsequent reproduction, whereas a male may mate multiple times, and all females get  
 112 mated as long as there is at least one male in the cloud or patch. Offspring production  
 113 is density-dependent, according to the Beverton & Holt (1957) model; if reproduction  
 114 is occurring in the cloud then the average number of offspring produced per female  
 115 depends on the density (of mated females) in the cloud, whereas if reproduction is  
 116 occurring in patches then it is the local density that counts.

117 We first consider the release of males carrying a Driving Y chromosome engineered to be  
 118 transmitted to more than 50% of the offspring (e.g., by disrupting transmission of the X  
 119 chromosome (Galizi *et al.*, 2014; Fasulo *et al.*, 2020)). There are thus two types of males,  
 120 those with Wildtype (W) and Driving (D) Y chromosomes and two types of mated  
 121 females, those mated to a W-male and those mated to a D-male. W-mated females  
 122 produce on average equal numbers of female and W-male offspring, whereas D-mated  
 123 females produce on average female and D-male offspring at a ratio  $(1 - m) : m$ .

124 We now consider a range of scenarios for the location of mating and reproduction (cloud  
 125 or patches) and the timing of movement between them. Results are summarised in  
 126 Figure 1.

## 127 2.1 Scenario 1: A well-mixed population

128 **Assumptions and derivation.** Our starting point is a non-spatial model in which  
 129 both mating and offspring production occur in the cloud, which is of infinite size and  
 130 contains individuals at a finite density. The Driving Y is introduced at a given density  
 131 at  $t = 0$  into a wildtype (W) population at equilibrium. The (finite) population density  
 132 then evolves from generation to generation as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{(Total density of offspring)}_{t+1} \\
 & = 2 \text{(Total density of mated females)}_t \frac{R}{1 + \beta \text{(Total density of mated females)}_t} \\
 & \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}'_U + \mathcal{M}'_W + \mathcal{M}'_D = \frac{2R(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

138 where  $\mathcal{F}_W, \mathcal{F}_D$  are the densities of W- and D-mated females in generation  $t$  and  
 139  $\mathcal{F}'_U, \mathcal{M}'_W, \mathcal{M}'_D$  are the densities of female, W-male and D-male offspring in genera-  
 140 tion  $t + 1$ ,  $R$  is the intrinsic (or low density) rate of increase of the population, and  $\beta$  is  
 141 a parameter describing the strength of density dependence, where  $1/\beta$  is the density at  
 142 which the population growth rate is half its maximum value.

143 Before the release of the Driving Y and at equilibrium, we have  $\mathcal{F}_U^{\text{eq}} + \mathcal{M}_W^{\text{eq}} = \frac{2R\mathcal{F}_W^{\text{eq}}}{(1+\beta\mathcal{F}_W^{\text{eq}})}$ .  
 144 Since W-mated females produce on average equal number of female and W-male offspring

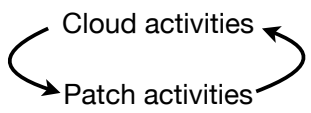
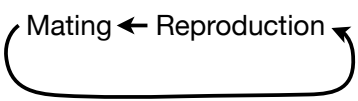
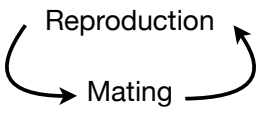
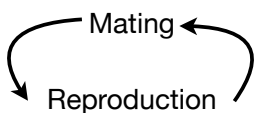

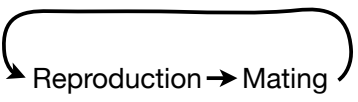
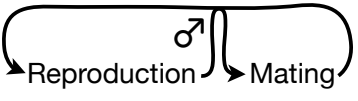
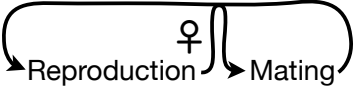
Scenario		Opportunity for inbreeding?	$z'/z$	Outcome (Y)	Outcome (Pop)
1		No	$2m$	Fix	Elimination
2		No	$2m$	Fix	Elimination
3		No	$2m$	Fix	Elimination
4		No	$2m$	Fix	Elimination
5		Yes	See Eq 21b	Variable	Persistence
6		No	$2m$	Fix	Elimination
7		No	See SI Eq 31b	Fix	Elimination

Figure 1: Consequences of alternative life histories for the fate of a Driving Y and the population.  $z'/z$ : Odds ratio for a male carrying a Driving Y in one generation to that in the previous generation. Outcome (Y): Outcome for the proportion of males carrying the Driving Y. Fix: Driving Y goes to fixation; Variable: Driving Y may go to fixation, remain polymorphic, or be lost. Outcome (Pop): Outcome for the population assuming a sufficiently strong drive (e.g.,  $m = 1$ ).

145 and since all the female offspring turn into W-mated females, we have  $\mathcal{F}_U^{\text{eq}} = \mathcal{M}_W^{\text{eq}} =$   
 146  $\mathcal{F}_W^{\text{eq}}$ . The prerelease equilibrium equation becomes

$$147 \quad 2 \mathcal{F}_W^{\text{eq}} = \frac{2 R \mathcal{F}_W^{\text{eq}}}{1 + \beta \mathcal{F}_W^{\text{eq}}}$$

$$148 \quad \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}_W^{\text{eq}} = (R - 1)/\beta.$$

150 W-mated females produce female offspring and W-male offspring in equal numbers  
 151 (averaged over the entire cloud) whereas D-mated females produce a skewed ratio of  
 152  $(1 - m) : m$  female offspring vs D-male offspring, so

$$153 \quad \{\mathcal{F}'_U, \mathcal{M}'_W, \mathcal{M}'_D\} = \frac{R\{(\mathcal{F}_W + 2(1 - m)\mathcal{F}_D), \mathcal{F}_W, 2m\mathcal{F}_D\}}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)} \quad (2)$$

155 As mating is random, the probability that a female offspring becomes a W-mated female  
 156 is  $\mathcal{M}'_W/(\mathcal{M}'_W + \mathcal{M}'_D) = \mathcal{F}_W/(\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D)$  whereas the probability that she becomes  
 157 a D-mated female is  $\mathcal{M}'_D/(\mathcal{M}'_W + \mathcal{M}'_D) = 2m\mathcal{F}_D/(\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D)$ . So, the densities of  
 158 W- and D-mated females in generation  $t + 1$  are

$$159 \quad \{\mathcal{F}'_W, \mathcal{F}'_D\} = \frac{R\{\mathcal{F}_W(\mathcal{F}_W + 2(1 - m)\mathcal{F}_D), 2m\mathcal{F}_D(\mathcal{F}_W + 2(1 - m)\mathcal{F}_D)\}}{(\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D)(1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D))} \quad (3)$$

161 **Results.** We now introduce a change of variables  $S = \mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D$  and  $z = \mathcal{F}_D/\mathcal{F}_W$  and  
 162 the equations above become

$$163 \quad \{S', z'\} = \left\{ \frac{RS(1 + 2(1 - m)z)}{(1 + \beta S)(1 + z)}, 2mz \right\} \quad (4)$$

165 The recurrence equations (4) for  $\{S, z\}$  are sufficient to update the system from genera-  
 166 tion  $t$  to generation  $t + 1$ . Note that as long as  $m > 0.5$ ,  $z$  will increase without bound,  
 167 implying that the Driving Y tends to fixation and, if  $m$  is sufficiently large, then the  
 168 population will tend to elimination – most obviously if  $m = 1$ , then the population will  
 169 tend to be all male.

## 170 2.2 Scenario 2: Local mating

171 **Assumptions and derivation.** Now suppose male and female offspring settle ran-  
 172 domly into patches, there is local competition within each patch among males to mate  
 173 with the females, and then the mated females return to the cloud and reproduce in  
 174 a density-dependent manner as described in Scenario 1. In Scenario 1, the prerelease  
 175 equilibrium density of W-mated females was shown to be  $\mathcal{F}_W^{\text{eq}} = (R - 1)/\beta$ .

176 In this model, the total density of offspring is again given by (1). We allocate the  
 177 well-mixed offspring population in the cloud into (an infinite number of) patches of

178 volume  $V$ . The actual (integer) number of offspring in each patch is Poisson distributed  
 179 with a mean

$$V (\mathcal{F}'_U + \mathcal{M}'_W + \mathcal{M}'_D) = \frac{2RV(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}$$

180 and ranges from zero to infinity. We restrict mating only among members of the same  
 181 patch and all females mate if there is at least one male in the patch. Due to stochasticity,  
 182 a fraction of patches will contain zero males and as a result a fraction of the females  
 183 will not mate (the lower the population density in the cloud, the larger the fraction of  
 184 females that will be unsuccessful in mating due to a lack of males in their patch).

185 Equation (2) that gives the number of offspring in the next generation holds  
 186 here too, so a patch of males and females of volume  $V$  consists (on average) of  
 187  $(\mathcal{F}_W + 2(1-m)\mathcal{F}_D)RV/(1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D))$  females,  $\mathcal{F}_W RV/(1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D))$  W-  
 188 males and  $2m\mathcal{F}_D RV/(1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D))$  D-males. The probabilities of having a  
 189 Poisson-distributed set of  $\{F_U, M_W, M_D\}$  offspring in a patch are thus

$$\begin{aligned} 190 \quad p_F &= \frac{e^{-\frac{(\mathcal{F}_W + 2(1-m)\mathcal{F}_D)RV}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}} \left(\frac{(\mathcal{F}_W + 2(1-m)\mathcal{F}_D)RV}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}\right)^{F_U}}{F_U!} \\ 191 \quad p_W &= \frac{e^{-\frac{\mathcal{F}_W RV}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}} \left(\frac{\mathcal{F}_W RV}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}\right)^{M_W}}{M_W!} \\ 192 \quad p_D &= \frac{e^{-\frac{2m\mathcal{F}_D RV}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}} \left(\frac{2m\mathcal{F}_D RV}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}\right)^{M_D}}{M_D!} \\ 193 \end{aligned}$$

194 The probability that a patch contains  $M_W = M_D = 0$  males is  $(p_W \times p_D) |_{M_W=M_D=0} =$   
 195  $e^{-\frac{(\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D)RV}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}}$ , which goes to 0 when  $V \rightarrow \infty$  and goes to 1 when  $V \rightarrow 0$  (i.e. when  
 196 the volume  $V$  is so infinitesimally small that it is certain that any patch with a female  
 197 will contain no males).

198 The probability of  $k$  females, out of the  $F_U$  females in a patch, becoming W-mated  
 199 females is  $\left(\frac{M_W}{M_W + M_D}\right)^k \left(\frac{M_D}{M_W + M_D}\right)^{F_U - k} \frac{F_U!}{k!(F_U - k)!}$  since every female undergoes a Bernoulli  
 200 trial in picking a male out of the  $M_W$  W-males and  $M_D$  D-males in her patch. The  
 201 expected number of W-mated females in a patch, conditional on  $\{F_U, M_W, M_D\}$ , is thus

$$\sum_{k=0}^{F_U} k \left(\frac{M_W}{M_W + M_D}\right)^k \left(\frac{M_D}{M_W + M_D}\right)^{F_U - k} \frac{F_U!}{k!(F_U - k)!} = \frac{F_U M_W}{M_W + M_D} = F_U g_W$$

202 where  $g_W = \frac{M_W}{M_W + M_D}$  is the fraction of W-males in the patch. Similarly, the expected  
 203 number of D-mated females in a patch, conditional on  $\{F_U, M_W, M_D\}$ , is  $F_U g_D =$   
 204  $F_U \frac{M_D}{M_W + M_D}$ .

205 We introduce  $M = M_W + M_D$  and use Wolfram Mathematica to evaluate the densities of  
 206 W-mated and D-mated females arising from the two types of pairings, averaged over all



207 the mating cohorts (the division by  $V$  converts the expected number of mated females  
208 in the mating cohorts to a density):

$$\begin{aligned}
 209 \quad \mathcal{F}'_W &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{M=1}^{\infty} \sum_{M_W=1}^M \sum_{F_U=1}^{\infty} F_U g_W p_F p_W p_D = \\
 &= \frac{\left(1 - e^{-\frac{(\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D)RV}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}}\right) (\mathcal{F}_W + 2(1-m)\mathcal{F}_D) R \mathcal{F}_W}{(\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D) (1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D))} \quad (5a)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 213 \quad \mathcal{F}'_D &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{M=1}^{\infty} \sum_{M_D=1}^M \sum_{F_U=1}^{\infty} F_U g_D p_F p_W p_D = \\
 &= \frac{2 \left(1 - e^{-\frac{(\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D)RV}{1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}}\right) (\mathcal{F}_W + 2(1-m)\mathcal{F}_D) m R \mathcal{F}_D}{(\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D) (1 + \beta(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D))} \quad (5b)
 \end{aligned}$$

216 **Results.** We introduce the change of variables  $S = V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)$ ,  $z = \mathcal{F}_D/\mathcal{F}_W$  and  
217  $\alpha = \beta/V$ ; equations (5a)-(5b) now become:

$$218 \quad \{S', z'\} = \left\{ \frac{\left(1 - e^{-\frac{S(1+2mz)R}{(1+\alpha S)(1+z)}}\right) R S (1 + 2(1-m)z)}{(1 + \alpha S) (1 + z)}, 2mz \right\} \quad (6)$$

220 The recurrence equations (6) are again sufficient to update this system from generation  
221  $t$  to generation  $t + 1$ . The transition equation for  $z$  is the same as in Scenario 1,  
222 indicating, again, that the Driving Y will go to fixation, and, if  $m$  is sufficiently large,  
223 the population will be eliminated.

### 224 2.3 Scenario 3: Local density-dependent reproduction

225 **Assumptions and derivation.** We now reverse the location of events, so mating  
226 occurs in the cloud and reproduction occurs in patches (subject to local density depen-  
227 dence). The cloud densities of W- and D-mated females in generation  $t$  are  $\{\mathcal{F}_W, \mathcal{F}_D\}$ ,  
228 and a Poisson-distributed random sample of  $\{F_W, F_D\}$  W- and D-mated females with  
229 means  $\{V\mathcal{F}_W, V\mathcal{F}_D\}$ , is drawn from the cloud and settles in each patch. The probabili-  
230 ties of having  $F_W$  and  $F_D$  mated females in a patch are

$$231 \quad \{\mathbb{P}(F_W | V\mathcal{F}_W), \mathbb{P}(F_D | V\mathcal{F}_D)\} = \left\{ \frac{e^{-V\mathcal{F}_W} (V\mathcal{F}_W)^{F_W}}{F_W!}, \frac{e^{-V\mathcal{F}_D} (V\mathcal{F}_D)^{F_D}}{F_D!} \right\} \quad (7)$$

233 In this model the reproduction rate of mated females depends on the number of the  
234 mated females in the local patch. We assume the number of surviving offspring that each

235 mated female produces is Poisson-distributed with a mean  $\lambda = 2R / (1 + \alpha (F_W + F_D))$ ,  
 236 where  $\alpha > 0$  is a density dependence parameter appropriate for patches instead of the  
 237 cloud. Note that the maximum low-density rate of increase is now  $R / (1 + \alpha)$ . The  
 238 probability that the  $F_W + F_D$  mated females generate  $j$  offspring in total in a given  
 239 patch is then

$$240 \quad \mathbb{P}(j \mid F_W, F_D) = \frac{e^{-\lambda(F_W+F_D)} \lambda^j (F_W + F_D)^j}{j!} = \frac{2^j e^{-\frac{2(F_W+F_D)R}{1+\alpha(F_W+F_D)}} \left( \frac{(F_W+F_D)R}{1+\alpha(F_W+F_D)} \right)^j}{j!}. \quad (8)$$

242 These  $j$  offspring are made up of  $i_F$  females,  $i_W$  W-males and  $j - i_F - i_W$  D-males. The  
 243 probability of a  $\{i_F, i_W, j - i_F - i_W\}$  triplet is derived from a multinomial distribution  
 244 with  $j$  trials and normalised weights  $\left\{ \frac{F_W/2+F_D(1-m)}{F_W+F_D}, \frac{F_W/2}{F_W+F_D}, \frac{mF_D}{F_W+F_D} \right\}$ , since, on average,  
 245 fractions of  $1/2$  and  $1 - m$  of W-mated and D-mated females' offspring are female, with  
 246 the rest of the offspring being W- and D-males, respectively.

247 Hence, the probability  $\mathbb{P}(i_F, i_W, j - i_F - i_W \mid j, F_W, F_D)$  of having  $\{i_F, i_W, j - i_F - i_W\}$   
 248 female, W-male and D-male offspring in the patch (conditional on  $j$  total offspring from  
 249  $\{F_W, F_D\}$  mated females) using the weights above is

$$251 \quad \mathbb{P}(i_F, i_W, j - i_F - i_W \mid j, F_W, F_D) = 2^{-i_W} F_W^{i_W} (m F_D)^{-i_F - i_W} \left( \frac{m F_D}{F_W + F_D} \right)^j \\ 252 \quad \times \left( \frac{F_W}{2} + F_D (1 - m) \right)^{i_F} \frac{j!}{i_F! i_W! (j - i_F - i_W)!} \quad (9)$$

254 and the expected numbers of female, W-male and D-male offspring in the patch  
 255 (conditional on  $j$  total offspring from  $\{F_W, F_D\}$  mated females) is obtained by summing  
 256 over all possible values of  $i_F$  and  $i_W$ :

$$257 \quad \mathbb{E}[\text{females} \mid j, F_W, F_D] = \sum_{i_F=0}^j \sum_{i_W=0}^{j-i_F} i_F \mathbb{P}(i_F, i_W, j - i_F - i_W \mid j, F_W, F_D) \\ 258 \quad = \frac{j (F_W + 2(1 - m) F_D)}{2 (F_W + F_D)} \\ 259 \quad \mathbb{E}[\text{W - males} \mid j, F_W, F_D] = \sum_{i_F=0}^j \sum_{i_W=0}^{j-i_F} i_W \mathbb{P}(i_F, i_W, j - i_F - i_W \mid j, F_W, F_D) \\ 260 \quad = \frac{j F_W}{2 (F_W + F_D)} \quad (10) \\ 261 \quad \mathbb{E}[\text{D - males} \mid j, F_W, F_D] = \sum_{i_F=0}^j \sum_{i_W=0}^{j-i_F} (j - i_F - i_W) \mathbb{P}(i_F, i_W, j - i_F - i_W \mid j, F_W, F_D) \\ 262 \quad = \frac{j m F_D}{F_W + F_D}. \\ 263$$

264 We use (7), (8) and (10) to evaluate the densities of the offspring that will aggregate  
 265 back in the cloud,  $\{\mathcal{F}'_U, \mathcal{M}'_W, \mathcal{M}'_D\}$ , by summing the respective products over all possible  
 266 values of  $F_W, F_D$  and  $j$  from 0 to infinity and dividing by  $V$ :

267 The cloud density  $\mathcal{F}'_U$  of female offspring before mating is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 268 \quad \mathcal{F}'_U &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{F_W=0}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\text{females} \mid j, F_W, F_D] \mathbb{P}(j \mid F_W, F_D) \mathbb{P}(F_W \mid V \mathcal{F}_W) \mathbb{P}(F_D \mid V \mathcal{F}_D) \\
 269 \quad &= \frac{R}{\alpha} e^{-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)} (\mathcal{F}_W + 2(1-m)\mathcal{F}_D) (-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D))^{-\frac{1+\alpha}{\alpha}} \gamma \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}, -V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D) \right] \\
 270 \quad & \hspace{15em} (11)
 \end{aligned}$$

271 where  $\gamma$  is the lower incomplete gamma function.

272 The cloud density  $\mathcal{M}'_W$  of W-male offspring is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 273 \quad \mathcal{M}'_W &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{F_W=0}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\text{W - males} \mid j, F_W, F_D] \mathbb{P}(j \mid F_W, F_D) \mathbb{P}(F_W \mid V \mathcal{F}_W) \mathbb{P}(F_D \mid V \mathcal{F}_D) \\
 274 \quad &= \frac{R}{\alpha} e^{-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)} \mathcal{F}_W (-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D))^{-\frac{1+\alpha}{\alpha}} \gamma \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}, -V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D) \right] \\
 275 \quad & \hspace{15em} (12)
 \end{aligned}$$

276 The cloud density  $\mathcal{M}'_D$  of D-male offspring is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 277 \quad \mathcal{M}'_D &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{F_W=0}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\text{D - males} \mid j, F_W, F_D] \mathbb{P}(j \mid F_W, F_D) \mathbb{P}(F_W \mid V \mathcal{F}_W) \mathbb{P}(F_D \mid V \mathcal{F}_D) \\
 278 \quad &= \frac{2mR}{\alpha} e^{-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)} \mathcal{F}_D (-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D))^{-\frac{1+\alpha}{\alpha}} \gamma \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}, -V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D) \right] \\
 279 \quad & \hspace{15em} (13)
 \end{aligned}$$

280 All the aggregated offspring in the cloud form a single mating pool, with each female  
 281 choosing a random mate. Given that there will always be at least one male in the  
 282 (infinite) mating pool, all unmated females become mated females (i.e.  $\mathcal{F}'_W + \mathcal{F}'_D = \mathcal{F}'_U$ )  
 283 and the fractions of the resulting W- and D-mated females are simply equal to the  
 284 fractions of W- and D-males in the cloud, i.e.  $\frac{\mathcal{M}'_W}{\mathcal{M}'_W + \mathcal{M}'_D}$  and  $\frac{\mathcal{M}'_D}{\mathcal{M}'_W + \mathcal{M}'_D}$ . From (11),(12)  
 285 and (13) it follows that the fractions of W- and D-males in the cloud mating pool reduce  
 286 to  $\frac{\mathcal{M}'_W}{\mathcal{M}'_W + \mathcal{M}'_D} = \frac{\mathcal{F}_W}{\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D}$  and  $\frac{\mathcal{M}'_D}{\mathcal{M}'_W + \mathcal{M}'_D} = \frac{2m\mathcal{F}_D}{\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D}$ , respectively. Thus, the densities of

287 mated females in the cloud in generation  $t + 1$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
 288 \quad \{\mathcal{F}'_W, \mathcal{F}'_D\} &= \left\{ \mathcal{F}'_U \frac{\mathcal{F}_W}{\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D}, \mathcal{F}'_U \frac{\mathcal{F}_D}{\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D} \right\} \\
 289 \quad \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}'_W &= \mathcal{F}'_U \frac{\mathcal{F}_W}{\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D} \\
 290 \quad &= \frac{R}{\alpha} e^{-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)} \frac{\mathcal{F}_W (\mathcal{F}_W + 2(1-m)\mathcal{F}_D)}{\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D} (-\mathcal{F}_W - \mathcal{F}_D)^{-\frac{1+\alpha}{\alpha}} \gamma \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}, -\mathcal{F}_W - \mathcal{F}_D \right],
 \end{aligned} \tag{14a}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 291 \quad \mathcal{F}'_D &= \mathcal{F}'_U \frac{2m\mathcal{F}_D}{\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D} \\
 292 \quad &= \frac{2mR}{\alpha} e^{-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)} \frac{\mathcal{F}_D (\mathcal{F}_W + 2(1-m)\mathcal{F}_D)}{\mathcal{F}_W + 2m\mathcal{F}_D} (-\mathcal{F}_W - \mathcal{F}_D)^{-\frac{1+\alpha}{\alpha}} \gamma \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}, -\mathcal{F}_W - \mathcal{F}_D \right]
 \end{aligned} \tag{14b}$$

294 **Results.** The change of variables used in previous models,  $S = V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)$  and  
 295  $z = \mathcal{F}_D/\mathcal{F}_W$ , gives the recurrence equations that update the state variables from  
 296 generation  $t$  to generation  $t + 1$ :

$$297 \quad \{S', z'\} = \left\{ -\frac{e^{-S} R (-S)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} (1 + 2(1-m)z) \gamma \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}, -S \right]}{\alpha(1+z)}, 2mz \right\} \tag{15}$$

299 Again, the Driving Y tends to fixation, and, for sufficiently large  $m$ , the population will  
 300 tend to elimination.

## 301 2.4 Scenario 4: Local mating followed by local reproduction

302 **Assumptions and derivation.** In this scenario males and unmated females settle  
 303 randomly into patches, mate locally, reproduce in a (locally) density-dependent manner,  
 304 then males and unmated females rise back again to the cloud to be re-assorted back to  
 305 patches. It is convenient to derive the recurrence equations for this model by starting  
 306 with the stage in generation  $t$  at which all the female and male offspring find themselves  
 307 well-mixed in a cloud, which contains an (infinite) number of (unmated) females, W- and  
 308 D-males with (finite) densities  $\{\mathcal{F}_U, \mathcal{M}_W, \mathcal{M}_D\}$ . All the cloud inhabitants then settle  
 309 into patches, with each patch containing *on average*  $V(\mathcal{F}_U + \mathcal{M}_W + \mathcal{M}_D)$  individuals.  
 310 As in Scenario 2, the actual number of individuals in a patch is Poisson-distributed  
 311 with means  $\{V\mathcal{F}_U, V\mathcal{M}_W, V\mathcal{M}_D\}$ , for the females, W-males and D-males, respectively.  
 312 The probabilities  $\{p_F, p_W, p_D\}$  of having a set of  $\{F_U, M_W, M_D\}$  individuals in a patch  
 313 are

$$314 \quad \{p_F, p_W, p_D\} = \left\{ \frac{e^{-V\mathcal{F}_U} (V\mathcal{F}_U)^{F_U}}{F_U!}, \frac{e^{-V\mathcal{M}_W} (V\mathcal{M}_W)^{M_W}}{M_W!}, \frac{e^{-V\mathcal{M}_D} (V\mathcal{M}_D)^{M_D}}{M_D!} \right\} \tag{16}$$

315 Each of the  $F_U$  unmated females settling in a patch will randomly chose a single W-male  
 316 or D-male partner from within her patch. The probability of the  $F_U$  unmated females  
 317 in a patch becoming  $\{F_W, F_U - F_W\}$  W- and D-mated females, respectively, is thus

$$318 \quad \mathbb{P}(F_W, F_U - F_W \mid F_U, M_W, M_D) \\
 319 \quad = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{M_W}{M_W + M_D}\right)^{F_W} \left(\frac{M_D}{M_W + M_D}\right)^{F_U - F_W} \frac{F_U!}{F_W!(F_U - F_W)!} & \text{if } F_U (M_W + M_D) \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } F_U (M_W + M_D) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (17) \\
 320$$

321 We set  $F_D = F_U - F_W$  and then use (8) for the probability  $\mathbb{P}(j \mid F_W, F_U - F_W)$  that the  
 322  $F_U$  mated females in a given patch generate  $j$  offspring in total and (9) for the probabilit-  
 323 ity  $\mathbb{P}(j - i_M, i_W, i_M - i_W \mid j, F_W, F_U - F_W)$  of having  $\{i_F = j - i_M, i_W, i_D = i_M - i_W\}$   
 324 female, W-male and D-male offspring in the patch (conditional on  $j$  total offspring from  
 325  $\{F_W, F_U - F_W\}$  mated females).

326 We can now derive the new cloud densities  $\{\mathcal{F}'_U, \mathcal{M}'_W, \mathcal{M}'_D\}$ , having  
 327 started from  $\{\mathcal{F}_U, \mathcal{M}_W, \mathcal{M}_D\}$  in the previous generation. We start with  
 328  $\{i_F = j - i_M, i_W, i_D = i_M - i_W\}$  new female, W-male and D-male offspring in a  
 329 patch, conditional on  $\{F_U, M_W, M_D = M - M_W\}$  offspring from the previous generation  
 330 having settled in the patch and having produced  $\{F_W, F_U - F_W\}$  mated females who  
 331 in turn have produced  $j = i_F + i_W + i_D$  offspring in total. We then combine the various  
 332 probabilities in (8), (9), (16) and (17), introduce  $i_F = j - i_M$  and  $M_D + M_W = M$ ,  
 333 and sum over all possible values of  $\{i_W, i_M, j, F_W, M_W, M, F_U\}$  to evaluate the average  
 334 numbers of female, W-male and D-male offspring (across all patches) and then divide  
 335 them by  $V$  to convert them into the densities  $\{\mathcal{F}'_U, \mathcal{M}'_W, \mathcal{M}'_D\}$  in the next generation  
 336 (we use Wolfram Mathematica to evaluate each of the 7-deep nested sums):

$$337 \quad \{\mathcal{F}'_U, \mathcal{M}'_W, \mathcal{M}'_D\} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{F_U=1}^{\infty} \sum_{M=1}^{\infty} \sum_{M_W=0}^M \sum_{F_W=0}^{F_U} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i_M=0}^j \sum_{i_W=0}^{i_M} \{j - i_M, i_W, i_M - i_W\} p_F p_W p_D \\
 338 \quad \times \mathbb{P}(j \mid F_W, F_U - F_W) \mathbb{P}(j - i_M, i_W, i_M - i_W \mid j, F_W, F_U - F_W) \\
 339 \quad \times \mathbb{P}(F_W, F_U - F_W \mid F_U, M_W, M_D) \\
 340$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathcal{F}'_U & = \frac{e^{-(F_U + M_W + M_D)V} (-1 + e^{(M_W + M_D)V}) \mathcal{F}_U (M_W + 2M_D(1-m)) R(-F_U V)^{-\frac{1+\alpha}{\alpha}} \gamma\left[1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}, -F_U V\right]}{(M_W + M_D)\alpha} \\ \mathcal{M}'_W & = \frac{e^{-(F_U + M_W + M_D)V} (-1 + e^{(M_W + M_D)V}) \mathcal{F}_U \mathcal{M}_W R(-F_U V)^{-\frac{1+\alpha}{\alpha}} \gamma\left[1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}, -F_U V\right]}{(M_W + M_D)\alpha} \\ \mathcal{M}'_D & = \frac{2m e^{-(F_U + M_W + M_D)V} (-1 + e^{(M_W + M_D)V}) \mathcal{F}_U \mathcal{M}_D R(-F_U V)^{-\frac{1+\alpha}{\alpha}} \gamma\left[1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}, -F_U V\right]}{(M_W + M_D)\alpha} \end{cases} \quad (18) \\
 341$$

342 **Results.** The ratio  $z' = \mathcal{M}'_D / \mathcal{M}'_W$  of D-male density to W-male density in the cloud  
 343 can be obtained by dividing the two male densities in (18):

$$z' = \frac{\mathcal{M}'_D}{\mathcal{M}'_W} = 2m \frac{\mathcal{M}_D}{\mathcal{M}_W} = 2m z.$$

344 As in earlier scenarios, given that  $2m > 1$ ,  $z \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and the Driving Y  
 345 asymptotically fixes in the population with  $\mathcal{M}_{W\infty} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\frac{\mathcal{M}_{D\infty}}{\mathcal{F}_{U\infty}} \rightarrow \frac{m}{1-m}$ , and, for  
 346 sufficiently large  $m$ , the population will be eliminated.

## 347 2.5 Scenario 5: Local reproduction followed by local mating

348 **Assumptions and derivation.** Now suppose both mating and reproduction are again  
 349 local, but the order of events is changed, such that it is mated females that disperse,  
 350 rather than unmated males and females. Note that in this scenario where reproduction  
 351 is local and there is no pre-mating dispersal there is the opportunity for inbreeding to  
 352 occur (i.e., a female to mate with her brother), and the probability of this occurring  
 353 will tend to increase as the population density decreases.

354 Similarly to previous scenarios, the cloud densities of W- and D-mated females in  
 355 generation  $t$  are  $\{\mathcal{F}_W, \mathcal{F}_D\}$ , and the numbers  $\{F_W, F_D\}$  of W- and D-mated females  
 356 settling in a patch is Poisson-distributed with means  $\{V \mathcal{F}_W, V \mathcal{F}_D\}$ .

357 The  $j$  offspring of the  $\{F_W, F_D\}$  mated females in each patch mate locally, and to obtain  
 358 the expected number of new W-mated females in the patch, conditional on  $\{j, F_W, F_D\}$ ,  
 359 we use (9) from Scenario 3 for the probability  $\mathbb{P}(i_F, i_W, j - i_F - i_W \mid j, F_W, F_D)$  of having  
 360  $\{i_F, i_W, j - i_F - i_W\}$  female, W-male and D-male offspring in the patch and sum over all  
 361 possible  $i_F$  and  $i_W$ , noting that  $i_F = 0$  and  $i_F = j$  are excluded from the  $i_F$ -summation  
 362 as they both result in no mated females (because of either no female offspring, i.e.  
 363  $i_F = 0$ , or all female offspring,  $i_F = j$ , and thus no males to mate with):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}[\text{W-mated} \mid j, F_W, F_D] &= \sum_{i_F=1}^{j-1} \sum_{i_W=1}^{j-i_F} i_F \frac{i_W}{j-i_F} \mathbb{P}(i_F, i_W, j - i_F - i_W \mid j, F_W, F_D) \\
 &= \frac{j F_W \left( \frac{F_W + 2F_D - 2m F_D}{F_W + F_D} - 2^{1-j} \left( \frac{F_W + 2F_D - 2m F_D}{F_W + F_D} \right)^j \right)}{2(F_W + 2m F_D)} \tag{19a}
 \end{aligned}$$

367 Similar analysis gives the expected number of D-mated females in each patch, conditional  
 368 on  $j$  total offspring from  $\{F_W, F_D\}$  mated females:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}[\text{D-mated} \mid j, F_W, F_D] &= \frac{j m F_D \left( (F_W - 2(-1 + m) F_D) - 2^{1-j} (F_W + F_D)^{1-j} (F_W - 2(-1 + m) F_D)^j \right)}{(F_W + F_D)(F_W + 2m F_D)} \tag{19b}
 \end{aligned}$$

372 At this stage, the mated females in each patch migrate to the cloud. In order to calculate  
 373 the density of W-mated females in the cloud, we combine (7) for the probabilities  
 374  $\mathbb{P}(F_W \mid V \mathcal{F}_W)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(F_D \mid V \mathcal{F}_D)$  of having  $F_W$  and  $F_D$  mated females in a patch, (8)  
 375 for the probability  $\mathbb{P}(j \mid F_W, F_D)$  that the  $F_W + F_D$  mated females generate  $j$  offspring  
 376 in total in the patch (since scenario 3 and 5 share the same (local) density dependent

377 reproduction mechanism) and (19a) for the expected number of W-mated females,  
 378 conditional on  $j$  offspring from  $F_W$  and  $F_D$  mated females in the patch. Their product  
 379 is then summed over all possible values of  $F_W, F_D$  and  $j$  to give the average number of  
 380 W-mated females across all patches, and is then divided by  $V$ , to give the expression  
 381 for  $\mathcal{F}'_W$ , the density of W-mated females in the cloud in generation  $t + 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 382 \quad \mathcal{F}'_W &= \frac{e^{-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)}}{V} \sum_{F_W=1}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=0}^{\infty} \frac{V^{F_W + F_D} e^{-\frac{2(F_W + F_D)R}{1 + \alpha(F_W + F_D)}} \mathcal{F}_W^{F_W} \mathcal{F}_D^{F_D} F_W}{2(F_W + F_D)(F_W + 2mF_D)F_W!F_D!} \\
 383 \quad &\times \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} j \left( 2^j (F_W + 2(1-m)F_D) - 2(F_W + F_D)^{1-j} (F_W + 2(1-m)F_D)^j \right) \\
 384 \quad &\times \left( \frac{R(F_W + F_D)}{1 + \alpha(F_W + F_D)} \right)^j \\
 385
 \end{aligned}$$

386 The innermost summation over  $j$  can be calculated analytically so the expression above  
 387 reduces to a double infinite sum over  $F_W$  and  $F_D$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 388 \quad \mathcal{F}'_W &= R e^{-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)} \\
 389 \quad &\times \sum_{F_W=1}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=0}^{\infty} \frac{V^{-1+F_W+F_D} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{(F_W+2mF_D)R}{1+\alpha(F_W+F_D)}} \right) \mathcal{F}_W^{F_W} \mathcal{F}_D^{F_D} F_W (F_W + 2(1-m)F_D)}{(F_W + 2mF_D)(1 + \alpha(F_W + F_D))F_W!F_D!} \\
 390 & \hspace{15em} (20a)
 \end{aligned}$$

391 Similar analysis gives  $\mathcal{F}'_D$ , the density of D-mated females in the cloud:

$$\begin{aligned}
 392 \quad \mathcal{F}'_D &= 2m R e^{-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)} \\
 393 \quad &\times \sum_{F_W=0}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=1}^{\infty} \frac{V^{-1+F_W+F_D} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{(F_W+2mF_D)R}{1+\alpha(F_W+F_D)}} \right) \mathcal{F}_W^{F_W} \mathcal{F}_D^{F_D} F_D (F_W + 2(1-m)F_D)}{(F_W + 2mF_D)(1 + \alpha(F_W + F_D))F_W!F_D!} \\
 394 & \hspace{15em} (20b)
 \end{aligned}$$

395 **Results.** The change of variables  $S = V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)$  and  $z = \mathcal{F}_D/\mathcal{F}_W$  gives:

$$396 \quad S' = R e^{-S} \sum_{F_W=0}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=0}^{\infty} (F_W + 2mF_D) C(F_W, F_D, S, z, R, m, \alpha) \quad (21a)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 397 \quad & \\
 398 \quad & \\
 399 \quad z' &= 2m \frac{\sum_{F_W=0}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=1}^{\infty} F_D C(F_W, F_D, S, z, R, m, \alpha)}{\sum_{F_W=1}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=0}^{\infty} F_W C(F_W, F_D, S, z, R, m, \alpha)} \quad (21b) \\
 400
 \end{aligned}$$

401 where

$$402 \quad C(F_W, F_D, S, z, R, m, \alpha) = \frac{\left( 1 - e^{-\frac{(F_W+2mF_D)R}{1+\alpha(F_W+F_D)}} \right) z^{F_D} \left( \frac{S}{1+z} \right)^{F_W+F_D} (F_W + 2(1-m)F_D)}{(F_W + 2mF_D)(1 + \alpha(F_W + F_D))F_W!F_D!}.$$

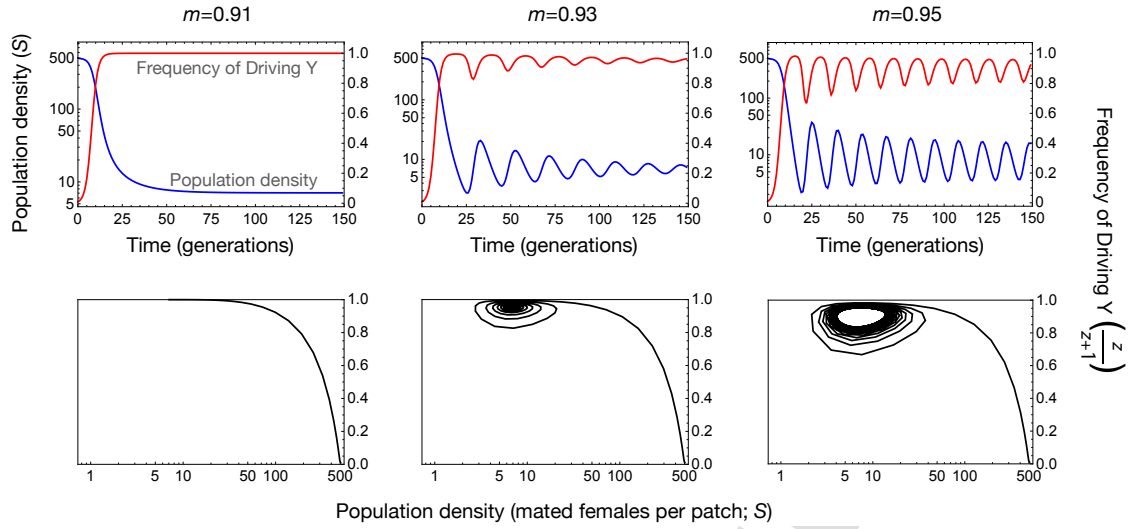


Figure 2: Dynamics and impact of a Driving Y chromosome in a spatial model with local reproduction followed by local mating (Scenario 5). Example dynamics for 3 different strengths of drive ( $m$ ), shown as time-courses (top; population density in blue, proportion females mated to Driving Y males in red) and as phase planes (bottom), illustrating fixation of the Driving Y (left), an oscillatory approach to a stable intermediate fixed point (middle), and an approach to a stable limit cycle (right). In each case  $R = 6$ ,  $\alpha = 0.01$ .

403 The double infinite sums in (21a) and (21b) can be calculated numerically in an efficient  
 404 way by noting that the maximum value of the summands occurs at  $\{F_{W_{\max}}, F_{D_{\max}}\} =$   
 405  $\left\{ \text{IntegerPart} \left[ \frac{S}{1+z} \right] \pm 1, \text{IntegerPart} \left[ \frac{Sz}{1+z} \right] \pm 1 \right\}$  and they decay rapidly for values of  $F_W$   
 406 and  $F_D$  below and above  $F_{W_{\max}}$  and  $F_{D_{\max}}$ , respectively, with the infinite sums thus  
 407 converging quickly without needing to calculate a prohibitively large number of the  
 408 coefficients  $C$ .

409 In all the scenarios analysed thus far we have seen that the Driving Y tends to fixation  
 410 and therefore, if  $m$  is sufficiently high, the population is eliminated. Numerical analysis  
 411 of (21a) and (21b) shows that is not the case for this scenario. Instead, there is a range  
 412 of possible outcomes. For most combinations of  $R$  and  $\alpha$ , the Driving Y will invade  
 413 and establish in a population, and then there are three possible outcomes, according to  
 414 the strength of drive. If  $m$  is low, then the Driving Y will go to fixation and suppress  
 415 (but not eliminate) the population. If  $m$  is somewhat higher, then Driving Y does  
 416 not eliminate the Wildtype Y, but instead goes to a stable intermediate equilibrium  
 417 frequency; again, the population is suppressed but not eliminated. Finally, for some  
 418 values of  $R$  and  $\alpha$ , if  $m$  is higher still, then the frequency of the Driving Y and the  
 419 population size tend to a limit cycle, oscillating forever. These different behaviours  
 420 are illustrated in Figure 2, and Figure 3a shows, for a specific value of  $m (= 0.95)$  the  
 421 dynamics for different values of  $R$  and  $\alpha$ .



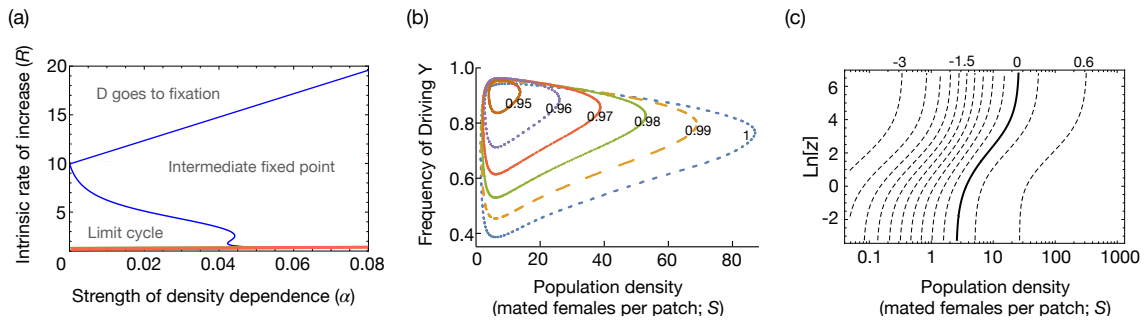


Figure 3: Numerical analysis of Driving Y dynamics with local reproduction followed by local mating (Scenario 5). (a) Blue lines show critical values of  $R$  and  $\alpha$  where the dynamics change from the Driving Y going to fixation, to a stable intermediate fixed point, and to a stable limit cycle, for  $m = 0.95$ . The red shaded area at the bottom shows the region where the wildtype population exhibits an invasion threshold (i.e., Allee effect), and the effect of a Driving Y can depend on the initial conditions, potentially including population elimination due to the population being driven below its invasion threshold. (b) Closed invariant curves for  $m = 0.95$  to  $1.00$ ; in each case  $R = 6$ ,  $\alpha = 0.01$ . (c) Contour plot showing the change across generations in the log-odds that a female has mated a Driving Y male (calculated as  $\text{Ln}[z'/z]$ , where  $z$  is the ratio of D- to W-mated females) as a function of the initial log-odds and population density, for  $R = 6$ ,  $\alpha = 0.01$  and  $m = 0.95$ . Solid line shows the 0 contour (no change); contours to the left show negative values (reductions in the D/W ratio), while contours to the right show positive values. Note that all the contours are less than  $\text{Ln}[2m] \approx 0.642$ , which is the change in the D/W ratio due to drive, indicating that throughout the investigated parameter space the effect of mating selection is to reduce this ratio.

422 There is also a region of parameter space in which  $R$  is sufficiently low that the wildtype  
 423 population is not able to establish from rare, but instead there needs to be a critical  
 424 density of females for the population to establish (i.e., it shows a strong Allee effect;  
 425 Courchamp *et al.* (2008)). Within this region, it seems a population can be eliminated if  
 426 a Driving Y suppresses it below its invasion threshold, though we have not investigated  
 427 this phenomenon in detail as it occurs only with relatively small  $R$ .

428 For parameter values in which the Driving Y is neither fixed nor lost, linear stability  
 429 analysis of the fixed point corroborates the simulations. We set  $S = S_\infty$ ,  $z = z_\infty$  in (21a)  
 430 and (21b), solve (numerically) for the fixed point  $\{S_\infty, z_\infty\}$  that corresponds to a given  
 431 parameter set  $\{R, m, \alpha\}$  and then evaluate the 2x2 Jacobian matrix  $J(S, z; R, m, \alpha)$  of  
 432 the RHS of (21a) and (21b) at the fixed point to obtain  $J^* = J(S_\infty, z_\infty; R, m, \alpha)$ . For  
 433 an extensive range of parameters  $\{R, m, \alpha\}$ , the matrix  $J^*$  has a conjugate pair of com-  
 434 plex eigenvalues  $\lambda$  which indicates the presence of oscillatory dynamics around the fixed  
 435 point  $\{S_\infty, z_\infty\}$ . When the modulus  $|\lambda| < 1$ , the fixed point is linearly stable and the  
 436 variables exhibit dampened oscillations and asymptotically converge to it. When  $|\lambda| > 1$ ,  
 437 the variables oscillate on a unique and stable closed invariant curve that bifurcates from  
 438 the (unstable) fixed point. The interface between these two regions, i.e., where  $|\lambda| = 1$ ,  
 439 represents surfaces of Neimark-Sacker bifurcation points in the three-dimensional param-  
 440 eter space  $\{R, m, \alpha\}$ . We have also shown numerically that the various nondegeneracy  
 441 conditions associated with Neimark-Sacker bifurcations hold (Kuznetsov, 2004; Khan,  
 442 2016) and that the Neimark-Sacker bifurcation is supercritical. For example, one such  
 443 Neimark-Sacker bifurcation triplet is  $\{R, m, \alpha\} = \{6.0, 0.01, 0.946389\}$ ; keeping  $R$  and  
 444  $\alpha$  constant, we have  $|\lambda| > 1$  for  $m > 0.946389$  and a unique closed invariant curve  
 445 exists for every value of  $1 \geq m > 0.946389$ . The size/area of the closed invariant curve  
 446 (and correspondingly the amplitude of the oscillations in the state variables) increases  
 447 monotonically from zero at  $m = 0.946389$  to a maximum at  $m = 1$  (Figure 3b). The  
 448 period of the oscillations in the vicinity of the bifurcation point, i.e. at  $m \simeq 0.946389$ ,  
 449 is  $\simeq 2\pi/\text{Im}[\lambda_{m=0.946389}] = 14.03$  and decreases monotonically to 10.30 generations as  
 450 the amplitude increases as  $m$  increases from  $m = 0.946389$  to 1. There is also a range  
 451 of parameters  $\{R, m, \alpha\}$  (generally for lower values of  $m$ ) where the eigenvalues are real  
 452 and with modulus  $< 1$ ; the variables decay monotonically to a stable fixed point and  
 453 Driving Y fixation.

454 Further insight can be gotten by considering the ratio  $z = \mathcal{F}_D/\mathcal{F}_W$ , and how that  
 455 changes from one generation to the next (i.e.,  $z'/z$ ). In all previously considered  
 456 scenarios this ratio is equal to  $2m$ , but here it is more complex, and is a function of  
 457 both the frequency of the Driving Y and, notably, population density, with low densities  
 458 associated with reductions in the frequency of the Driving Y (Figure 3c). This total  
 459 change in the frequency of the Driving Y across a generation can be partitioned between  
 460 the two relevant events in the life cycle, mating and reproduction. The change in  $z$   
 461 due to reproduction (which isolates the effect of drive) can be quantified by comparing  
 462  $\mathcal{M}'_D/\mathcal{M}'_W$ , i.e., the ratio of D-males to W-males, to  $\mathcal{F}_D/\mathcal{F}_W$ , i.e. the ratio of the  
 463 mated females that gave rise to them. Equations (12) and (13) from Scenario 3 hold

464 here too and show that the quantity  $(\mathcal{M}'_D/\mathcal{M}'_W)/(\mathcal{F}_D/\mathcal{F}_W)$  is always  $2m$ , regardless  
 465 of frequency or density. The change in  $z$  due to mating is derived from the D/W  
 466 ratio in mated females to that in the males they had the opportunity to mate with  
 467 (i.e.,  $(\mathcal{F}'_D/\mathcal{F}'_W)/(\mathcal{M}'_D/\mathcal{M}'_W)$ , all in the same generation), which isolates the effect of  
 468 differential mating success or sexual selection. In all cases investigated this ratio is less  
 469 than 1, indicating a reduction in the D/W ratio, and particularly so at low densities.  
 470 This is because D-males typically have fewer females to mate with than W-males,  
 471 because they have fewer sisters, and the difference is greatest at low densities, when  
 472 sisters are a greater proportion of the potential mates. At the low-density limit, where  
 473 patches receive at most one female and mating in the next generation will necessarily  
 474 be between siblings, patches settled by W-mated females will produce more daughters,  
 475 and therefore more W-mated females, than patches settled by D-mated females will  
 476 produce D-mated females, and so the frequency of W increases. By contrast, when  
 477 population density is high and many females settle in each patch, the difference in  
 478 mating success is much reduced, and the advantage of the Driving Y due to its biased  
 479 inheritance predominates.

480 In summary, the one life history scenario we have analyzed in which reductions in  
 481 density lead to an increased probability of inbreeding shows population persistence  
 482 regardless of how strong the drive is. This is because Driving Y males have reduced  
 483 mating success, particularly at low densities, because they have fewer sisters. To  
 484 further test the hypothesis that it is inbreeding which is protecting the population from  
 485 elimination, we considered two additional scenarios, in which there is an additional  
 486 stage of either males or females dispersing before mating (Scenarios 6 and 7, Figure 1).  
 487 In either case sib-mating is prevented, and the result, as expected, is the Driving Y goes  
 488 to fixation, and, for sufficiently high  $m$ , the population is eliminated (Supplementary  
 489 Information). Finally, patches in Scenario 5 are arenas for both local density-dependent  
 490 reproduction and local mating, but it can be shown that only the latter role is needed  
 491 for the persistence of the Wildtype Y and the population: if reproduction depends on  
 492 global rather than local density (as if females competed in the cloud for resources that  
 493 determined their fecundity after settling in patches), the same qualitative outcomes are  
 494 obtained.

### 495 3 Homing

496 To investigate the generality of these results we now consider the same life history  
 497 scenario (local reproduction followed by local mating, then dispersal) and a completely  
 498 different form of population suppression gene drive that is autosomal, is transmitted to  
 499  $1/2 < d \leq 1$  of progeny of both male and female heterozygotes, has no effect on the  
 500 fitness of heterozygotes, and causes homozygotes to die as embryos. Such a gene drive  
 501 has no effect on the sex ratio, and in non-spatial models (with  $d < 1$ ) it does not tend  
 502 to fixation in a population, but instead to an intermediate equilibrium frequency, but  
 503 still can impose a sufficient load on a population to eliminate it.

504 We consider two types of alleles, the wild type allele W and the drive allele D, that are  
 505 found in 3 female genotypes, FWW, FWD, FDD, and 3 male genotypes, MWW, MWD,  
 506 MDD. In this model we assume that both FDD and MDD die as embryos so the only  
 507 mated females that are possible are WW/WW, WW/WD, WD/WW and WD/WD  
 508 (using the notation female genotype / male genotype). WW/WW females only produce  
 509 WW offspring, WW/WD and WD/WW females give WW and WD offspring with  
 510 proportions  $(1 - d) : d$ , and WD/WD females give WW, WD and DD offspring with  
 511 proportions  $(1 - d)^2 : 2d(1 - d) : d^2$  and, as noted, the DD offspring die early. In this  
 512 model there is no sex bias so male and female offspring are produced, on average, in  
 513 equal numbers.

514 **Derivation.** Because transmission rates are equal in the two sexes and there are no  
 515 heterozygous fitness effects, WW/WD and WD/WW mated females behave identically  
 516 and can be grouped together so we define  $\{\mathcal{D}_0, \mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2\}$  as the cloud densities of  
 517 WW/WW, (WW/WD + WD/WW) and WD/WD mated females in generation  $t$ .  
 518 The number of WW/WW, (WW/WD + WD/WW) and WD/WD mated females  
 519 settling in a patch is Poisson-distributed with means  $\{V\mathcal{D}_0, V\mathcal{D}_1, V\mathcal{D}_2\}$ , and therefore  
 520 the probability of having  $\{D_0, D_1, D_2\}$  mated females in a patch is

$$521 \quad \mathbb{P}(D_0, D_1, D_2 \mid V\mathcal{D}_0, V\mathcal{D}_1, V\mathcal{D}_2) = \frac{e^{-V(\mathcal{D}_0+\mathcal{D}_1+\mathcal{D}_2)} V^{D_0+D_1+D_2} \mathcal{D}_0^{D_0} \mathcal{D}_1^{D_1} \mathcal{D}_2^{D_2}}{D_0! D_1! D_2!} \quad (22)$$

522 The probability  $\mathbb{P}(i_{\text{FWW}}, j_F - i_{\text{FWW}}, i_{\text{MWW}}, j - i_{\text{MWW}} - j_F \mid j, D_0, D_1, D_2)$  that the  
 523  $\{D_0, D_1, D_2\}$  mated females generate  $\{j_F, j - j_F\}$  female and male offspring, split  
 524 as  $\{i_{\text{FWW}}, j_F - i_{\text{FWW}}, i_{\text{MWW}}, j - i_{\text{MWW}} - j_F\}$ , is:

$$525 \quad \mathbb{P}(i_{\text{FWW}}, j_F - i_{\text{FWW}}, i_{\text{MWW}}, j - j_F - i_{\text{MWW}} \mid j, D_0, D_1, D_2) \\ 526 = \frac{2^{-j} j! (d(D_1 + 2(1 - d)D_2))^{j - i_{\text{FWW}} - i_{\text{MWW}}} (D_0 + D_1(1 - d) + (1 - d)^2 D_2)^{i_{\text{FWW}} + i_{\text{MWW}}} (D_0 + D_1 + (1 - d^2)D_2)^{-j}}{i_{\text{FWW}}! i_{\text{MWW}}! (j - i_{\text{MWW}} - j_F)! (j_F - i_{\text{FWW}})!}$$

528 where  $\{i_{\text{FWW}}, j_F - i_{\text{FWW}}, i_{\text{MWW}}, j - j_F - i_{\text{MWW}}\}$  are the numbers of FWW, FWD,  
 529 MWW and MWD (viable) offspring, respectively (FDD and MDD offspring die as  
 530 embryos and we only focus on viable offspring).

531 Female and male offspring in the patch are paired randomly to generate mated females  
 532 of WW/WW, (WW/WD + WD/WW) and WD/WD types. By averaging over all  
 533 possible probability-weighted values of  $i_{\text{FWW}}$ ,  $i_{\text{MWW}}$  and  $j_F$ , we obtain the expected

534 numbers of mated females in the patches, conditional on  $\{j, D_0, D_1, D_2\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}[\{\text{WW}/\text{WW}, (\text{WW}/\text{WD} + \text{WD}/\text{WW}), \text{WD}/\text{WD}\} \mid j, D_0, D_1, D_2] \\
 &= \sum_{j_F=1}^{j-1} \mathbb{P}(j_F \mid j) \sum_{i_{\text{FWWW}}=0}^{j_F} \sum_{i_{\text{MWW}}=0}^{j-j_F} \mathbb{P}(i_{\text{FWWW}}, j_F - i_{\text{FWWW}}, i_{\text{MWW}}, j - i_{\text{MWW}} - j_F \mid j, D_0, D_1, D_2) \\
 & \left\{ i_{\text{FWWW}} \frac{i_{\text{MWW}}}{j - j_F}, i_{\text{FWWW}} \frac{(j - j_F - i_{\text{MWW}})}{j - j_F} + (j_F - i_{\text{FWWW}}) \frac{i_{\text{MWW}}}{j - j_F}, (j_F - i_{\text{FWWW}}) \frac{(j - j_F - i_{\text{MWW}})}{j - j_F} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{(1 - 2^{1-j}) j}{(D_0 + D_1 + (1 - d^2) D_2)^2} \left\{ \frac{(D_0 + (1 - d)(D_1 + (1 - d) D_2))^2}{2}, \right. \\
 & \left. d(D_1 + 2(1 - d) D_2)(D_0 + (1 - d)(D_1 + (1 - d) D_2)), \frac{d^2(D_1 + 2(1 - d) D_2)^2}{2} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

541 where  $\mathbb{P}(j_F \mid j) = \frac{2^{-j} j!}{(j - j_F)! j_F!}$  is the probability of having  $j_F$  female offspring out of  $j$   
 542 total offspring.

543 In this model all types of mated females generate offspring, but the  $D_2$  WD/WD  
 544 females in a patch only generate, on average, a fraction of  $(1 - d^2)$  viable offspring (the  
 545 remainder of the offspring, namely FDD and MDD, die as embryos and thus do not  
 546 compete with other genotypes). The total number of offspring produced in a patch is  
 547 Poisson-distributed and the probability of having generated  $j$  viable offspring in total  
 548 in a given patch is then

$$\mathbb{P}(j \mid D_0, D_1, D_2) = \frac{e^{-\frac{2R(D_0+D_1+(1-d^2)D_2)}{1+\alpha(D_0+D_1+(1-d^2)D_2)}} \left( \frac{2R(D_0+D_1+(1-d^2)D_2)}{1+\alpha(D_0+D_1+(1-d^2)D_2)} \right)^j}{j!}$$

551 and the expected numbers of mated females in the patches, conditional on  $\{D_0, D_1, D_2\}$ ,  
 552 is obtained by averaging over all probability-weighted values of  $j$  from 2 to infinity:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}[\{\text{WW}/\text{WW}, (\text{WW}/\text{WD} + \text{WD}/\text{WW}), \text{WD}/\text{WD}\} \mid D_0, D_1, D_2] \\
 &= \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(j \mid D_0, D_1, D_2) \mathbb{E}[\{\text{WW}/\text{WW}, (\text{WW}/\text{WD} + \text{WD}/\text{WW}), \text{WD}/\text{WD}\} \mid j, D_0, D_1, D_2] \\
 &= \frac{R \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{R(D_0+D_1+(1-d^2)D_2)}{1+\alpha(D_0+D_1+(1-d^2)D_2)}} \right)}{(D_0 + D_1 + (1 - d^2) D_2) (1 + \alpha (D_0 + D_1 + (1 - d^2) D_2))} \\
 & \times \left\{ (D_0 + (1 - d) D_1 + (1 - d)^2 D_2)^2, 2d(D_1 + 2(1 - d) D_2)(D_0 + (1 - d) D_1 + (1 - d)^2 D_2), \right. \\
 & \left. d^2(D_1 + 2(1 - d) D_2)^2 \right\} \tag{23}
 \end{aligned}$$

559 At this stage the mated females in each patch migrate to the cloud. In order to calculate  
 560 the densities  $\{\mathcal{D}'_0, \mathcal{D}'_1, \mathcal{D}'_2\}$  of the newly mated females in the cloud for generation  $t + 1$ ,

561 we average the expected numbers of newly mated females in a patch, calculated in  
 562 (23), over all values  $\{D_0, D_1, D_2\}$  of mated females that arrived in the patches from the  
 563 cloud during generation  $t$ , weighted by  $\mathbb{P}(D_0, D_1, D_2 | V \mathcal{D}_0, V \mathcal{D}_1, V \mathcal{D}_2)$  in (22).

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{ \mathcal{D}'_0, \mathcal{D}'_1, \mathcal{D}'_2 \} \\
 &= \sum_{D_{\text{tot}}=0}^{\infty} \sum_{D_2=0}^{D_{\text{tot}}} \sum_{D_1=0}^{D_{\text{tot}}-D_2} \mathbb{P}(D_{\text{tot}} - D_1 - D_2, D_1, D_2 | V \mathcal{D}_0, V \mathcal{D}_1, V \mathcal{D}_2) \\
 & \mathbb{E}[\{ \text{WW/WW}, (\text{WW/WD} + \text{WD/WW}), \text{WD/WD} \} | D_{\text{tot}} - D_1 - D_2, D_1, D_2] \\
 &= \frac{e^{-V(D_0+D_1+D_2)} R}{V} \sum_{D_{\text{tot}}=0}^{\infty} V^{D_{\text{tot}}} \mathcal{D}_0^{D_{\text{tot}}} \sum_{D_2=0}^{D_{\text{tot}}} \frac{(1 - e^{-\frac{R(D_{\text{tot}}-d^2 D_2)}{1+\alpha(D_{\text{tot}}-d^2 D_2)}}) (\frac{D_2}{D_0})^{D_2}}{D_2! (D_{\text{tot}} - d^2 D_2) (1 + \alpha (D_{\text{tot}} - d^2 D_2))} \\
 & \times \sum_{D_1=0}^{D_{\text{tot}}-D_2} \frac{(\frac{D_1}{D_0})^{D_1}}{D_1!} \left\{ (D_{\text{tot}} - d D_1 + (d-2) d D_2)^2, \right. \\
 & \left. 2 d (D_1 + 2(1-d) D_2) (D_{\text{tot}} - d D_1 - (2-d) d D_2), d^2 (D_1 + 2(1-d) D_2)^2 \right\} \quad (24)
 \end{aligned}$$

571 where  $D_{\text{tot}} = D_0 + D_1 + D_2$ .

572 **Results.** The innermost sum in  $D_1$  can be calculated analytically so (24) for  
 573  $\{ \mathcal{D}'_0, \mathcal{D}'_1, \mathcal{D}'_2 \}$  reduces to an outer infinite sum in  $D_{\text{tot}}$  and an inner finite sum in  
 574  $D_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{ \mathcal{D}'_0, \mathcal{D}'_1, \mathcal{D}'_2 \} = R e^{-V(D_0+D_1+D_2)} \sum_{D_{\text{tot}}=0}^{\infty} V^{D_{\text{tot}}-1} (D_0 + D_1)^{D_{\text{tot}}-2} \\
 & \times \sum_{D_2=0}^{D_{\text{tot}}} \frac{\left( 1 - e^{-\frac{R(D_{\text{tot}}-d^2 D_2)}{1+\alpha(D_{\text{tot}}-d^2 D_2)}} \right) \left( \frac{D_2}{D_0+D_1} \right)^{D_2}}{D_2! (D_{\text{tot}} - D_2)! (D_{\text{tot}} - d^2 D_2) (1 + \alpha (D_{\text{tot}} - d^2 D_2))} \left\{ d^2 D_2^2 ((2-d) D_0 + (1-d) D_1)^2 \right. \\
 & + D_{\text{tot}} (d^2 D_0 D_1 + D_{\text{tot}} (D_0 + (1-d) D_1)^2) - d D_2 (d D_0 D_1 + 2 D_{\text{tot}} ((2-d) D_0^2 - (3-d) (1-d) D_0 D_1 \\
 & - (1-d)^2 D_1^2)), -2 d^2 D_2^2 ((2-d) D_0 + (1-d) D_1) (2(1-d) D_0 + (1-2d) D_1) - 2 d D_{\text{tot}} D_1 ((d - D_{\text{tot}}) D_0 \\
 & + (-1+d) D_{\text{tot}} D_1) - 2 d D_2 (-d D_0 D_1 + D_{\text{tot}} (2(-1+d) D_0^2 \\
 & + (-3 + (8-3d)d) D_0 D_1 + (-1 + (4-3d)d) D_1^2)), d^2 D_2^2 (2(-1+d) D_0 + (-1+2d) D_1)^2 \\
 & \left. + d^2 D_{\text{tot}} D_1 (D_0 + D_{\text{tot}} D_1) + d^2 D_2 D_1 ((-1-4(-1+d) D_{\text{tot}}) D_0 + 2(1-2d) D_{\text{tot}} D_1) \right\} \quad (25)
 \end{aligned}$$

583 The recurrence vector equation (25) is sufficient to describe the dynamics of this system  
 584 and is used to calculate the densities of mated females in the cloud from one generation  
 585 to the next.

586 To aid understanding, we present the results of the model in terms of  $S =$   
 587  $V(D_0 + D_1 + D_2)$ , the (global) average number of mated females per patch,  $p =$   
 588  $(D_1/2 + D_2)/(D_0 + D_1 + D_2)$ , the frequency of D heterozygotes that participated

589 in the matings (and twice the frequency of the D allele itself), and  $f = 1 -$   
 590  $(\mathcal{D}_1 / (\mathcal{D}_0 + \mathcal{D}_1 + \mathcal{D}_2)) / (2p(1 - p))$ , analogous to the standard inbreeding coefficient,  
 591 except it measures the correlation of mates rather than of fusing gametes. If we iterate  
 592 the transition equations using different parameter values and initial conditions then,  
 593 assuming the pure wildtype population does not have an invasion threshold, the driver  
 594 typically either goes to a stable fixed point or, for stronger drive, to a stable limit  
 595 cycle, and in either case the population persists, regardless of how strong the drive is.  
 596 Example dynamics are shown in Figure 4a.

597 Again, we can partition the total change in frequency of the construct due to the various  
 598 processes occurring through the life cycle. In this case, it is more convenient to measure  
 599 changes in raw frequencies. There is no differential mating success, so the two relevant  
 600 processes are drive and differential survival due to the death of DD embryos. It can  
 601 be shown that if  $p$  and  $f$  are defined for the adults of one generation, then the ratio  
 602 of the frequency of the D allele in the zygotes they produced to that in the adults  
 603 ( $p$ ), which isolates the effect of drive, is  $2d$ , and the ratio of the frequency in the next  
 604 generation of adults to the zygotes from which they were derived, which isolates the  
 605 effect of differential mortality, is  $(1 - dp - d(1 - p)f) / (1 - d^2 p(p + (1 - p)f))$ . As  
 606 expected, it is always  $< 1$ .

607 Note that population size does not have an immediate impact on the change in construct  
 608 frequency due to drive or mortality selection (it does not appear in the above expressions),  
 609 but it does have a delayed effect. In particular, a smaller population density in generation  
 610  $t$  leads to a larger correlation between mates ( $f$ ) in generation  $t + 1$ , because there is an  
 611 increased frequency of mating between siblings. This larger correlation in generation  
 612  $t + 1$  leads to a larger reduction in the frequency of the driver from generation  $t + 1$  to  
 613 generation  $t + 2$ , because of the lower productivity of WD/WD mated females, which  
 614 in turn is due to the differential embryonic mortality – the death of DD embryos – in  
 615 generation  $t + 2$ . This delayed inverse density-dependent selection against the driver is  
 616 illustrated in Figure 4b.

617 Thus, though the details differ from the case of Driving Y, the overall result remains  
 618 the same: an increased frequency of inbreeding at low population densities leads to  
 619 increased selection against the driver, reducing its frequency and allowing the population  
 620 to persist, regardless of how strong the drive is.

## 621 4 Inbreeding depression

622 Our analyses have demonstrated that when reductions in population density lead to an  
 623 increase in inbreeding, that can increase the natural or sexual selection against the driver  
 624 and allow the population to persist. However, inbreeding can only rescue a population  
 625 to the extent that the inbred progeny are themselves fit enough to contribute. Thus far  
 626 we have assumed no difference in fitness between inbred and outcrossed progeny. To  
 627 further test the hypothesis that inbreeding plays a central role in the observed dynamics,

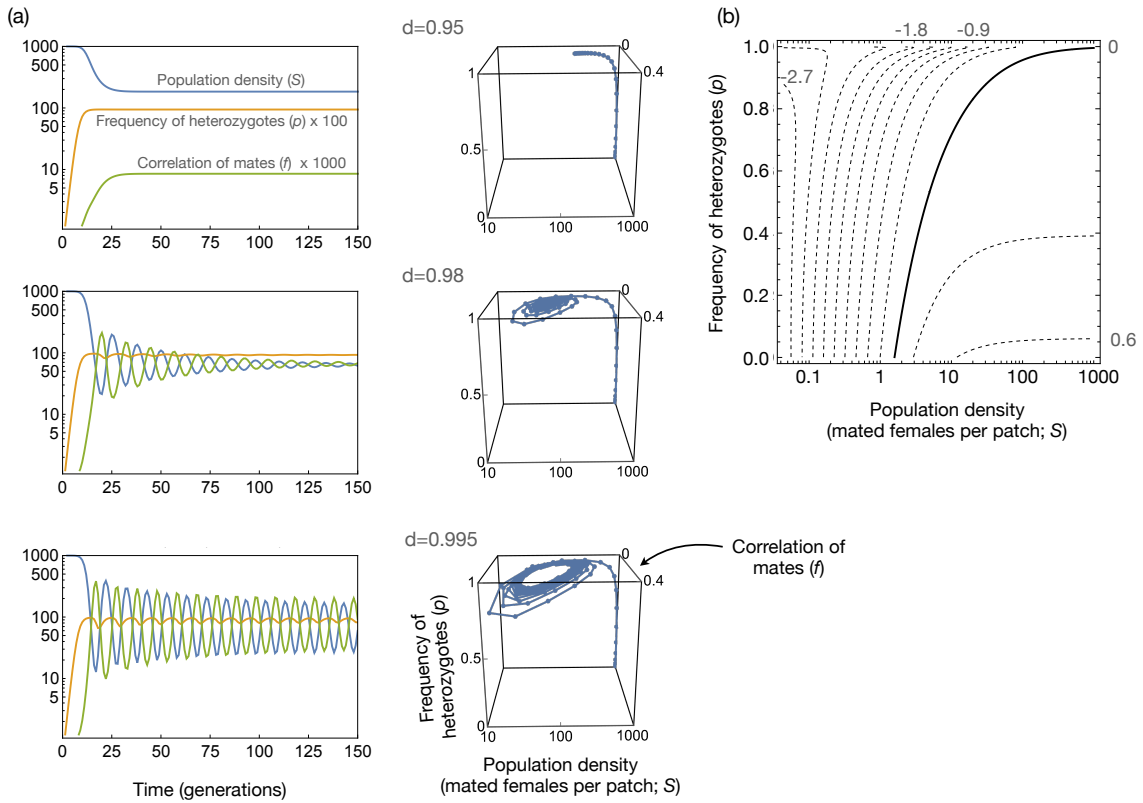


Figure 4: Population persistence in spatial models of a homing construct with local reproduction followed by local mating (same as in Scenario 5 for the Driving Y). (a) Example time courses and phase plots for  $R = 6$ ,  $\alpha = 0.005$  and three different strengths of drive  $d$ . For ease of viewing the time courses, the heterozygote frequency has been multiplied by 100 and the correlation of mates by 1000. (b) Contour plot showing how the natural log of the ratio of construct frequency in generation  $t + 2$  to that of generation  $t + 1$  depends on the population size and frequency of heterozygotes in generation  $t$ . Changes calculated for an initial correlation of mates of  $f = 0.2$ ; other values of  $f$  give comparable results. Calculations are for  $d = 0.995$ ,  $R = 6$ ,  $\alpha = 0.005$ .



628 we now allow for inbreeding depression, in which inbred progeny have reduced fitness.  
 629 At the limit of inbred progeny being completely inviable or sterile, we might expect the  
 630 dynamics to revert to population elimination.

#### 631 4.1 Driving Y

632 This scenario involves the same local mating, global mixing of mated females, and local  
 633 reproduction steps as Scenario 5. However, in this model some or all of the females  
 634 mated by sibling males are sterile and are thus removed from the mated females that  
 635 disperse to new patches for local reproduction. We define the inbreeding depression  
 636 coefficient  $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$  as the probability a sibling-mated female is sterile;  $\delta$  also represents  
 637 the fraction of sibling-mated females that is removed from the ensemble of mated females  
 638 that travel to the cloud and then disperse into patches (mathematically, there is no  
 639 difference between removing the sterile mated females before or after they travel to the  
 640 cloud).

641 **Derivation.** As in Scenario 5, the  $F_W + F_D$  mated females generate  $j$  offspring in total  
 642 in the patch. However in this scenario, the  $j$  offspring are made up of  $i_{F_W}$  females from  
 643 W-mated mothers,  $j - i_{F_W} - i_M$  females from D-mated mothers,  $i_2$  W-males and  $i_M - i_2$   
 644 D-males (where  $i_M = i_2 + i_3$  is the total number of male offspring). The probability of  
 645 a  $\{i_{F_W}, j - i_{F_W} - i_M, i_2, i_M - i_2\}$  quadruplet is derived from a multinomial distribution  
 646 with  $j$  trials and normalised weights  $\{\frac{F_W/2}{F_W+F_D}, \frac{F_D(1-m)}{F_W+F_D}, \frac{F_W/2}{F_W+F_D}, \frac{mF_D}{F_W+F_D}\}$ , since, on average,  
 647 fractions of  $1/2$  and  $1 - m$  of W-mated and D-mated females' offspring are female, with  
 648 the rest of the offspring being W- and D-males, respectively.

649 Hence, the probability  $\mathbb{P}(i_{F_W}, j - i_{F_W} - i_M, i_2, i_M - i_2 \mid j, F_W, F_D)$  of having  $\{i_{F_W}, j - i_{F_W} -$   
 650  $i_M, i_2, i_M - i_2\}$  offspring in the patch (conditional on  $j$  total offspring from  $\{F_W, F_D\}$   
 651 mated females) using the weights above is

$$652 \mathbb{P}\left(i_{F_W}, j - i_{F_W} - i_M, i_2, i_M - i_2 \mid j, F_W, F_D\right) = \frac{\left(\frac{F_W}{2}\right)^{i_{F_W}+i_2} (m F_D)^{-i_2+i_M} (F_D(1-m))^{-i_{F_W}-i_M+j} j!}{i_{F_W}! i_2! (i_M - i_2)! (j - i_{F_W} - i_M)! (F_W + F_D)^j} \quad (26)$$

653 In order to remove, on average, a fraction  $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$  of sibling-mated females from the  
 654 total number of new mated females in the patch, we present a proof by induction in  
 655 the Supplement (Section 7.3) that the expected number of new sibling-mated W-mated  
 656 females in the patch, conditional on  $\{i_{F_W}, j - i_{F_W} - i_M, i_2, i_M - i_2\}$  offspring from  $\{F_W, F_D\}$   
 657 mated females, is  $\frac{i_{F_W} i_2}{i_M F_W}$ . A similar proof, not shown, gives the expected number of new  
 658 sibling-mated D-mated females in a patch, conditional on  $\{i_{F_W}, j - i_{F_W} - i_M, i_2, i_M - i_2\}$   
 659 offspring from  $\{F_W, F_D\}$  mated females, as  $\frac{(j - i_M - i_{F_W})(i_M - i_2)}{i_M F_D}$ .

660 As a result, the expected number of new fertile W-mated females in a patch, conditional

661 on  $\{i_{F_W}, j - i_{F_W} - i_M, i_2, i_M - i_2\}$  offspring from  $\{F_W, F_D\}$  mated females is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}[\text{fertile W-mated females} \mid i_{F_W}, j - i_{F_W} - i_M, i_2, i_M - i_2, F_W, F_D] \\
 &= \frac{i_2 ((j - i_M) F_W - \delta i_{F_W})}{i_M F_W} \tag{27}
 \end{aligned}$$

665 (the probability that each new sibling-mated female is sterile is  $\delta$ , so we removed a  
 666 fraction  $\delta$  of the sibling-mated females' contribution to the total number of expected  
 667 number of fertile mated females in the patch).

668 To obtain the expected number of W-mated females in the patch, conditional on  
 669  $\{j, F_W, F_D\}$ , we now sum over all possible  $i_{F_W}, i_M$  and  $i_2$ , noting that  $i_M \geq i_2 \geq 1$  to  
 670 ensure the presence of at least one W-male and  $j - 1 \geq i_M$  to ensure the presence of at  
 671 least one female:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}[\text{fertile W-mated females} \mid j, F_W, F_D] \\
 &= \sum_{i_M=1}^{j-1} \sum_{i_2=1}^{i_M} \sum_{i_{F_W}=0}^{j-i_M} \mathbb{E}[\text{fertile W-mated females} \mid \{i_{F_W}, j - i_{F_W} - i_M, i_2, i_M - i_2\}, F_W, F_D] \\
 & \quad \times \mathbb{P}(i_{F_W}, j - i_{F_W} - i_M, i_2, i_M - i_2 \mid j, F_W, F_D) \\
 & \xrightarrow{(26), (27)} \mathbb{E}[\text{fertile W-mated females} \mid j, F_W, F_D] \\
 &= \frac{F_W}{F_W + 2m F_D} 2^{-1-j} j (F_W + F_D)^{-1-j} (F_W - \delta + 2(1-m) F_D) (F_W + 2(1-m) F_D)^{-1+j} \\
 & \quad \times (-2(F_W + F_D) + 2^j (F_W + F_D)^j (F_W + 2(1-m) F_D)^{1-j}) \tag{28}
 \end{aligned}$$

681 At this stage the fertile mated females in each patch migrate to the cloud. In order  
 682 to calculate the density of W-mated females in the cloud, we combine (7) for the  
 683 probabilities  $\mathbb{P}(F_W \mid V \mathcal{F}_W)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(F_D \mid V \mathcal{F}_D)$  of having  $F_W$  and  $F_D$  mated females in a  
 684 patch, (8) for the probability  $\mathbb{P}(j \mid F_W, F_D)$  that the  $F_W + F_D$  mated females generate  
 685  $j$  offspring in total in the patch and (28) for the expected number of W-mated females,  
 686 conditional on  $j$  offspring from  $F_W$  and  $F_D$  mated females in the patch. Their product  
 687 is then summed over all possible values of  $F_W, F_D$  and  $j$  to give the average number of  
 688 W-mated females across all patches, and is then divided by  $V$ , to give the expression  
 689 for  $\mathcal{F}'_W$ , the density of W-mated females in the cloud in generation  $t + 1$  (the innermost  
 690 summation over  $j$  is calculated analytically so the result below is in terms of a double  
 691 infinite sum over  $F_W$  and  $F_D$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{F}'_W = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{F_W=1}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(F_W \mid V \mathcal{F}_W) \mathbb{P}(F_D \mid V \mathcal{F}_D) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(j \mid F_W, F_D) \mathbb{E}[\text{fertile W-mated females} \mid j, F_W, F_D] \\
 & \implies \mathcal{F}'_W = \\
 & R e^{-V(F_W+F_D)} \sum_{F_W=1}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=0}^{\infty} \frac{V^{-1+F_W+F_D} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{(F_W+2mF_D)R}{1+\alpha(F_W+F_D)}}\right) \mathcal{F}_W^{F_W} \mathcal{F}_D^{F_D} F_W (F_W - \delta + 2(1-m) F_D)}{(F_W + 2m F_D) (1 + \alpha (F_W + F_D)) F_W! F_D!} \tag{29a}
 \end{aligned}$$

697 Similar analysis gives  $\mathcal{F}'_D$ , the density of D-mated females in the cloud:

$$698 \quad \mathcal{F}'_D =$$

$$699 \quad 2m R e^{-V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)} \sum_{F_W=0}^{\infty} \sum_{F_D=1}^{\infty} \frac{V^{-1+F_W+F_D} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{(F_W+2mF_D)R}{1+\alpha(F_W+F_D)}}\right) \mathcal{F}_W^{F_W} \mathcal{F}_D^{F_D} F_D (F_W + 2(1-m)(F_D - \delta))}{(F_W + 2mF_D)(1 + \alpha(F_W + F_D)) F_W! F_D!}$$

$$700 \quad (29b)$$

701 The RHSs of (29a) and (29b) contain a negative term, proportional to  $\delta$ , which  
702 represents the population suppression effect due to inbreeding. When  $\delta = 0$ , i.e. when  
703 the sibling-mated females are all fertile, (29a) and (29b) reduce to (20a) and (20b).

704 **Results.** We focus on the extreme case of  $\delta = 1$  (i.e., females mated to their brothers  
705 produce no viable offspring) and introduce the change of variables  $S = V(\mathcal{F}_W + \mathcal{F}_D)$ ,  
706  $z = \mathcal{F}_D/\mathcal{F}_W$  and  $F_W = F - F_D$ . We will show that the drive always goes to fixation  
707 by showing that the quantity  $X = \frac{z'}{z} - 1$ , derived from the equations above, is always  
708 positive:

$$709 \quad X = \frac{z'}{z} - 1 = \frac{\sum_{F=1}^{\infty} S^F A_F[m, R, \alpha, z]}{\sum_{F=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{S}{z+1}\right)^F \sum_{F_D=0}^F \frac{((1-2m)F_D+F-1)z^{F_D} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{R((2m-1)F_D+F)}{1+\alpha F}}\right)}{(F-F_D)! F_D! (2m-1)F_D+F}}$$

710 where the F-th coefficient  $A_F = A_F[m, R, \alpha, z]$  is

$$711 \quad A = \sum_{F_D=0}^F \left(1 - e^{-\frac{R((2m-1)F_D+F)}{1+\alpha F}}\right)$$

$$712 \quad \times \frac{(F_D^2 (2m+z)(1-2m)+F_D (2m(F(z+1)-2(1-m))-z)+(1-F)F z) z^{F_D-1}}{(z+1)^F (1+\alpha F)(F-F_D)! F_D! (2m-1)F_D+F} =$$

$$713 \quad - \frac{(2m+z) \left( e^{\frac{(2m-1)R}{1+\alpha F}} + z - (z+1)e^{-\frac{FR}{1+\alpha F}} \left( z e^{\frac{-(2m-1)R}{1+\alpha F} + 1} + 1 \right)^F \right)}{(z+1)(F-1)!(1+\alpha F) \left( e^{\frac{(2m-1)R}{1+\alpha F}} + z \right)} +$$

$$714 \quad \frac{(z(2Fm+F-1)+4m(F+m-1)) \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{FR}{1+\alpha F}} \left( z e^{\frac{R-2mR}{1+\alpha F} + 1} \right)^F \right)}{(2m-1)zF!(1+\alpha F)} -$$

$$715 \quad \frac{2m((2F-1)z+2F+2m-2) \left( {}_2F_1\left(-F, \frac{F}{2m-1}; \frac{F+2m-1}{2m-1}; -z\right) - e^{-\frac{FR}{1+\alpha F}} {}_2F_1\left(-F, \frac{F}{2m-1}; \frac{F+2m-1}{2m-1}; -e^{\frac{R-2mR}{F\alpha+1}} z\right) \right)}{(2m-1)zF!(1+\alpha F)(z+1)^F}$$

716 where  ${}_2F_1(-F, a; a+1; x)$ ,  $F \in \mathbb{N}$ , is a polynomial of order F in  $x$  and is a special case  
717 of the Gauss Hypergeometric Function.

718 The denominator of  $X$  above is the transformed expression for  $\mathcal{F}'_W$ , so it is always  
719 positive and can be ignored. We postulate that all the coefficients  $A_F$  in the numerator  
720 are positive so that  $X$  is always positive. For a given set of parameters  $m, R, \alpha$ ,  $A$  only  
721 depends on  $z \in [0, \infty)$ , i.e. it does not depend on  $S$ . At  $z = 0$ ,

$$722 \quad A_F[m, R, \alpha, 0] = \frac{(2m-1) \left( e^{-\frac{FR}{1+\alpha F}} - 1 \right) + F \left( e^{-\frac{FR}{1+\alpha F}} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{(2m-1)R}{1+\alpha F}} \right) \right) + (2m-1) \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{R(F+2m-1)}{1+\alpha F}} \right)}{F(F-2)!(1+\alpha F)(F+2m-1)}$$

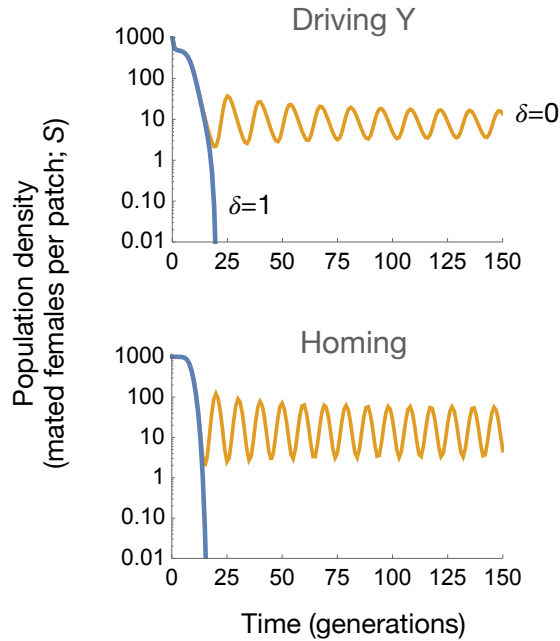


Figure 5: Time courses for population density after the release of a gene drive, demonstrating that strong inbreeding depression ( $\delta = 1$ ) can lead to population elimination. Top: A Driving Y ( $R = 6, \alpha = 0.01, m = 0.95$ ). Bottom: A homing construct ( $R = 6, \alpha = 0.005, d = 1$ ).

723 which is clearly positive for all  $m$ ,  $R$ , and  $\alpha$ . It can also be shown analytically that  
 724  $A_F[m, R, \alpha, z \rightarrow \infty] \rightarrow 0$  for all  $m$ ,  $R$ , and  $\alpha$ . We have evaluated  $A_F[m, R, \alpha, z]$  for  
 725 a large set of  $m$ ,  $R$ , and  $\alpha$  and we always find that it decreases monotonically from  
 726  $A_F[m, R, \alpha, z = 0]$  to 0 asymptotically as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ . Based on our analysis, we postulate  
 727 that  $A_F[m, R, \alpha, z] > 0$  for all values of  $m$ ,  $R$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $z$ . If so, it also means that  
 728  $X = \frac{z'}{z} - 1 > 0$  for all values of  $m$ ,  $R$ ,  $\alpha$ , i.e. the ratio  $z = \mathcal{F}_D/\mathcal{F}_W$  is always greater  
 729 in the next generation, irrespectively of the values of  $S$  and  $z$  (or  $\mathcal{F}_W$  and  $\mathcal{F}_D$ ) in the  
 730 current generation. This can only result in fixation of the Driving Y as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , and, if  
 731  $m$  is sufficiently large, population elimination (Figure 5a). Numerical analysis suggests  
 732 that  $z$  does not go to infinity for  $\delta < 1$ , but still there is a large parameter range in  
 733 which the population is eliminated.

## 734 4.2 Homing

735 We now investigate the effect of inbreeding depression on the dynamics of a homing  
 736 construct. For the sake of simplicity, we will focus on the case of  $d = 1$ , i.e. where  
 737 all the progeny of WW/WD and WD/WW mated females are WD males and females  
 738 and all the progeny of WD/WD mated females are DD males and females, while, as  
 739 before, all the progeny of WW/WW mated females are WW males and females. As

740 we assume that DD males and females die as embryos, in this limit case of  $d = 1$   
 741 we can ignore WD/WD mated females as they do not produce viable offspring. We  
 742 therefore consider 3 types of mated females: non-sibling-mated WW/WW females,  
 743 sibling-mated WW/WW females and (WW/WD + WD/WW) mated females. The  
 744 latter are all non-sibling-mated as they represent pairings between a WW male or female  
 745 (i.e. an offspring of WW/WW mother) and a WD female or male (i.e. an offspring of a  
 746 (WW/WD + WD/WW) mother), which cannot ever be siblings as they are produced  
 747 from two different types of mother.

748 **Derivation.** We define as  $\{\mathcal{D}_0, \mathcal{D}_{0S}, \mathcal{D}_1\}$  the cloud densities of non-sibling-mated  
 749 WW/WW, sibling-mated WW/WW, and (WW/WD + WD/WW) mated females in  
 750 generation  $t$ . Any volume  $V$  in the cloud contains *on average*  $\{V \mathcal{D}_0, V \mathcal{D}_{0S}, V \mathcal{D}_1\}$   
 751 numbers of individuals. In this model, the mated females in the cloud settle into patches  
 752 with *average* numbers of individuals equal to  $\{V \mathcal{D}_0, V(1 - \delta) \mathcal{D}_{0S}, V \mathcal{D}_1\}$ . The cloud  
 753 density  $\mathcal{D}_{0S}$  of sibling-mated females is derived from the entirety of the sibling-mated  
 754 females in the patches. We then only allow a fraction  $1 - \delta$  of these females to disperse  
 755 into patches.

756 We have assumed that the sibling-mated females that settle in the patches are the  
 757 (fully) fertile portion of the sibling-mated WW/WW females in the cloud, so once  
 758 settled in patches, they are indistinguishable from the non-sibling-mated WW/WW  
 759 females. They can therefore be combined inside each patch into a single cohort of  
 760 WW/WW mated females. A random sample of  $\{D_0, D_1\}$  WW/WW and (WW/WD +  
 761 WD/WW) mated females, different for each patch and Poisson-distributed with means  
 762  $\{V(\mathcal{D}_0 + (1 - \delta) \mathcal{D}_{0S}), V \mathcal{D}_1\}$ , is drawn from the cloud and settles in each patch (the  
 763 mean number of WW/WW females that settle in a patch is the sum of non-sibling mated  
 764 and *fertile* sibling mated females in the cloud). The probability of having  $\{D_0, D_1\}$   
 765 mated females settle in a patch is

$$766 \mathbb{P}(D_0, D_1 | \{V(\mathcal{D}_0 + (1 - \delta) \mathcal{D}_{0S}), V \mathcal{D}_1\}) = \frac{e^{-V(\mathcal{D}_0 + (1 - \delta) \mathcal{D}_{0S} + \mathcal{D}_1)} V^{D_0 + D_1} \mathcal{D}_1^{D_1} (\mathcal{D}_0 + (1 - \delta) \mathcal{D}_{0S})^{D_0}}{D_0! D_1!}.$$

767 The mated females produce on aggregate  $j$  offspring. The number of successful offspring  
 768 that each mated female produces is Poisson-distributed with a mean  $\lambda = \frac{2R}{1 + \alpha(D_0 + D_1)}$ .  
 769 The probability that the  $D_0 + D_1$  mated females generate  $j$  offspring in total in a given  
 770 patch is then

$$771 \mathbb{P}(j | D_0, D_1) = \frac{e^{-\lambda(D_0 + D_1)} \lambda^j (D_0 + D_1)^j}{j!} = \frac{e^{-\frac{2R(D_0 + D_1)}{1 + \alpha(D_0 + D_1)}} \left(\frac{2R(D_0 + D_1)}{1 + \alpha(D_0 + D_1)}\right)^j}{j!}.$$

772 Of the  $j$  offspring,  $j_F$  are female and  $j - j_F$  are male. The WW/WW females produce  
 773  $\{i_{\text{FWW}}, i_{\text{MWW}}\}$  WW female and male offspring and the (WW/WD + WD/WW) females  
 774 produce  $\{j_F - i_{\text{FWW}}, j - j_F - i_{\text{MWW}}\}$  WD female and male offspring. The conditional  
 775 probability of having  $\{\{i_{\text{FWW}}, i_{\text{MWW}}\}, \{j_F - i_{\text{FWW}}, j - j_F - i_{\text{MWW}}\}\}$  offspring is:

$$776 \mathbb{P}(j_F, i_{\text{FWW}}, i_{\text{MWW}} | j, D_0, D_1) = \frac{2^{-j} j! D_0^{i_{\text{FWW}} + i_{\text{MWW}}} D_1^{j - i_{\text{FWW}} - i_{\text{MWW}}} (D_0 + D_1)^{-j}}{i_{\text{FWW}}! i_{\text{MWW}}! (j - i_{\text{MWW}} - j_F)! (j_F - i_{\text{FWW}})!}.$$

777 Each female offspring in the patch chooses a random male partner and the re-  
 778 sulting mated females fall into 3 categories: non-sibling-mated WW/WW, sibling-  
 779 mated WW/WW and (non-sibling) (WW/WD + WD/WW) females. As shown  
 780 in the Supplement for the Driving Y case, the expected fraction of new sibling-  
 781 mated females from offspring of  $n$  mothers is  $1/n$  of the total new mated females  
 782 (and, as a result, the fraction of non-sibling mated females is  $(n - 1)/n$ ). The  
 783  $i_{MWW}$  WW male and  $i_{FWW}$  WW female offspring of  $D_0$  WW/WW females in the  
 784 patch produce, on average,  $\left\{ \frac{(D_0-1)i_{FWW}i_{MWW}}{D_0(j-j_F)}, \frac{i_{FWW}i_{MWW}}{D_0(j-j_F)} \right\}$  non-sibling- and sibling-  
 785 mated WW/WW females. The expected number of each category, conditional  
 786 on  $\{D_0, D_1\}$  mated females settling in the patch, is thus derived by averaging  
 787  $\left\{ \frac{(D_0-1)i_{FWW}i_{MWW}}{D_0(j-j_F)}, \frac{i_{FWW}i_{MWW}}{D_0(j-j_F)}, \frac{i_{FWW}(j-i_{MWW}-j_F)+i_{MWW}(j_F-i_{FWW})}{j-j_F} \right\}$  over all the probability  
 788 weighted values of  $j$ ,  $j_F$ ,  $i_{FWW}$ , and  $i_{MWW}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}[\{\text{non - sib WW/WW, sib WW/WW, (WW/WD + WD/WW)}\} \mid D_0, D_1] \\
 &= \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(j \mid D_0, D_1) \sum_{j_F=1}^{j-1} \sum_{i_{FWW}=0}^{j_F} \sum_{i_{MWW}=0}^{j-j_F} \mathbb{P}(j_F, i_{FWW}, i_{MWW} \mid j, D_0, D_1) \\
 & \quad \left\{ \frac{(D_0-1)i_{FWW}i_{MWW}}{D_0(j-j_F)}, \frac{i_{FWW}i_{MWW}}{D_0(j-j_F)}, \frac{i_{FWW}(j-i_{MWW}-j_F)+i_{MWW}(j_F-i_{FWW})}{j-j_F} \right\} \\
 &= \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \sum_{j_F=1}^{j-1} \sum_{i_{FWW}=0}^{j_F} \sum_{i_{MWW}=0}^{j-j_F} \frac{e^{-\frac{2R(D_0+D_1)}{1+\alpha(D_0+D_1)}} \left(\frac{D_0}{D_1}\right)^{i_{FWW}+i_{MWW}} \left(\frac{RD_1}{1+\alpha(D_0+D_1)}\right)^j}{i_{FWW}! i_{MWW}! (j-i_{MWW}-j_F)! (j_F-i_{FWW})! (j-j_F)} \\
 & \quad \left\{ \frac{(D_0-1)i_{FWW}i_{MWW}}{D_0}, \frac{i_{FWW}i_{MWW}}{D_0}, i_{FWW}(j-2i_{MWW}-j_F)+i_{MWW}j_F \right\} \\
 &\implies \mathbb{E}[\{\text{non - sib WW/WW, sib WW/WW, (WW/WD + WD/WW)}\} \mid D_0, D_1] \\
 & \quad \left(1 - e^{-\frac{R(D_0+D_1)}{1+\alpha(D_0+D_1)}}\right) R D_0 \\
 &= \frac{\left(1 - e^{-\frac{R(D_0+D_1)}{1+\alpha(D_0+D_1)}}\right) R D_0}{(D_0 + D_1)(1 + \alpha(D_0 + D_1))} \{D_0 - 1, 1, 2 D_1\}
 \end{aligned}$$

797 At this stage, the mated females in each patch migrate to the cloud. In order to calculate  
 798 the densities  $\{D'_0, D'_1, D'_2\}$  of the newly mated females in the cloud for generation  $t + 1$ ,  
 799 we average the expected numbers of newly mated females in a patch, calculated above,  
 800 over all probability-weighted values  $\{D_0, D_1\}$  of mated females that arrived in the

801 patches from the cloud during generation  $t$  (and divide by  $V$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{D'_0, D'_{0S}, D'_1\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{D_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{D_0=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(D_0, D_1 \mid V(D_0 + (1-\delta)D_{0S}), V D_1) \\
 & \quad \times \mathbb{E}[\{\text{non-sib WW/WW, sib WW/WW, (WW/WD + WD/WW)}\} \mid D_0, D_1] \\
 &= \frac{1}{V} \sum_{D_1=0}^{\infty} \sum_{D_0=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-V(D_0 + (1-\delta)D_{0S} + D_1)} V^{D_0 + D_1} D_1^{D_1} (D_0 + (1-\delta)D_{0S})^{D_0}}{D_0! D_1!} \\
 & \quad \times \frac{(1 - e^{-\frac{R(D_0 + D_1)}{1 + \alpha(D_0 + D_1)}}) R D_0}{(D_0 + D_1)(1 + \alpha(D_0 + D_1))} \{D_0 - 1, 1, 2 D_1\} \\
 & \xrightarrow{D_0 = D_{\text{tot}} - D_1} \{D'_0, D'_{0S}, D'_1\} \\
 &= e^{-V(D_0 + (1-\delta)D_{0S} + D_1)} (D_0 + (1-\delta)D_{0S}) R \sum_{D_{\text{tot}}=1}^{\infty} \frac{V^{D_{\text{tot}}-1} (D_0 + (1-\delta)D_{0S} + D_1)^{D_{\text{tot}}-2}}{D_{\text{tot}}! (1 + \alpha D_{\text{tot}})} \\
 & \quad \times (1 - e^{-\frac{R D_{\text{tot}}}{1 + \alpha D_{\text{tot}}}}) \{(D_{\text{tot}} - 1)(D_0 + (1-\delta)D_{0S}), (D_0 + (1-\delta)D_{0S} + D_1), 2(D_{\text{tot}} - 1)D_1\}
 \end{aligned}$$

813 where the variable change  $D_0 = D_{\text{tot}} - D_1$  turns one of the infinite summations into a  
 814 finite one which is computed analytically, leaving only a single infinite summation in  
 815  $1 \leq D_{\text{tot}} < \infty$ .

816 **Results.** We now focus on the case of  $\delta = 1$ , i.e. where none of the offspring from  
 817 sibling matings survive. Sibling-mated females can thus be ignored and the equation  
 818 above simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{D'_0, D'_1\} = \{D_0, 2 D_1\} e^{-V(D_0 + D_1)} D_0 R \sum_{D_{\text{tot}}=1}^{\infty} \frac{V^{D_{\text{tot}}-1} (D_0 + D_1)^{D_{\text{tot}}-2}}{D_{\text{tot}}! (1 + \alpha D_{\text{tot}})} \\
 & \quad \times (1 - e^{-\frac{R D_{\text{tot}}}{1 + \alpha D_{\text{tot}}}}) (D_{\text{tot}} - 1) \implies \frac{D'_1}{D'_0} = 2 \frac{D_1}{D_0}
 \end{aligned}$$

822 The result above, i.e. the doubling of the ratio  $D_1/D_0$  with every generation, means  
 823 that as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  the cloud will only contain (WW/WD + WD/WW) mated females  
 824 which in turn only produce non-viable DD offspring (given that  $d = 1$ ). The population  
 825 will thus asymptotically go to 0 (Figure 5b).

## 826 5 Discussion

827 The key role of sex and breeding system in the strength and consequences of gene drive  
 828 is well established, having been studied from theoretical, experimental and comparative  
 829 perspectives (Burt & Trivers, 2006; Agren & Clark, 2018). It is therefore reasonable to

830 expect that if a driver suppresses a population and that leads to an increased frequency  
831 of inbreeding, then there may be a limit to how far the suppression can go, regardless  
832 the strength of the drive (Bull *et al.*, 2019). Here we have presented modelling in  
833 support of this reasoning.

834 First, we considered the fate of a Driving Y under different life history scenarios. In a  
835 non-spatial model in which both mating and reproduction occur in a well-mixed cloud  
836 (scenario 1), a Driving Y will gradually replace the Wildtype Y and go to fixation,  
837 and, if drive ( $m$ ) is high enough, the population will be eliminated. If reproduction  
838 occurs in the cloud and mating in patches (scenario 2), or vice versa (scenario 3),  
839 or if individuals mate and reproduce in a patch followed by the offspring dispersing  
840 (scenario 4), then there is no qualitative difference in the dynamics: the Driving Y goes  
841 to fixation and, if  $m$  is sufficiently high, the population is eliminated. However, if the  
842 order of activities within patches is reversed, so that mated females settle in patches  
843 and reproduce and then the offspring mate before returning to the cloud (scenario 5),  
844 then there is a qualitative difference: the Driving Y will only fix for  $m$  below a threshold  
845 value, and otherwise the population remains polymorphic, and is suppressed but not  
846 eliminated regardless of how high  $m$  is. Conversely, if this scenario is modified by  
847 interposing another round of dispersal of either males or females between reproduction  
848 and mating (scenarios 6 and 7, see SI), then again the Driving Y goes to fixation and, if  
849  $m$  is sufficiently high, the population is eliminated. Thus, the only life history scenario  
850 in which the probability of inbreeding increases at low densities is the one at which  
851 allows indefinite persistence of both the wild type Y chromosome and the population.  
852 This scenario has the same life cycle as Hamilton's (1967) much studied local mate  
853 competition model of sex ratio evolution, the difference being in the ecology, where he  
854 considered the population size (number of females per patch) to be exogenously fixed,  
855 we consider it a dynamic variable responding to the presence of the Driving Y.

856 These results can be interpreted in terms of altruism: a Wildtype Y is altruistic  
857 (compared to a Driving Y) in the sense of foregoing transmission to allow the production  
858 of more females. That can be a useful thing to do if those extra females mate with  
859 the W-males, but otherwise not. When population sizes are large, with many mated  
860 females settling in a patch, the extra females produced by a W-male's forbearance are  
861 shared out equally among all the males in the patch, and so the W gains relatively little,  
862 not enough to compensate for the reduced transmission. However, if population sizes  
863 are very low, with at most a single mated female settling in a patch, then the extra  
864 daughters produced by the W-male all go to his W-bearing sons, and the frequency of  
865 W increases.

866 Second, we have shown that the same life history scenario leads to the same qualitative  
867 outcome (population persistence regardless of the strength of drive) for a gene drive  
868 construct using the homing reaction to knock out an essential gene, though the precise  
869 details differ. For a Driving Y, increased inbreeding means that the number of sisters a  
870 male has is an important component of his fitness, and, unavoidably, Driving Y males



871 will have fewer sisters than wildtype males. For autosomal drivers causing recessive  
872 lethality, increased inbreeding means wildtype (WW) individuals are mating with  
873 wildtypes, and drivers (WD) with drivers. In the absence of inbreeding depression,  
874 mating with a sibling is more productive for wildtypes, producing a full complement of  
875 offspring, than for drivers, who will be at increased risk of mating with another driver,  
876 in which case only a fraction  $(1 - d^2)$  of their progeny will be viable.

877 Third, we have shown for both types of drive that if inbred progeny are prevented from  
878 contributing to the population (by imposing strong inbreeding depression), then the  
879 previous advantage of the wildtype at low density disappears and the results change  
880 again, with sufficiently strong drive once more able to eliminate the population. For  
881 a Driving Y, population persistence relies on the wildtypes having an advantage at  
882 low densities because they can mate with their sisters, but if those matings do not  
883 produce viable offspring, the advantage disappears. Similarly, for a homing construct,  
884 the wildtype can have an advantage at low densities because mating between relatives  
885 does not carry the risk of producing lethal DD offspring, but if the offspring are lethal  
886 just by being inbred then again the advantage disappears.

887 Thus our modelling suggests that populations can persist in the face of strong gene drive,  
888 even in the absence of resistance, if three requirements are met: the target population  
889 shows spatial structure; reductions in population density lead to an increased probability  
890 of inbreeding; and inbred progeny have sufficiently high fitness. The extent to which the  
891 three criteria exist in a particular target species will need to be assessed on a case-by-case  
892 basis. If the population is not eliminated, then it can still be significantly suppressed,  
893 and this may be sufficient by itself for the purposes, or may be a useful component of a  
894 multi-pronged elimination programme. In principle, populations may also be rescued  
895 by selection for genetic variants that increase the frequency of inbreeding independently  
896 of density, though, again, strong inbreeding depression will militate against such an  
897 effect (Bull, 2016; Bull *et al.*, 2019).

898 Inbreeding depression in our model reduces the population growth rate at low densities,  
899 and therefore acts as an Allee effect (Luque *et al.*, 2016). Even in our baseline model,  
900 without inbreeding depression, there is a small region of low population growth rates  
901 where the wildtype population shows a strong Allee effect, requiring a threshold density  
902 to establish. This effect arises because at low densities, and low values of  $R$ , a single  
903 female may not produce any sons to mate her daughters. Within this region of parameter  
904 space it is possible for a Driving Y to suppress the population below the threshold density  
905 and thereby eliminate it. The effect of including inbreeding depression is to increase  
906 the region of parameter space in which a wildtype invasion threshold density exists  
907 and elimination is possible. Most or all species show inbreeding depression, primarily  
908 due to the unmasking of deleterious recessive mutations, and, all else being equal, the  
909 magnitude of the effect is expected to be greater in populations that previously were  
910 large and outcrossed (Tanaka, 2000; Frankham, 2005; Charlesworth & Willis, 2009;  
911 Hedrick & Garcia-Dorado, 2016). Inbreeding depression is not the only possible source

912 of an Allee effect: for example, low densities can also lead to difficulties in finding a  
913 mate (Courchamp *et al.*, 2008). In our model we have assumed that if there is a single  
914 male in the patch, then all females will get mated, but for many species this assumption  
915 may not be valid. We would expect that Allee effects due to difficulties in finding a  
916 mate (or any other source) could also tip the balance from population persistence to  
917 elimination (see also Dhole *et al.* (2020)). Interestingly, there will often be synergistic  
918 interactions between genetic and ecological Allee effects (Wittmann *et al.*, 2018). The  
919 possibility of exploiting Allee effects for pest control more generally has been previously  
920 discussed (Liebhold & Bascompte, 2003; Blackwood *et al.*, 2018).

921 The interaction of gene drive and spatial processes have been modelled in many ways,  
922 revealing a diverse array of effects (Dhole *et al.*, 2020). In deterministic partial differential  
923 equation models with local diffusion, sufficiently strong drive leads to population  
924 elimination, though it takes longer than in a panmictic population (Beaghton *et al.*,  
925 2016; Girardin & Debarre, 2021). On the other hand, stochastic spatial models have  
926 shown that populations can persist even with arbitrarily strong drive, and identified  
927 three types of effect protecting the population from elimination. First, in some cases  
928 it may be that the connectedness of populations across the landscape is such that  
929 a drive, released in one part of the landscape, does not reach some specific refugia  
930 populations before it itself goes extinct (North *et al.*, 2013; Eckhoff *et al.*, 2017). This  
931 effect can be particularly acute in highly seasonal environments, where a prolonged  
932 and severe dry season can lead to (transient) population isolation, and a driver might  
933 reach a locale during the wet season, but not attain a sufficiently high frequency to  
934 survive through a dramatic dry season bottleneck (Eckhoff *et al.*, 2017; North *et al.*,  
935 2019, 2020). In principle, the issue of refugia can be addressed by more widespread  
936 releases, appropriately timed for the beginning of the wet season (Lambert *et al.*,  
937 2018), ensuring the drive is introduced into all parts of the landscape. Second, even if  
938 populations are sufficiently connected that the gene drive eventually gets to all parts of  
939 the landscape, the population may nonetheless persist because the wildtype is able to  
940 colonize previously cleared areas, and grow in abundance, it taking some time for the  
941 driver to get there and suppress the population, by which time the wild type has spread  
942 to another previously cleared location, resulting in a phenomenon which has variously  
943 been referred to as “dynamic metapopulations” (North *et al.*, 2019), “colonization-  
944 extinction” dynamics (North *et al.*, 2020), and “chasing” dynamics (Godfray *et al.*,  
945 2017; Champer *et al.*, 2021). Finally, in the model presented in this paper we have seen  
946 that even with 100% global dispersal every generation, spatial processes can protect a  
947 population from elimination if low densities lead to increased inbreeding and inbred  
948 progeny are sufficiently fit, because it leads to selection against the driver.

949 In each of these three cases there is something that keeps the wildtype and driver  
950 alleles from direct maximal competition, be it refugia on an insufficiently connected  
951 landscape, or a small spatial separation between colonizing wildtypes and chasing  
952 drivers, or the random assortment of females into patches at low densities. We have  
953 demonstrated that the last mechanism relies on inbreeding – the ability of brothers

954 and sisters to successfully mate and reproduce – and suspect the same is true of the  
955 second mechanism – that it depends on (or is greatly augmented by) the ability of a  
956 single mated wildtype female to give rise to brothers and sisters that can mate and  
957 establish a new population. This issue could be investigated by modifying our model  
958 to have local (as opposed to global) dispersal. In the continuous-space local-dispersal  
959 models of Champer *et al.* (2021), incorporating inbreeding depression appears to have  
960 the expected effect of increasing the likelihood of elimination.

961 The models presented here incorporate the stochastic effects that necessarily arise  
962 in dealing with discrete individuals, particularly at low densities, but nevertheless  
963 are explicitly solvable, requiring no stochastic simulations or generation of random  
964 numbers. They are also relatively simple, with only three parameters ( $R$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $m$  or  $d$ ),  
965 and are not intended to give precise quantitative predictions about the consequences  
966 of a specific release in a specific species. Some of the previous simulation models that  
967 have shown population persistence have been substantially more complex, aiming to  
968 capture more faithfully the biology of one potential target species, *Anopheles gambiae*,  
969 the main vector of malaria in Africa (North *et al.*, 2013, 2019, 2020; Eckhoff *et al.*, 2017).  
970 Whether population persistence in these models is due solely to refugia and low density  
971 inbreeding, or whether some other features of the models (e.g., spatial and temporal  
972 heterogeneity, overlapping generations, etc) also promote population persistence remains  
973 to be determined. It would be interesting to include inbreeding depression or other  
974 strong Allee effects in these models to see how they affect the dynamics. There is good  
975 evidence of inbreeding depression in mosquitoes including *An. gambiae* (Armbruster  
976 *et al.*, 2000; Baeshen *et al.*, 2014; Turissini *et al.*, 2014; Ross *et al.*, 2019). We have  
977 also modelled inbreeding depression in a simple way, with only a single fixed fitness  
978 cost for females that have mated to a sibling, whereas it would be more realistic to  
979 have the costs increase with successive generations of inbreeding, or to explicitly model  
980 the deleterious recessive mutations that underlie inbreeding depression (Tanaka, 2000;  
981 Wittmann *et al.*, 2018). Over longer time periods these deleterious recessive mutations  
982 might get purged (Bundgaard *et al.*, 2021; Perez-Pereira *et al.*, 2021), though only if  
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