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A Test of Double Interspecific Introgression of Nucleoporin Genes in Drosophila

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ABSTRACT In interspecific hybrids between Drosophila melanogaster and Drosophila simulans, the D. simulans nucleoporin-encoding Nup96sim and Nup160sim can cause recessive lethality if the hybrid does not also inherit the D. simulans X chromosome. In addition, Nup160^{sim} leads to recessive female sterility in the D. melanogaster genetic background. Here, we conducted carefully controlled crosses to better understand the relationship between Nup96^{sim} and Nup160^{sim}. Nup96^{sim} did not lead to female sterility in the D. melanogaster genetic background, and double introgression of Nup96^{sim} and Nup160^{sim} did not generally lead to lethality when one was heterozygous and the other homozygous (hemizygous). It appears that introgression of additional autosomal D. simulans genes is necessary to cause lethality and that the effect of the introgression is dominant to D. melanogaster alleles. Interestingly, the genetic background affected dominance of Nup96sim, and double introgression carrying homozygous Nup96sim and hemizygous Nup160^{sim} resulted in lethality. Thus, Nup96^{sim} and Nup160^{sim} seem to be two components of the same incompatibility.

A handful of hybrid incompatibility genes that are responsible for reproductive isolation between species have been identified (Johnson 2010; Presgraves 2010; Maheshwari and Barbash 2011; Ferree and Prasad 2012; Sawamura 2012). Surprisingly, two of these genes in the genus Drosophila encode the nuclear pore proteins (nucleoporins = Nups), which were previously thought to be functionally conserved among diverse organisms. Approximately 30 different Nups assemble to form the nuclear pore complex (NPC) and are essential for nucleocytoplasmic transport, gene regulation, and kinetochore formation (Bapteste et al. 2005; Strambio-De-Castillia et al. 2010; Adams and Wente 2013). Nup96 and Nup160 have been identified as reproductive isolation genes by deficiency mapping in which male hybrids were rescued from the independent lethality by Lethal hybrid rescue (Lhr)

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mutation of D. simulans. D. melanogaster/D. simulans hybrids carrying the D. simulans Nup96sim and Nup160sim are lethal in hemizygotes (or homozygotes) if they do not inherit the D. simulans X chromosome (Figure 1, A and B), and Nup160sim leads to recessive female sterility in the D. melanogaster genetic background (Presgraves et al. 2003; Tang and Presgraves 2009; Sawamura et al. 2010). Furthermore, positive natural selection and intermolecular coevolution have been demonstrated for several Nup genes including Nup96 and Nup160 in the genus Drosophila (Presgraves and Stephan 2007; Clark and Aquadro 2010; Mensch et al. 2013; Nolte et al. 2013).

Both Nup96 and Nup160 (yeast homologs are Nup145C and Nup120, respectively) are components of the conserved Nup107-160 complex that has a role in the initial assembly of the NPC and functions as a stable anchoring point for other Nups-referred to as central scaffold Nups (Walther et al. 2003; Rasala et al. 2006; Grossman et al. 2012). The Nup107-160 complex forms a Y-shaped structure composed of two short arms-one composed of Nup160 and the other of Nup85-and an extended stalk that is connected to the two arms by Nup96 (Lutzmann et al. 2002; Brohawn et al. 2008; Bilokapic and Schwartz 2012; Szymborska et al. 2013). Because Nup96 and Nup160 interact directly (Leducq et al. 2012), it is reasonable to speculate that the lethality caused by Nup96sim and that caused by Nup160^{sim} in the D. melanogaster/D. simulans hybrids are two distinct

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Figure 1 Genotypes examined previously and in this study. Pairs of bars represent chromosomes X, 2, 3, and 4 (left to right). Open bars (dashed if the presence is not obligate) indicate chromosomes/regions from D. melanogaster, and gray bars indicate chromosomes/regions from D. simulans. D. simulans alleles of Nup160 and Nup96 and the deficiencies on D. melanogaster chromosomes are also indicated. (A) Flies of this genotype all die according to Tang and Presgraves (2009) and Sawamura et al. (2010). (B) Flies of this genotype all die according to Presgraves et al. (2003). (C, D) These flies are viable according to the present analysis. (E) Flies of this genotype all die according to the present analysis. The genotypes in (A) and (B) are usually males carrying one X chromosome from D. melanogaster, but females carrying two D. melanogaster X chromosomes can also be obtained using the attached-X system (Presgraves et al., 2003; Tang & Presgraves 2009). The genotypes in (C), (D), and (E) are females carrying two D. melanogaster X chromosomes or males carrying one D. melanogaster X chromosome.

aspects of the same incompatibility. In this context, it is notable that protein-protein interactions between Nup96 and Nup160 are species-specific, as revealed in yeast sibling species and their hybrids (Leducq *et al.* 2012).

We conducted interspecific crosses of *Drosophila* to address the following three questions. (1) Does $Nup96^{sim}$ lead to female sterility in the *D. melanogaster* genetic background as seen with $Nup160^{sim}$ introgression? (2) Does the $Nup96^{sim}$ and $Nup160^{sim}$ double introgression lead to lethality when one is heterozygous and the other homozygous (or hemizygous) in the *D. melanogaster* background (Figure 1, C and D)? (3) Does the $Nup96^{sim}$ and $Nup160^{sim}$ double introgression lead to lethality when both are homozygous (or hemizygous) in the *D. melanogaster* background (Figure 1E)? Based on these three tests, we ask whether the double introgression of $Nup96^{sim}$ and $Nup160^{sim}$ is necessary and sufficient condition for the incompatibility to the gene(s) on the *D. melanogaster* X chromosome. Dominance of the genes and the possible involvement of different genes to the hybrid lethality will also be discussed.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A genomic fragment of ~20.9 kb, including three open reading frames (CG10208, Nup98-96, and mbc), was amplified from DSM1-010P23, a D. simulans bacterial artificial chromosome clone established by the National BioResource Project Drosophila (Murakami et al. 2008), by polymerase chain reaction using the primers LA-AscI-F (5'-AG-GCGCGCCTTACTTGCGACGGAACACCTCGACCTTGAG-3'), LA-BamHI-R (5'-CGCGGATCCACGCACCTGGACAATGCAAGAGGG TGATTTG-3'), RA-BamHI-F (5'-CGCGGATCCGACCAGCATGAG CATTGCCAACAGCATGCT-3'), and RA-PacI-R (5'-ACCTTAAT-TAATCAGCACACCGGGCATAAGGTATCCCTGCTC-3'). This fragment was subcloned into the vector attB-P[acman]-Cm^R by homologous recombination (Venken et al. 2006). The construct was injected into embryos from D. melanogaster strain y sc v $P\{y^{+t7.7} = nos-phiC31 \mid nt.$ NSL}X; $P{y^{+t7.7} = CaryP}attP2$ to allow for ϕ C31-targeted, site-specific recombination into the attP landing site (cytological position 68A4 on chromosome 3) (Groth et al. 2004; Bateman et al. 2006; Bischof et al. 2007). The resultant transgene is abbreviated as $P\{w^+ Nup96^{sim}\}$ in the present report.

A P{w⁺ Nup96^{sim}} e Nup98-96³³⁹ chromosome was made by recombination between P{w+ Nup96sim} and e Nup98-96339 chromosomes in the *w* genetic background (Figure 2). Here w^+ (68A4; red eye color) and e (93C7-D1; ebony/dark body color) were used as visible markers, and Nup98-96 is at 95B1-5. To confirm that the recombinant chromosome carried the Nup98-96339 mutation and that it was not lost by rare double recombination between e and Nup98-96339, P{w+ Nup96sim} was removed from the established chromosome by further recombination with a wild-type chromosome using the w^+ and e markers. The resultant chromosome again exhibited recessive lethality that was not complemented by the Nup98-96 deficiencies (Df(3R)Exel9014 and Df(3R)BSC489), thus confirming that the chromosome examined carried Nup98-96339. A balancer chromosome, TM3, was used to isolate the recombinant chromosome in a heterozygous state, and CyO and SM1 were used as a chromosome 2 balancer. Int(2L)D+S is a chromosome 2 D. simulans introgression covering two cytological regions that include Nup160^{sim} (Sawamura et al. 2000). Of note, the Int(2L)D+S introgression also carries other Nup loci (Nup107 and Nup154), but we do not believe that this could affect our overall conclusion of this study. When



Figure 2 Construction of chromosome $P\{w^+ Nup96^{sim}\} e Nup98-96^{339}$ in the X-linked w mutant background. The w^+ e recombinant (potentially $P\{w^+ Nup96^{sim}\} e Nup98-96^{339}$) is produced by crossing $P\{w^+ Nup96^{sim}\}$ and $e Nup98-96^{339}$.

Table 1 Hatchability of eggs from females crossed with wildtype D. melanogaster males

	Number	of Eggs	
Maternal Genotype ^a	Collected	Hatched	Hatchability, %
Nup96 ^{sim} heterozygotes over TM3	200	191	95.5
Nup96 ^{sim} homozygotes	200	106	53.0
Nup96 ^{sim} hemizygotes over Df(3R)Exel9014	200	185	92.5
Nup96 ^{sim} hemizygotes over Df(3R)BSC489	200	177	88.5

^a The full genotype of Nup96^{sim} is P{w⁺ Nup96^{sim}} e Nup98-96³³⁹.

necessary, only Nup160^{sim} was made hemizygous by a deficiency of the Nup160 locus, Df(2L)Nup160M190 (Maehara et al. 2012).

RESULTS

First, we established a D. melanogaster line carrying an extra segment of D. simulans chromosome 3 (including CG10208, Nup98-96, and mbc) inserted at cytological position 68A4 of the same chromosome. Note that Nup98-96 is a dicistronic gene that produces the proteins Nup98 and Nup96 by autoproteolysis (Presgraves et al. 2003). Then, the endogenous Nup98-96 at 95B1-5 of the line was replaced by the recessive lethal Nup98-96339 mutant allele (Figure 2), which has a stop codon at amino acid position 1726 (therefore, only Nup96 was affected; Presgraves et al. 2003). Thus, we obtained a D. melanogaster chromosome 3 carrying Nup96sim instead of the D. melanogaster wildtype allele of Nup96. The resultant chromosome $(P\{w^+ Nup96^{sim}\} e$ Nup98-96339) is referred to as the Nup96sim introgression. Both male and female Nup96sim introgression homozygotes (and hemizygotes) were viable and fertile, and the strain homozygous for Nup96sim could be maintained indefinitely. Although females that were homozygous for Nup96sim and hemizygous over Df(3R)BSC489 exhibited lower fertility than heterozygous controls (χ^2 = 94.5, P < 0.001 and χ^2 = 6.6576, P < 0.05, respectively), fertility was not decreased in Nup96^{sim} hemizygotes over Df(3R)Exel9014 ($\chi^2 = 1.5958$, P > 0.2) (Table 1). Therefore, Nup96sim does not lead to female sterility in the D. melanogaster genetic background. We note the possibility that the chromosome harboring Nup96sim might have a second-site recessive gene or genes responsible for lower female fertility.

Next, to examine possible synergistic and/or additive effects of Nup160^{sim} and Nup96^{sim} introgression, we produced w; Int(2L)D+S, Nup160^{sim}/CyO; Nup96^{sim} e/+ males by conventional crosses. Then, these males were crossed to females heterozygous for a balancer and a mutation (or a deficiency) of Nup160 or Nup98-96. If the introgressions were behaving similar to the F_1 hybrid, then Nup160^{sim}/ (Nup160^{sim} or Df-Nup160); Nup96^{sim}/+ is expected to be lethal; however, that is not what is observed. Instead, the Nup160sim homozygotes (or hemizygotes) were viable in the Nup96sim heterozygous background (Figure 1C and Table 2). If the introgressions were behaving similar to the F1 hybrid, then Nup160sim/+; Nup96sim/(Nup96sim or Df-Nup96) is expected to be lethal; however, that is not what is observed. Instead, the Nup96^{sim} homozygotes (or hemizygotes) were viable in the Nup160^{sim} heterozygous background (Figure 1D and Table 3). Thus, the Nup96sim and Nup160sim double introgression did not lead to lethality when one was heterozygous and the other homozygous (or hemizygous).

Finally, we attempted to make a strain carrying both Nup160sim and Nup96sim introgressions maintained with chromosome 2 and 3 balancers but were not successful, presumably because Int(2L)D+S can cause dominant male semisterility in some genetic backgrounds (S. Parhad, personal communication). Therefore, we could not test the viability/fertility of Nup96sim and Nup160sim double introgression homozygotes. Instead, we made w; Df(2L)Nup160M190/SM1; Nup96^{sim}/TM3 females and w; Int(2L)D+S, Nup160^{sim}/SM1; Nup96sim/+ males by conventional crosses and crossed them. Int (2L)D+S, Nup160sim/ Df(2L)Nup160M190; Nup96sim/+ flies were viable as we previously noted (Table 2), although hemizygosity of Nup160^{sim} might have reduced their viability (Table 4). Unexpectedly, we found that Int(2L)D+S, Nup160^{sim}/ Df(2L)Nup160M190; Nup96^{sim}/ TM3 was semilethal (Table 4). This suggests that dominance of Nup96^{sim} may be affected by the genetic background. Furthermore, we found that Int(2L)D+S, Nup160^{sim}/ Df(2L)Nup160M190; Nup96^{sim}/ Nup96^{sim} was also absolutely lethal (Table 4 and Figure 1E). Thus, the protein products of Nup96sim and Nup160sim seem to interact directly.

DISCUSSION

We found that *D. melanogaster* females homozygous (or hemizygous) for the *Nup96^{sim}* introgression were fertile (Table 1), in contrast to what has been observed for the *Nup160^{sim}* introgression, for which eggs produced by homozygotes (or hemizygotes) display karyogamy

Table 2 Viability of flies homozygous (or hemizygous) for Nup160^{sim} and heterozygous for Nup96^{sim}

	Number of Flies			
Maternal genotype ^a	Cy w	Cy w ⁺	Cy+ w	Cy ⁺ w ⁺ (Viability ^b)
w; Int(2L)D+S, Nup160 ^{sim} /CyO Genotype	Nup160 ^{sim} /+; +/+	Nup160 ^{sim} /+; Nup96 ^{sim} /+	Nup160 ^{sim} /Nup160 ^{sim} ; +/+	Nup160 ^{sim} /Nup160 ^{sim} ; Nup96 ^{sim} /+
Females	132	202	35°	25 (0.71) ^c
Males	146	206	39°	35 (0.90) ^c
w; Df(2L)Nup160M190/CyO				
Genotype	(Nup160 ^{sim} or Df-Nup160)/+; +/+	(Nup160 ^{sim} or Df-Nup160)/+; Nup96 ^{sim} /+	Nup160 ^{sim} /Df-Nup160; +/+	Nup160 ^{sim} /Df-Nup160; Nup96 ^{sim} /+
Females	180	201	77	20 (0.26)
Males	155	188	105	68 (0.65)
Segregation ratio expected	2	2	1	1

^a Crossed with w; Int(2L)D+S, Nup160^{sim}/CyO; Nup96^{sim}/+ males. The balancer CyO has Cy as a dominant marker.

^C Calculated as (number of flies in the fourth class) divided by (number of flies in the third class).

^c The viability of Int(2L)D+S homozygotes was low because of linked recessive lethals that presumably accumulated on the chromosome.

				Number	r of Flies			
Maternal genotype ^b	Cy w Sb	Cy w Sb ⁺	Cy w ⁺ Sb	Cy w ⁺ Sb ⁺	Cy ⁺ w Sb	$Cy^+ w Sb^+$	$Cy^+ w^+ Sb$	Cy ⁺ w ⁺ Sb ⁺ (Viability ^a)
w; Nup98-96 ³³⁹ /TM3								
Genotype	+/+:+/+	+/+; l(3)Nup96/+	+/+; Nup96 ^{sim} /+	+/+; Nup96 ^{sim} /l(3)Nup96	Nup160 ^{sim} /+; +/+	Nup160 ^{sim} /+;	Nup160 ^{sim} /+;	Nup160 ^{sim} /+;
						l(3)Nup96/+	Nup96sm/+	Nup96s ^m /1(3)Nup96
Females	38	123	50	84	72	102	84	72 (0.86)
Males	61	89	70	62	87	109	60	69 (1.11)
w; Df(3R)BSC489/TM6C								
Genotype	+/+ :+/+	+/+; Df-Nup96/+	+/+; Nup96 ^{sim/+}	+/+; Nup96 ^{sim} /Df-Nup96	Nup160 ^{sim/+} ; +/+	Nup160 ^{sim} /+;	Nup160 ^{sim/+} ;	Nup160 ^{sim} /+;
		-				Df-Nup96/+	Nup96 ^{sim} /+	Nup96 ^{sim} /Df-Nup96
Females	123	170	63	142	98	151	62	92 (0.65)
Males	117	135	28	106	85	128	76	65 (0.61)
Segregation ratio expected	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

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Table 4 Viability of flies hemizygous for Nup160^{sim} and homozygous for Nup96^{sim}

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	Cy ⁺ w ⁺⁺ Sb ⁺ (Viability ^b)	Nup160 ^{sim} /DF-Nup16 Nup96 ^{sim} Nup96 ^{sim} 0 (0)	0 (0)	. 	
	Cy ⁺ w ⁺ Sb (Viability ^b)	Nup160 ^{sim/} Df-Nup160; Nup96 ^{sim/} + (TM3) 1 (0.01)	8 (0.05)	-	
	Cy ⁺ w ⁺ Sb ⁺	Nup 160° ^{im} / Df-Nup 160; Nup 96 ^{sim} /+ 98°	177	-	ectively.
ies ^a	Cy ⁺ w Sb	Nup160 ^{sim} / Df-Nup160; +/+ 137	145	-	oe were excluded. dominant markers, resp
Number of F	Cy w ⁺⁺ Sb ⁺	(Nup 160 ^{sim} or Df-Nup 160)/+; Nup 96 ^{sim} /Nup 96 ^{sim} 163	190	2	guous for the Cy phenoty; ih class). e Cy and Sb (and Ser) as c
	Cy w ⁺ Sb	(Nup160 ^{sim} or Df-Nup160)/+; Nup96 ^{sim} /+ (TM3) 423	452	2	ye color. A few flies ambig frumber of flies in the sixt ancers SM1 and TM3 hav contaneous mutation.
	Cy w ⁺ Sb ⁺	(Nup160 ^{sim} or Df-Nup160)/+; Nup96 ^{sim} /+ 533	547	2	d by their darker e i class) divided by "/+ males. The bal combination or a s
	Cy w Sb	(Nup160 ^{sim} or Df-Nup160)/+; +/+ 436 ^d	442 ^d	2	w ⁺ markers; distinguishe i in the seventh or eighth Vup160 ^{sim} /SM1; Nup96 ^{sir} caused by a rare male rec
	Maternal genotype $^{\rm c}$	w; Df(2L)Nup160M190/ SM1; Nup96sim/TM3 Genotype Females	Males	Segregation ratio expected	a w ⁺⁺ means flies carrying two b calculated as (number of flie: c Crossed with w; Int(2L)D+5, I d One was ebony presumably c e One was a gynandromorph.

failure and female pronuclei never fuse to wild-type male pronuclei (Sawamura *et al.* 2004). Although Nup96 and Nup160 are functionally and structurally in close proximity in the Y-shaped Nup107–160 complex, the effects of interspecific substitution of these two components differed. The structural position of Nup96 and Nup160 might reflect the functional difference; Nup160 is on the surface of the pore ring (Bilokapic and Schwartz 2012; Szymborska *et al.* 2013) and might have more interactions with other proteins important for NPC function.

We found that flies with genotypes indicated in Figure 1, C and D were viable (Table 2 and Table 3), in contrast to the lethality observed for those with genotypes indicated in Figure 1, A and B (Presgraves et al. 2003; Tang and Presgraves 2009; Sawamura et al. 2010). The primary difference between these flies is the genetic background, with the remaining autosomal genes being from D. melanogaster in our flies and from D. melanogaster and D. simulans (heterozygous) in the previous studies. Apparently the presence of additional autosomal D. simulans genes is necessary to cause lethality, and these genes are dominant to the D. melanogaster alleles. Thus, more genes (maybe encoding other Nups) are involved in this hybrid incompatibility. Nup107 and Nup154 are excluded from the candidates because Int (2L)D+S also carries these genes from D. simulans but did not exhibit the dominant effect. One candidate for the interactant is Nup75, presumably the Drosophila homolog of Nup85. Further investigation of this system is necessary to better understand the genetic mechanisms of reproductive isolation.

Interestingly, dominance of *Nup96^{sim}* was changed by the presence of a balancer *TM3* (Table 4). Reproductive isolation might be easily affected by the genetic background, as has been suggested in the other hybrid incompatibility (*Lhr vs. Hmr*) in the same species cross (Matute *et al.* 2014; Shirata *et al.* 2014). Finally, double introgression carrying homozygous *Nup96^{sim}* and hemizygous *Nup160^{sim}* resulted in lethality in the hybrids (Table 4 and Figure 1E). This is the first evidence suggesting that *Nup96^{sim}* and *Nup160^{sim}* are two components of the same incompatibility.

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