

## Signatures of Insecticide Selection in the Genome of Drosophila melanogaster

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ABSTRACT Resistance to insecticides has evolved in multiple insect species, leading to increased application rates and even control failures. Understanding the genetic basis of insecticide resistance is fundamental for mitigating its impact on crop production and disease control. We performed a GWAS approach with the Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP) to identify the mutations involved in resistance to two widely used classes of insecticides: organophosphates (OPs, parathion) and pyrethroids (deltamethrin). Most variation in parathion resistance was associated with mutations in the target gene Ace, while most variation in deltamethrin resistance was associated with mutations in Cyp6a23, a gene encoding a detoxification enzyme never previously associated with resistance. A "nested GWAS" further revealed the contribution of other loci: Dscam1 and trpl were implicated in resistance to parathion, but only in lines lacking Wolbachia. Cyp6a17, the paralogous gene of Cyp6a23, and CG7627, an ATP-binding cassette transporter, were implicated in deltamethrin resistance. We observed signatures of recent selective sweeps at all of these resistance loci and confirmed that the soft sweep at Ace is indeed driven by the identified resistance mutations. Analysis of allele frequencies in additional population samples revealed that most resistance mutations are segregating across the globe, but that frequencies can vary substantially among populations. Altogether, our data reveal that the widely used OP and pyrethroid insecticides imposed a strong selection pressure on natural insect populations. However, it remains unclear why, in Drosophila, resistance evolved due to changes in the target site for OPs, but due to a detoxification enzyme for pyrethroids.

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Insecticides are widely used for control of agricultural and structural pests, and to control insect vectors of disease. It is difficult, or perhaps

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impossible, to exactly calculate the economic and human health benefits associated with insecticide use, but they are significant. For example, depending on the crop and level of insect pressure present in a given year, insecticides can boost yields by 6–79% (Ware and Whitacre 2004). In just the USA, insecticide expenditures are >\$6 billion and >550 million pounds are used annually (Meister and Sine 2014). In response to the strong selection pressure exerted by insecticides, resistance has evolved in multiple species against numerous insecticides. This can lead to increasing frequency of insecticide applications, increased application rates and even control failures; impacting both crop production and control of human (and animal) diseases. Thus, understanding the genetic basis underpinning the evolution of resistance to insecticides is of fundamental importance.

For more than twenty years, the availability of molecular tools has facilitated the identification of mutations responsible for changes in protein structure and also in gene expression causing insecticide resistance. Out of necessity these studies were usually carried out on strains

that had been selected in the laboratory, in an effort to make the resistance allele(s) homozygous. Identification of the mutations responsible for resistance allowed for the frequency of these mutations to be examined in field populations. In the postgenomic era, Genome-Wide Association Studies (GWAS) offer the potential to examine how the evolution of insecticide resistance occurs at a whole genome level, without having to select a resistant strain in the laboratory. GWAS studies have been recently used to look at the pattern of resistance to a banned insecticide, (DDT, which has not been used in the USA since 1972), an organophosphate (OP, azin-phos-methyl)) and a neonicotinoid insecticide (imidacloprid) (Battlay *et al.* 2016; Schmidt *et al.* 2017; Denecke *et al.* 2017), but have not yet been used to evaluate resistance to insecticides that have been and continue to be widely used, such as pyrethroids.

OP and pyrethroid insecticides are widely used today. OPs were developed in the late 1940s and were the most widely used class of insecticides for more than three decades. Pyrethroid insecticides were commercialized in the 1980s and rapidly replaced OPs as the most widely used class of insecticides for about 20 years. A great deal has been learned about the basis of resistance to these two classes of insecticides. Mutations in the target site (acetylcholinesterase also known as Ace or AChE for OPs and voltage sensitive sodium channel or Vssc for pyrethroids) and increased detoxification by cytochrome P450s [CYPs] and esterases/hydrolases are the major mechanisms of resistance (Newcomb et al. 1997; Scott 1999, 2017; Gunning and Moores 2001; Kono and Tomita 2006; Achaleke et al. 2009; Dong et al. 2014). Resistance due to increased detoxification is most commonly due to increased expression of a gene, but non-synonymous mutations can cause resistance as well. Understanding the role of metabolism in insecticide poisoning has been less clearly resolved than target site mutations because there are multiple potential detoxification protein families (CYPs, GSTs, esterases/hydrolases, etc.) and each of these groups of proteins contains multiple genes (e.g., often >100 Cyps).

The aim of this study was to investigate the variation in resistance of individuals collected from a field population toward two classes of currently used insecticides in a natural population of Drosophila melanogaster using an unbiased approach able to reveal resistance loci (and candidate genes) in the whole genome. To this purpose, we performed GWAS using the Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP), a panel of 205 lines of *D. melanogaster* mostly homozygous and fully sequenced and derived from a wild caught population (Mackay et al. 2012). The use of inbred fly lines allowed us to assess the impact of pesticides on distinct, but constant genetic backgrounds to tease out the effect of the genotype from environmental effects. The association of a particular allele at a particular locus with the degree of resistance of each line to an insecticide allowed us to identify candidate genes belonging to the quantitative trait loci (QTL) underlying the resistance to those insecticides. Using an approach that first performed a GWAS with all the Drosophila lines of the panel followed by another GWAS including only the lines that did not carry the major effect allele (nested GWAS), we were able to identify and validate a set of genes of major and minor effect on resistance to OPs (parathion) and to pyrethroids (deltamethrin). These classes of insecticides were selected because they have been widely used for decades and are representatives of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> most widely used classes of insecticides today (OPs and pyrethroids, respectively). We thus expected these pesticides to have exerted significant selection pressure on D. melanogaster. Using other Drosophila genetic panels, we investigated the presence of our detected mutations in other natural populations and evaluated the signal of selection on our detected mutations.

### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

## Fly stock and husbandry

All Drosophila stocks were raised at 22° on standard Cornmeal agar medium, with a relative humidity of 60-70%, and a photoperiod of 12L:12D, unless specified. For the Genome Wide Association Study (GWAS), most of the isogenic lines of the Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel were used (194 lines were exposed to parathion and 195 to deltamethrin) (Mackay et al. 2012; Huang et al. 2014). To evaluate the involvement of candidate genes in resistance, UAS-controlled in vivo RNAi and overexpression experiments were performed using either the Actin5c-Gal4 driver (Act5c-Gal4) or the da-Gal4; ubi-Gal80TS conditional driver (da-Gal4<sup>TS</sup>). F<sub>1</sub> progeny was obtained by crossing virgin females (25 isolated within 8 h of emergence) of the driver strain with males ( $\sim$ 15) of the *UAS-transgene* line. The F<sub>1</sub> progenies (for crosses with the  $Gal4^{TS}$  driver > UAS-transgene) were raised at 18° until three days after emergence, and then switched to 29° for a week to trigger maximum transgene expression before being assayed for resistance to deltamethrin at 29°. The F<sub>1</sub> progenies (for crosses with the Act5c-Gal4 *driver* > *UAS-transgene*) were raised and assayed for resistance at 25°. As a control, the driver virgin females were crossed to the appropriate background lines Attp2, Attp40 or w<sup>1118</sup> (see Table S1).

Thirty-three transgenic *Drosophila* lines and the appropriate background lines were obtained from the Bloomington *Drosophila* Stock Center (BDSC, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, USA) and the Vienna *Drosophila* Ressource Center (VDRC) (Table S1). Three mutant lines, four transgenic *UAS-RNAi* lines and one overexpression line from the parathion candidate gene list were available for knockout, knockdown or overexpress of *trpl*, *olf413*, *fru* or *Dscam1* genes. One mutant line and nine transgenic *UAS-RNAi* lines from the deltamethrin candidate gene list were used for knockout of *Cyp6a17* or knockdown of *Cyp6a9*, *Cyp6a17*, *Cyp6a19*, *Cyp6a20*, *Cyp6a22*, *Cyp6a23*, *CG7627* and *tou*, respectively.

### Insecticides and bioassays

The residual contact application method was used to examine the relative susceptibility of DGRP lines for the insecticides, parathion and deltamethrin. Parathion (99.3%, Chem Service, West Chester, PA, USA) and deltamethrin (100%, Roussel UCLAF, Paris, France) were each dissolved in acetone to final concentrations of 1.5 µg/ml and 0.7 µg/ml respectively. 0.5 ml insecticide solution was added to a 38.6 cm<sup>2</sup> scintillation vial (Wheaton Scientific, Millville, NJ, USA), which was coated evenly on the inside surface using a hotdog roller machine (Gold Medal, Cincinnati, OH, USA) for 20 min under a fume hood until all the acetone had evaporated. Treated vials were incubated at 23° for 20 hr before flies were transferred inside. Approximately 20 5-8 days old adult males for each line were assayed per vial for each insecticide. We do not exclude the possibility that the ranking of susceptibility among lines would be affected by the sex used. However, there is no reason to think that major effect genes would be sex dependent and adult males provide the technical advantage that they do not strongly alter the vial conditions in which they are kept, unlike the females that produce larvae. Therefore, using males, allowed us to control better the environmental conditions and have a more robust evaluation of the genetic effect on the phenotypes. Vials were stoppered with a piece of cotton covered with a square of nylon tulle fabric and secured with a staple. The stopper was injected with 2 ml of 20% sugar water after addition of the flies, and assays were held at 25° with a photoperiod 12L:12D. 1 ml of distilled H<sub>2</sub>O was added to the stoppers after 24 h. For GWAS, mortality was assessed at 2.5 h, 5 h, 11 h, 24 h, and 48 h after flies were added to each vial for parathion and at 48 h for deltamethrin. Ataxic flies were counted as dead and five separate experiments were conducted over five continuous weeks. For validation experiments, mortality was assessed 24 h after insecticide treatment.  $F_1$  males (3-7-day-old) from each of the crosses were tested using single dose assays for parathion or deltamethrin. Preliminary experiments were done with both insecticides to determine the optimal concentration to use (i.e. one that would fully resolve the DGRP lines). Five DGRP lines were randomly selected and tested at multiple concentrations. After we felt the optimal concentration had been determined we validated this across 18 randomly selected lines.

## Genome wide association analysis

The genetic diversity of the DGRP lines comprises about 4 millions SNPs. However, the genotypic information for each line differs between loci (e.g., some loci have information for all lines, other do not), thus, sample sizes used in each association tested changes from a locus to another. Not all SNPs are therefore suitable for testing the association between the genetic variation at one locus and the resistance to insecticide. We selected SNPs for our association study based on 2 criteria: 1- avoid a complete collinearity (possibly confounding) between alleles and Wolbachia status (i.e., we excluded cases where one allele corresponds to Wolbachia infection and the other to an uninfected status); 2- we had enough lines per treatment to run the model. Prior to each test, we therefore calculated a two-by-two matrix with Wolbachia status and allele identity (i.e., W+/allele1, W-/allele1, W+/allele2, W-/allele2) summarizing the sum of lines for each category. We further included in our association only the SNPs where at least three of the categories had five lines. All the analyses were performed with custom made script.

We next estimated the significance of the alleles at each selected SNP for the survival of each line to parathion and deltamethrin. For parathion, we used a parametric survival analysis with a log-normal distribution of the error (Function Survreg from the R package "Survival"). The model was as following: Surv (Hour\_of\_death, Censor) ~ Wolbachia status \* SNP + frailty (Experiment, distribution='gaussian') + frailty (DGRP\_lines, distribution='gaussian'). The variable "Experiment" and the identity of the lines were accounted for as random effect following a Gaussian distribution. For the second insecticide, deltamethrin, we tested with a linear regression based on a binomial distribution of the error (function GLMER from the R package "lme4"), the survival at 48h post-exposure of the individuals carrying each allele. We could not use a survival analysis because between 2.5h and 48h some ataxic individuals could recover (temporally) before eventually dying. Therefore, the model was as following: cbind (Delta\_alive, Delta\_dead) ~ Wolbachia + SNP +(1|DGRP\_lines). The identity of the lines was accounted for as a random effect following a Gaussian distribution. We compared this analysis to the analysis accounting for the variable "Experiment" as a random effect. The results were not strongly different but the approach including a random effect required much more computer time (month of analysis instead of days). Therefore, we performed our analyses without this term. To identify other genes responsible for the resistance in absence of major effect alleles, we performed a "Nested-GWAS" which consists in running the same analysis on the lines that are not 100% survival. In other words, we attempted to find the alleles responsible for the remaining variation.

Candidate SNPs were among the alleles where the p-value was below 0.0001. We then converted the positions provided for the version 5 of the *D. melanogaster* genome annotation in version 6 with the convert tool from Flybase. The effect and the characterization of the mutation's effect at each candidate SNP were provided using VEP from the website Ensembl (http://www.ensembl.org/info/docs/tools/vep/index.html).

Candidates to be validated were chosen based on the shape of the peak in the Manhattan plot and the function provided by VEP (likelihood to be involved in the resistance). Then, those with a non-synonymous mutation were favored.

Validation of selected candidates were tested by exposing the genotypes and their control to the same conditions as in the GWAS. Differences of proportion of surviving individuals 48 hr post exposure were statistically tested with a generalized linear model with a quasibinomial distribution of the error. We used a general linear hypothesis test (glht) with Tukey post Hoc pairwise comparisons (alpha = 0.05), to ascertain differences between pairs of treatments (package *multcomp* in R).

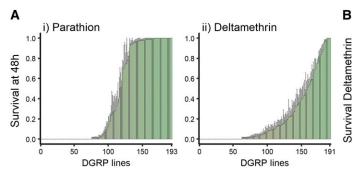
# Correlation of resistance with gene expression and other phenotypes known in the DGRP lines

To determine whether the resistance to each of the insecticide correlated with resistance to other abiotic stress such as paraquat, starvation and ethanol, we used measurement from other studies (Mackay *et al.* 2012; Weber *et al.* 2012; Morozova *et al.* 2015) and assessed the correlation (of Spearman) with our proportion of survival to our insecticides 48h post-exposure. We also tested whether the constitutive expression of our genes involved in resistance correlated with the resistance to pesticide. Although this approach is very limited as both phenotypes were obtained in different laboratories, we used the constitutive gene expression of our genes from (Huang *et al.* 2015) to correlate (Spearman) it with the proportion of survival individuals 48 hr post-exposure to the insecticides.

## Population genetic analyses

For the H12 selection scans and haplotype trees presented in Figure 4 we used VCF files from the DGRP 2 Freeze 2.0 calls (http://dgrp2.gnets. ncsu.edu/data.html). Only the lines that were included in the GWAS analysis were used. We further filtered out any site with more than 18% missing data. Indels were removed and the data were subset to biallelic sites. Missing data were imputed and remaining heterozygous sites were phased with Beagle 4.1, using windows of 50,000 sites and 15 iterations per window (Browning and Browning 2016). Each autosomal arm was scanned using the H12 script obtained from the SelectionHap-Stats repository provided in (Garud et al. 2015), using window sizes of 800 segregating sites. We extracted 200 kilobase genomic windows centered on the Ace and Cyp6a23 gene positions from the DGRP data, as well as from two random genomic regions not associated with GWAS hits. These windows contained between 6000 and 8500 biallelic SNPs. For each window, we first calculated a distance matrix using the observed number of nucleotide differences in our filtered data set. From these distanced matrices we estimated neighbor-joining trees (Saitou and Nei 1987). At the Ace and Cyp6a23 windows, individuals were classified according to presence ("1") or absence ("0") of individual insecticide resistance mutations (3R:13,243,332, 3R:13,243,686 and 3R:13,243,999 at Ace; 2R:14,876,125 and 2R:14,876,857 at Cyp6a23). Trees were estimated and drawn using the R package ape (Paradis et al. 2004). The specific midpoints of the four windows used for the trees in Figure 4A and the number of SNPs in each window are: (i) 2L:17,403,824, 7722 SNPs; (ii) 2R:14,876,125, 7726 SNPs; (iii) 3L:14,419,400, 8531 SNPs; (iv) 3R:19,817,445, 6141 SNPs.

Allele frequency estimates reported in Figure 4C were obtained from the same DGRP data set used for the H12 scans and haplotype trees, except that here we included indels because the resistant allele at CG7627 is a deletion. For the GDL lines, VCF files were obtained from the Clark Lab at Cornell University. Indel information was obtained from VCF files downloaded from the Poole Lab website (http://www.johnpool.net/genomes.html). The same 18% missing data filter was applied prior to



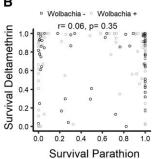


Figure 1 Resistance of the DGRP to pesticides. A- Ranked mean (± SE) of male proportion surviving 48 h post-exposure to i) parathion and ii) deltamethrin. B- Correlation between resistance to parathion and resistance to deltamethrin. The resistance to one insecticide was not correlated to the resistance to the other insecticide. Analysis of correlation was done with Spearman correlation test.

imputation, and the remaining sites were again phased using Beagle 4.1, using windows of 50,000 sites and 15 iterations per window (Browning and Browning 2016).

## Data availability

*Drosophila* lines are listed in Table S1 with their stock number. Raw phenotypic data and results from the GWAS are available in Supplemental Tables S2–S5, S8 and S9. Supplemental material available at Figshare: https://doi.org/10.25387/g3.7047734.

### **RESULTS**

Our results indicate that the resistance to an OP and pyrethroid in the DGRP lines is largely due to a single major locus, that additional loci provide minor effects, and that these loci differ between parathion and deltamethrin. Most variation in parathion resistance is associated with mutations in Ace, the target site of OPs (and carbamates). Most variation in deltamethrin resistance is associated with Cyp6a23, a probable detoxification enzyme. Both major effect genes were found under selection and we identified traces of soft sweep around their loci. Importantly, the alleles of the major effect genes we identified were not a particularity of our sampled population but were found in two other wild-caught D. melanogaster populations present in the Global Diversity panel lines (Grenier et al. 2015). Our study, therefore, reveals the specific and conserved mechanisms of resistance to various insecticides. Nested GWAS with the lines that did not carry the alleles responsible for the major effects allowed us to identify the lesser contribution of other genes in the genome. We identified and validated the involvement of Down syndrome cell adhesion molecule 1 (Dscam1) and transient receptor potential-like (trpl) in the resistance to parathion, and of Cyp6a17 and CG7627, an ATP-binding cassette transporter in the resistance to deltamethrin.

## Genetic variation in insecticide resistance

To identify genes underlying natural variation in resistance to OPs and pyrethroids, we quantified the survival of DGRP lines to parathion and deltamethrin (194 lines for parathion and 195 for deltamethrin). Survival to parathion was monitored at 2.5 h, 5 h, 11 h, 24 h and 48 h post-exposure and the susceptibility of each line was estimated by comparing the time death took to happen among lines. For deltamethrin we could not use the time death took to happen because flies were ataxic early in the process but could sometimes recover before dying. We analyzed survival at 2.5 h post-exposure to deltamethrin as we had recorded the information, but the results did not differ strongly from those at 48 h post exposure. Thus, because in vials housing several flies we could not separate ataxia from death at that time point, we decide to only consider the proportion of dead individuals 48 h post-exposure (*i.e.*, when ataxia was not a confounding effect anymore). The proportions of survival

48 h post-exposure were compared between lines for deltamethrin. We found striking and reproducible variation in the DGRP lines' survival to both insecticides (Figure 1A).

Before examining the loci linked to resistance we investigated the role of non-genetic causes of differences in survival between the DGRP lines. Approximately half of the DGRP lines carry the bacterial endosymbiont Wolbachia. Therefore, we evaluated the possible contribution of Wolbachia to insecticide susceptibility with the average survivorship at each time point (Figure S1). Infection with Wolbachia did not correlate with resistance to parathion (Figure S1A) nor to resistance to deltamethrin (Figure S1B). Because resistance to different abiotic stresses could have shared mechanisms, we tested the correlations between resistance to parathion or deltamethrin and these stresses; namely the resistance to paraquat, starvation and ethanol that were measured in other studies (see details in methods, Figure S2). We did not detect any correlations with resistance to parathion. However, resistance to deltamethrin in our study correlated positively with both resistance to paraquat (r = 0.18, p-value = 0.02) and resistance to starvation (r = 0.25, p-value = 0.02)p-value= 0.0004). Further studies would be needed to investigate these correlations, particularly because they were performed in different laboratories at different times. We next asked whether the variation we observed was due to genetic or environmental differences. The variation in insecticide resistance in our population was explained more by genetic variance than by environmental variance, with 88% heritability for sensitivity to parathion and 61% for deltamethrin (see Table 1). As DGRP lines show a high degree of genetic relatedness, it is possible that resistance to insecticides is an indirect consequence of physiological differences between lines. Thus, we next evaluated whether susceptibility to insecticide could be a secondary consequence to general physiological weakness of susceptible lines. To determine this, we compared the relative survival of individual DGRP lines to deltamethrin and parathion. The resistance to one insecticide was not correlated to the resistance to the other insecticide, suggesting that the determinants of resistance are not due to a simple resistance to stress and are specific to each insecticide (Figure 1B). In addition, individuals susceptible to insecticides were not more closely related among each other for either of the compounds tested (Figure S3).

Having ruled out non-genetic influences on survival to the insecticides, we next sought to identify the genetic determinants underlying

■ Table 1 Genetic variation and heritability of susceptibility to two insecticides

	Insecticides	N lines	N files	V <sub>e</sub>	V <sub>g</sub>	h <sup>2</sup>
parathion		194	16,568	6.04	43.83	0.88
	deltamethrin	195	16,684	4.4	7.07	0.61

variation in resistance to either parathion or deltamethrin. The ranked survival for parathion suggested a major allele effect due to the steep change in survival between lines (few lines are intermediates, Figure 1Ai). However, the smooth continuum in the ranking of survival to deltamethrin (i.e., from lines that had 0-100% survivorship) suggested multiple loci could be involved in resistance (Figure 1Aii). We next estimated which loci could contribute to insecticide resistance by statistically associating mortality with the allelic polymorphism at each sequenced locus in the genome.

## Genetic basis of the variation in resistance to parathion

We first identified loci associated with resistance to parathion using GWAS. We tested the association of resistance to parathion with 1,784,231 SNPs/indels. In total, 44 loci were significantly associated (i.e.,  $-\log_{10}(p\text{-value}) > 8$ ) with resistance to parathion (Figure 2), but other SNPs/indels, less strongly associated, could be considered as candidates (271 had  $-\log_{10}(p\text{-value}) > 5$  and 787 had  $-\log_{10}(p\text{-value}) > 4$ ). The presumptive genetic alterations and consequences for the genes close to these SNPs/indels can be found in Table S2. Based on both the significance of the association (i.e., the peaks in the Manhattan plots, Figure 2) and the consequence of the genetic change associated with the SNPs/indels (priority to SNPs/indels altering protein structure or in introns/promoters based on prediction on the Ensembl website), we made a list of loci and built a list of genes likely to be involved in parathion resistance (black p-values in Figure S4). The most significant QTL were located in *Ace* (Figure 2A). These QTL were mapped to SNPs that generate non-synonymous mutations [F368Y in position 3R:13,243,332: Figure 2Bi); G303A in position 3R:13,243,686: Figure S5A; I199V in position 3R:13,243,999: Figure S5B] in Ace. Previous work has shown these mutations confer resistance to organophosphates (Fournier et al. 1993). We therefore conclude that in the case of parathion resistance, variation in the target protein is responsible for most of the variation in resistance.

The dominant role of Ace SNPs in causing resistance to parathion presented the potential for this strong signal to mask other genes involved in resistance (e.g., those with a lower effect). To identify these secondary loci associated with parathion resistance, we next performed a nested GWAS. For that purpose, we ran a new GWAS using only a subset of lines (n= 124) that did not carry the resistance allele for the most significant SNP (i.e., mutation F368Y in the Ace gene). This association was tested over 1,212,116 remaining SNPs/indels. Among those, we identified a list of candidates with the same criterion as above (gray p-values in Figure S4, Table S3). From this list, we selected four candidate genes based on the annotated function of the protein and the availability in stock centers of genetic tools to perform functional validation: trpl (Figure 2Bii) that encodes a non-selective cation channel, olf413 that encodes a dopamine beta hydrolase, fru that encodes a key determinant of sex specific expression, and Dscam1 (Figure 2Bii) that encodes a transmembrane receptor involved in neuron wiring. The mutations in the genes coding for *Dscam1* and *trpl* were only associated to an increase in resistance with lines not infected by Wolbachia [Figure 2Bii (Dscam1), Survival with lognormal distribution: interaction SNP and Wolbachia: deviance= 455.39, P < 0.0001; Figure 2Bii (trpl), Survival with lognormal distribution: interaction SNP and Wolbachia: deviance= 735.69, P < 0.0001]. This result suggests strongly that Wolbachia could have a direct role in the resistance to insecticides, but this effect depends on host genotype. Alternatively, it is possible that Wolbachia's presence alters the activity of other unidentified genes involved in resistance. We next analyzed the impact of loss of function (null) alleles or RNAi knockdown of these candidate genes on the susceptibility to parathion. RNAi-mediated knock-down of olf413 or

fru expression did not result in any changes in survivorship, suggesting they are not involved in resistance to parathion or that the changes in protein structure rather than in expression level are involved (Figure 2C). However, both downregulation of Dscam1 by RNAi and a null mutation of Dscam1 confirmed its role in resistance to parathion (Figure 2C). Knock-down of trpl did not affect susceptibility to parathion, but upregulation of trpl strongly increased resistance to parathion (Figure 2C).

Overall, our results strongly suggest that Ace, Dscam1 and trpl are important for resistance to parathion and are involved in the phenotypic variation between strains. A possible mechanism by which these genes could contribute to resistance would be due to changes in their constitutive expression. To test this, we took advantage of a previous study that measured the expression of transcripts genome-wide in the DGRP lines (Huang et al. 2015). There was no correlation between constitutive expression of Ace, Dscam1 and trpl in the conditions of their study and our survival experiments (Figure S6A-C). Altogether, our data demonstrate that the genetic basis for the variation in resistance to parathion is multigenic, with a major effect due to nonsynonymous mutations in Ace and secondary roles due to mutations in Dscam1 and trpl that can be buffered by the presence of Wolbachia.

## Genetic basis of the variation in resistance to deltamethrin

Using the same strategy outlined above, we analyzed the association of 2,171,433 SNPs/indels with deltamethrin survival. In total, 6 loci were strongly significantly associated (i.e.,  $-\log_{10}(p\text{-value}) > 8$ ) to resistance to deltamethrin at the 48h time point but other, less strongly associated, SNPs/indels could be considered as potential candidates (192 had  $-\log_{10}(p\text{-value}) > 5$  and 1066 had  $-\log_{10}(p\text{-value}) > 4$ ) (Figure 3A, Figure S7, Table S4). Among the most significant, two non-synonymous mutations strongly associated with resistance to deltamethrin were mapped to Cyp6a23 (Figure 3B, 2R:14,876,125; Figures S8A, 2R:14,876,857). The peak of association was detected in Cyp6a23. However, there are five other *Cyps* at this locus (Figure 3C) and few SNPs in non-coding or intergenic regions were significantly associated with resistance within this locus (Figure 3A inlet). Thus, we wanted to test the possibility that other Cyps in the locus might also be involved in resistance to deltamethrin (no missense SNPs/indels in any of the other Cyps of the locus were significantly associated to resistance, but the information of the SNPs/indels is incomplete). We therefore decided to test all six Cyps (Cyp6a23, Cyp6a9, Cyp6a19, Cyp6a20, Cyp6a17 and Cyp6a22) using all the available RNAi lines against these Cyp genes and using the one null line (Cyp6a17) available. Knocking down Cyp6a23 and Cyp6a17 increased susceptibility of flies to deltamethrin (Figure 3Di). In contrast, but not so surprisingly (based on Figure 3A inlet), knocking down the other Cyps did not change the survival to deltamethrin in comparison to their genetic control (Figure 3Di; Figure 3Dii). We further confirmed the role of Cyp6a17 in resistance to deltamethrin by using a null mutant (Figure 3Diii). These results imply that only two Cyp genes in that locus are involved in resistance to deltamethrin: Cyp6a23 (major effect) and Cyp6a17 (secondary effect), although we do not know whether there are any mutations in Cyp6a17 that could provide resistance. Remarkably, these two neighboring genes are paralogous (Figure 3C) (i.e., two genes descend from a common ancestral DNA sequence and derive within one species) (Good et al. 2014) and reminds us of Ace-1 and Ace-2, two homologous genes involved in insecticide resistance in mosquito species (Weill et al. 2002). CYP-mediated resistance can occur through changes in gene expression (Liu and Scott 1998) or structural changes (Amichot et al. 2004). Therefore, we next asked whether DGRP flies expressed different levels

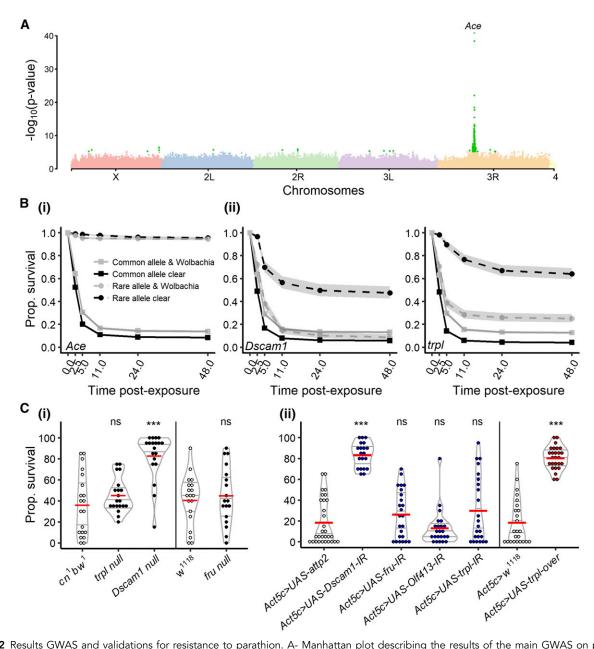


Figure 2 Results GWAS and validations for resistance to parathion. A- Manhattan plot describing the results of the main GWAS on parathion resistance (including 194 DGRP lines). Light green dots represent the SNPs with a p-value below a  $10^{-5}$  threshold. Loci in the Ace gene were the main loci responsible for the variation in resistance to parathion exposure. B- Survival curves (in hours) of lines variants for the validated candidate genes for resistance to parathion. i) Variation in Ace (mutation F368Y) in position 3R:13,243,332 affects the resistance to parathion. ii) Variation in Dscam1 affects the resistance to parathion, but only in lines that do not carry Wolbachia (Survival analysis with lognormal distribution: interaction SNP and Wolbachia: deviance= 455.39, P < 0.0001). iii) Variation in trpl affects the resistance to parathion, but only in lines that do not carry Wolbachia (Survival analysis with lognormal distribution: interaction SNP and Wolbachia: deviance= 735.69, P < 0.0001). C- Validation of the candidate genes of our GWAS. White dots represent the wildtype genotypes, black dots the loss-of-function mutants, blue dots the down-regulation and red dots the upregulation of the genes. Non-significant effects are indicated by "ns", p-values below 0.001 are indicated by \*\*\*. Details of the statistics are summarized in Table S6 and S7.

of *Cyp6a23* and *Cyp6a17*, and whether these expression levels correlated with resistance. The constitutive expression of *Cyp6a23* estimated in (Huang *et al.* 2015) did not correlate with a higher resistance to deltamethrin (Figure S6D). However, there was a strong positive correlation with the constitutive expression of *Cyp6a17*, consistent with our results (Figure S6E).

To identify secondary loci associated with deltamethrin resistance, we performed a nested GWAS using only a subset of lines (n= 147) that

did not carry the resistance allele for the most significant SNP (*i.e.*, in position of 2R:14,876,125 of *Cyp6a23*). The association was tested over 1,872,071 SNPs and we identified 11 SNPs/indels significantly associated ( $\log_{10}(p\text{-value}) > 8$ ), 142 with a  $\log_{10}(p\text{-value}) > 5$  and 766 with a  $\log_{10}(p\text{-value}) > 4$  with resistance against deltamethrin (Table S5). Among the significant SNPs/indels, an isolated indel with a high p-value ( $\log_{10}(p\text{-value}) = 6.44$ , Figure S8B) was close and upstream from the gene *CG7627*, which appears to have ATPase activity and be

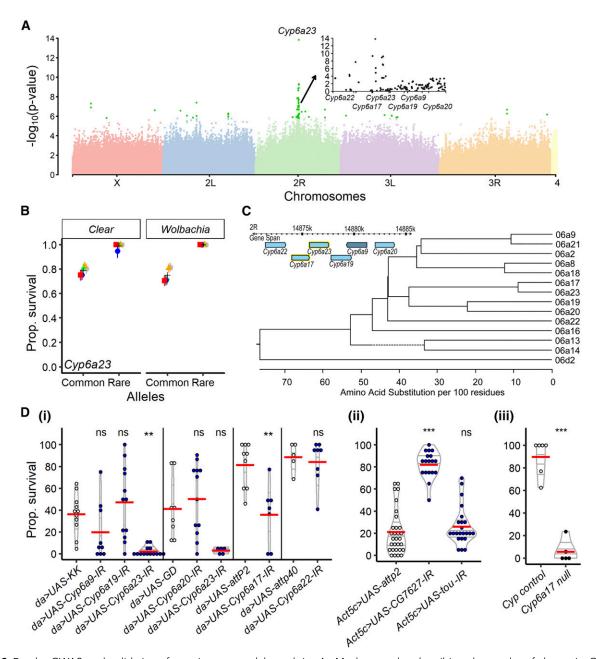


Figure 3 Results GWAS and validations for resistance to deltamethrin. A- Manhattan plot describing the results of the main GWAS on deltamethrin resistance (including 195 DGRP lines). Light green dots represent the SNPs with a p-value below a  $10^{-5}$  threshold. The locis mainly responsible for the variation in resistance to deltamethrin exposure were located in the Cyp6a23 gene or its direct proximity, within the Cyp6a cluster. Inlet graph represents a magnification of the results and suggests that Cyp6a23 and Cyp6a17 were the most likely candidates. B- Mean survival of lines variants for the validated candidate genes Cyp6a23 for resistance to deltamethrin. Colors represent five replicated experiments. C- Cyp6a23 is part of a cluster of genes belonging to the cytochrome P450 family. The phylogeny represents the already suggested hypothesis that Cyp6a23 and Cyp6a17 are two neighboring paralogous genes issued from a recent duplication. D- Validation of the candidate genes of our GWAS. White dots represent the wildtype genotypes, black dots the loss-of-function mutants and blue dots the downregulation of the genes. Non-significant effects are indicated by "ns", p-values below 0.01 are indicated by \*\* and p-values below 0.001 are indicated by \*\*\*. Details of the statistics are summarized in Table S6 and S7.

involved in transmembrane movement of substances. Flies in which we downregulated the expression of CG7627 by RNAi had a lower probability to die from the exposure to deltamethrin when compared to their control (Figure 3Dii), although the constitutive expression of this gene did not correlate with resistance (Figure S6F). We also tested the role of toutatis (tou) which interestingly was associated with resistance to deltamethrin in both the GWAS and nested GWAS (Figure S7) and is supposedly involved in nervous system development (Vanolst 2005). However, the knock-down of this gene by RNAi did not confirm a role of this gene in resistance (Figure 3Dii). This might not be surprising as the change associated to resistance was a synonymous mutation in an intronic region of the gene (Table S5).

Overall, we find that deltamethrin resistance is primarily due to nonsynonymous mutations in Cyp6a23 and increased expression of Cyp6a17. RNAi of Cyp6a23 suggests this gene is capable of detoxifying deltamethrin, yet no correlation of Cyp6a23 constitutive expression (estimated in Huang et al. 2015) and deltamethrin survival was found. RNAi and null strains suggest that Cyp6a17 is capable of detoxifying deltamethrin and the constitutive expression estimated in (Huang et al. 2015) of Cyp6a17 correlates with deltamethrin survival, yet the GWAS signal is not centered over Cyp6a17. We validated CG7627 as having a secondary effect on survivorship.

# Loci associated with resistance to insecticides show signatures of positive selection

We found that a small number of individual loci explain most of the variation in resistance across the DGRP lines for both parathion and deltamethrin, suggesting that these loci could have undergone recent positive selection. To test this hypothesis, we performed a genome-wide scan of the DGRP lines using the H12 statistic (Garud et al. 2015). This statistic estimates levels of haplotype homozygosity and has previously been shown to provide good power in detecting both hard and soft selective sweeps (Garud et al. 2015; Miles et al. 2016). A previous H12 scan of the DGRP has already detected a strong sweep signal at the Ace locus, as well as two other loci known to be associated with insecticide resistance (ChKov1 and Cyp6g1) (Garud et al. 2015; Schmidt et al. 2017). Our genome-wide scan presented in Figure 4A confirms these signals and also reveals clear sweep signatures at all of the other key resistance loci identified in our GWAS analysis (CG7627, Dscam1, trpl, and Cyp6a23/Cyp6a17). Many of these signals rank among the most pronounced sweep signals detected genome-wide, suggesting that the evolution of pesticide resistance constitutes one of the strongest adaptive response experienced by *D. melanogaster* in its recent evolutionary history.

# Haplotypes at Ace are consistent with a soft selective sweep driven by resistance alleles

To demonstrate that the signals of positive selection we observed in the genome-wide H12 scan were indeed driven by the specific resistance mutations, rather than some other alleles, we studied patterns of haplotype diversity at several resistance loci using neighbor-joining trees (Figure 4A). The haplotype tree around Ace, which constituted the strongest signal in the H12 scan, showed clear signatures that the sweep patterns observed at this locus were indeed driven by the resistance mutations, as indicated by the presence of several independent clusters of resistance mutation-carrying haplotypes with short genetic distances within clusters. Susceptible haplotypes, by contrast, showed patterns similar to the genomic background. In particular, we observed two distinct clusters of haplotypes carrying resistance mutations at all three sites (111). One of these clusters is located close to a cluster of haplotypes carrying only the third resistance mutation (001), suggesting a short evolutionary distance between these haplotypes. All haplotypes we observed in the DGRP that carried resistance mutations at two of the three sites (011 & 110) also fell in this group. This is consistent with a scenario in which these two-mutation haplotypes represent transition haplotypes to three-mutation haplotypes, or back-mutations. We observed several low-frequency haplotypes with only one resistance mutation (100, 010, and 001) that did not appear to cluster with any of the other resistance haplotypes, suggesting that these haplotypes arose independently from wildtype alleles, as has been proposed previously (Karasov et al. 2010).

To provide further evidence that the sweep signal at *Ace* is indeed driven by the resistance mutations, we split the DGRP lines into two subsamples, the first comprising the genomes that carry at least one of the three resistance mutations, and the second comprising those that do

not carry any such mutation. We then estimated H12 independently in each subsample (after down-sampling the second sample to the same size as the first). Figure 4B shows that the H12 peak is only observed in the subsample with resistance mutations, whereas there is almost no such signal among the susceptible genomes. This again confirms that it is indeed the resistance mutations (or some very tightly linked mutations) that primarily drive the peak in the H12 signal around *Ace*.

At the *Cyp6a23/Cyp6a17* loci we also detected sweep signatures in our H12 scan, although these signals were much weaker than at the *Ace* locus. One possible explanation for this is that the *Cyp6a* locus has undergone a very soft sweep from standing variation, which is consistent with the fact that the haplotype tree at this locus does not show any noticeable clustering of resistance alleles (Figure 4A). In addition, the resistance mutations are at very low frequency at the *Cyp6a23/Cyp6a17* locus in the DGRP data, limiting the extent of possible sweep signatures.

## Global distribution of resistance allele frequencies

To study the global prevalence of the different resistance mutations identified in our GWAS we estimated their frequencies in the DGRP, as well as a panel of Global Diversity Lines (GDL) comprising fly strains from five different continents (Grenier et al. 2015). Figure 4C shows the frequencies of resistant (1) and susceptible (0) alleles — and combinations thereof at individual loci — for Ace, Cyp6a23, Dscam1, trpl, and CG7627, revealing substantial frequency variation between populations. For example, haplotypes with neither of the two resistance mutations at the Cyp6a23 locus (00) constitute only  $\sim$ 22% of the strains from Tasmania, but ~74% of the DGRP strains. By contrast, fully resistant strains (11) constitute  $\sim$ 75% of the strains from Tasmania, yet only  $\sim$ 17% in the DGRP. These patterns could suggest that more intense pyrethroid selection has occurred in Tasmania compared to the rest of the world. Allele frequency differences are even more pronounced at Ace. Here, haplotypes with none of the three resistance mutations (000) comprise ~96% of the strains from Zimbabwe, but only ~37% of strains from Beijing, suggesting that the least intense organophosphate selection has occurred in the Zimbabwe population. Among the resistant haplotypes at *Ace*, there is also surprising variation in terms of the frequencies of individual resistance allele combinations. For instance, the most common combination of resistance alleles in the DGRP is 111 at  $\sim$ 32%. Most of the other possible configurations with one or two resistance mutations also occur, yet at much lower frequencies. In the Beijing sample, however, the most frequency resistant configuration is 010 at  $\sim$ 47%, with the three-mutation configuration (111) present in only  $\sim$ 3% of strains. This extensive diversity in resistant haplotypes is consistent with a non-mutation-limited scenario in which individual resistance mutations can evolve rapidly and repeatedly at individual loci, such that even complex, multi-step adaptations can arise quickly with intermediate configurations not necessarily reaching high population frequency (Messer and Petrov 2013). This is also consistent with the possibility that different insecticides (carbamates and/or structurally different OPs) were used in different regions and that they are selecting for different mutations (Oppenoorth 1985).

## **DISCUSSION**

The evolutionary outcome from insecticide selection has proven to be extraordinarily difficult to predict and our results confirm this. We find that the results with deltamethrin were very unexpected, as no changes in the target site gene were found. This is in stark contrast to both how pyrethroid resistance has evolved in most insects, and to parathion where most of the resistance was conferred by *Ace* mutations. Furthermore, the genes identified and validated as having a secondary role in

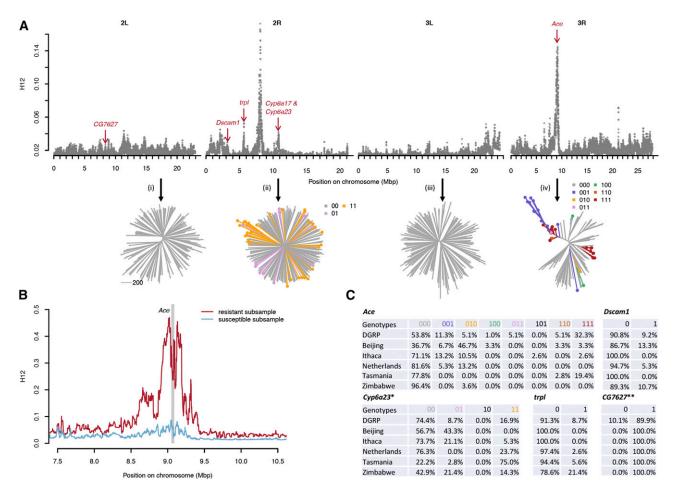


Figure 4 Population genetics of resistance to parathion and deltamethrin. A- Genome-wide H12 scan for all autosomal SNPs in the DGRP data, using window sizes of 800 segregating sites centered around each focal SNP. Red arrows indicate the positions of our candidate loci. The lower panel shows neighbor-joining tress for selected genomic windows of length 200 kbp from each autosomal arm: (i) a random window on 2R, (ii) window centered on the Cyp6a23 locus, (iii) a random window on 3L, and (iv) a window centered on the Ace locus. The coloring of the leaf nodes in (ii) and (iv) specifies the particular combination of resistance mutations each haplotype carries at the respective locus (e.g., 011 indicating presence of the second and third resistance mutation at Ace, while 000 indicates a haplotype with none of the three resistance mutations). B- H12 scan around the Ace locus after splitting the DGRP data into two subsets of genomes that either carry at least one of the three resistance mutations (resistant haplotypes) or do not carry any such mutation (susceptible haplotypes). The latter group was down-sampled so that both subsamples comprised the same number of genomes (n = 90). C- Frequencies of resistance mutations in the DGRP data and the five-continent reference panel of the global diversity lines (GDL) (Grenier et al. 2015). \*In Zimbabwe, at the first Cyp6a23 resistance locus an alternative allele is present in ~21.4% of the GDL strains that is not found in the DGRP, and for which we therefore do not know whether it is a resistant or susceptible allele. \*\*At the CG7627 locus, the resistant allele is the reference allele and the susceptible allele is an insertion of a single base pair. We did not observe this insertion in any of the GDL lines (although it could be possible that this indel exists in the panel but was not called in the data).

resistance to parathion or deltamethrin would not have been the ones that were expected based on previous resistance work. However, there were some consistencies between the parathion and deltamethrin results. The most notable part is that most of the resistance in both cases was primarily due to mutations at a single locus. The debate over whether insecticide resistance is most commonly monogenic or polygenic will not easily be resolved, as there are clear examples that both occur. Our data suggest that resistance to parathion and deltamethrin in the DGRP lines are polygenic, but that a single locus confers most of the resistance.

Much of the work on insecticide resistance has focused on changes in target site or detoxification genes, in part for historical reasons. However, identification of other genes that can be involved in resistance has been very challenging. GWAS studies like what we did have the potential to identify toxicologically relevant genes that would otherwise be very

difficult to identify. For example, our studies implicate Dscam1 and trpl in parathion resistance and CG7627 in resistance to deltamethrin. Based on what is known about these genes it is difficult to provide a physiological or toxicological explanation for their role. However, these are exciting genes for further investigations that could greatly improve our understanding of the poisoning process in insects. The former, the Down syndrome cell adhesion molecule 1 (Dscam1) is known for its involvement in self-avoidance mechanisms that are key during neurogenesis. It is not entirely surprising that it plays a role in the resistance against an insecticide that disrupts the nervous system. The later, CG7627, is known to be involved in membrane transport. We do not know much about this gene, but other proteins that are capable of transporting xenobiotics can alter the toxicity of insecticides (Sun et al. 2017). Most genetic variance for resistance relies on genes with a major effect, however, other genes clearly play a significant role.

Surprisingly, the genetics of resistance can be altered by the presence of Wolbachia. Beyond the fact that GWAS generally ignores the epistatic effect among genes, our study reveals clearly that the effect of resistant alleles can depend on Wolbachia infection. Wolbachia density can correlate positively with the presence of insecticide-resistant genes in mosquitoes (Berticat et al. 2002), however, it seems that the pleiotropic effect of Wolbachia on resistance alleles can have a major influence on the efficiency of the resistance, as it is the case for Dscam1 and trpl. This implies that Wolbachia could be a buffer to the effect of resistance alleles and prevent them from fixation.

Fruit production relies heavily on the use of insecticides. As such, *D.* melanogaster is expected to be under a strong selection pressure to develop resistance. Our results confirm this happening in the field, particularly for OPs and pyrethroids which were used in the decades preceding the collection of the DGRP lines. We selected parathion and deltamethrin as our prototypical OP and pyrethroid, respectively. However, what we observed in the DGRP lines is not necessarily the result of exclusive selection with parathion or deltamethrin, but rather the combined results of all OPs (and carbamates) and pyrethroids. This is important simply to prevent over-interpretation of our results. For example, the mutations in Ace that resulted in parathion resistance in the DGRP lines are likely the result of cumulative selection with multiple OPs (and carbamates), not necessarily the result of selection only with parathion. Conversely, Cyp6a23 is not involved in resistance to DDT, nitenpyram, dicyclanil nor diazinon (Daborn et al. 2007), but the selection on this gene could be due to pyrethroids other than deltamethrin.

While it is remarkable that the GWAS analysis for both insecticides identified a single locus, it is curious that in one case variation in toxicity was linked to mutations in the target site gene (Ace for parathion), but not for the other (Vssc for deltamethrin). This is not limited to the DGRP lines as evaluation of the Global Diversity Lines also showed that mutation in Vssc was not present. This makes D. melanogaster quite unusual as Vssc mutations are very common in pest species and have been found in at least one strain from virtually every pyrethroid/DDT resistant species examined (Dong et al. 2014). One possibility would be if there was a codon usage in D. melanogaster, such that the resistance mutation could not occur with a single nucleotide change. This has been proposed as a reason why organophosphate and carbamate insecticides had not selected for the G119S mutation in Ace in Aedes aegypti (Weill et al. 2004). The most common *Vssc* mutation is L1014/F/H/S/C/W (house fly numbering system) (Scott et al. 2013). The codon used by D. melanogaster at this position is CTT (same as house fly). Thus, a single nucleotide change could produce known resistance mutations at this position. Similarly, the T929I mutation can also confer pyrethroid resistance (Dong et al. 2014) and the codon at this position in D. melanogaster could accommodate this change with a single nucleotide mutation (from ACA to ATA). However ethyl methanesulfonate (EMS) mutagenesis led to the recovery of para (the D. melanogaster Vssc) mutants that were up to 22-fold resistant to DDT, and up to 10-fold resistant to deltamethrin (Pittendrigh et al. 1997) and recently the I265N para mutation was found to confer 6.threefold resistance to deltamethrin (Rinkevich et al. 2015). In contrast, permethrin selection of wild caught D. melanogaster failed to generate a resistant strain (R. Roush, personal communication), although cyclodiene selection of the same populations was highly successful (ffrench-Constant et al. 1990). Thus, under laboratory conditions para mutations can be made that result in insensitivity to pyrethoids (and DDT), but such mutations do not appear to underlie resistance in field populations of D. melanogaster (based on the DGRP and GDL lines and laboratory selections of field populations). It is difficult to reconcile why selection favored changes in a target site for OPs and yet favored changes in a detoxification gene for pyrethroids.

Our results provide an interesting comparison to the three other papers that have evaluated the DGRP lines to look for loci associated with resistance to DDT, azinphos-methyl and imidacloprid (Battlay et al. 2016; Schmidt et al. 2017; Denecke et al. 2017). Most striking is that different genes are responsible for azimphos-methyl and parathion, even though both are OPs. The major gene associated with azinphosmethyl resistance was Cyp6g1 with a secondary effect seen for CHKov1 (Battlay et al. 2016). In contrast, the major gene associated with parathion resistance was Ace with secondary effects seen for Dscam1 and trpl. Although mutations in Ace are a common mechanism of resistance to OPs (and carbamates), it has long been recognized that mutations in Ace that give insensitivity to one insecticide may provide little or no resistance to other OPs (or carbamates) (Oppenoorth 1985). However, the Ace mutations present in the DGRP lines render the protein less sensitive to inhibition by azinphos-methyl oxon, the bioactivated form of azinphos-methyl (Menozzi et al. 2004). One possibility why Ace was not detected as a locus for resistance to azinphos-methyl would be if Cyp6g1 was highly efficient at detoxification of this insecticide, such that the bioactivated form was not produced in lines that had this resistance allele. However, the Ace and Cyp6g1 mutations would be expected to segregate, giving a signal for both mutations and making it unclear why this locus was not detected for azinphos-methyl resistance (Battlay et al. 2016).

DDT was widely used from 1946 until resistance problems became wide spread (about 1960) and other more effective insecticides were introduced. DDT was banned by EPA in 1972. Organophosphates were introduced in the mid-1940s and became the most widely used class of insecticides from about 1955 - 1987. Pyrethroids were introduced about 1980 and rapidly rose to become the most widely used class of insecticides from about 1989-2000. Neonicotinoids (specifically imidacloprid) was registered for use in fruit about 1994 and have been the most widely used class of insecticides since about 2000. The DGRP lines were collected in 2003 (Mackay et al. 2012). Thus, use of the DGRP lines to evaluate DDT resistance would be searching for signs of selection that would have ceased nearly 50 years ago. In the case of OPs and pyrethroids, the selection has been ongoing for over 50 and 30 years, respectively. In the case of neonicotinoids, the selection would have been for only about a decade. Based on this, we might expect that we would detect the strongest to weakest signals for parathion, followed by deltamethrin and then imidacloprid and/or DDT. Exceptions to this might occur if there was cross-resistance between one of these insecticides and what was used in the field. Given the different loci that were detected for parathion, deltamethrin and imidacloprid, suggests this is unlikely and indicates the detected loci were the result of OP or carbamate, pyrethroid and neonicotinoid insecticides, respectively. However, Cyp6g1 was detected for DDT, azinphos-methyl and imidacloprid resistance. Thus, the GWAS analysis for DDT may not represent what evolved in the population due to DDT use, but rather what evolved in the population over the last 40 years that conferred cross-resistance to DDT.

Altogether our study confirms that insecticides apply a strong selection pressure even on insects, like *D. melanogaster*, that are not the targeted pest and highlight that pesticide management should take into account the effect on the whole insect community. Furthermore, the fact that resistance can be buffered by the presence of the common endosymbiont *Wolbachia* and can evolve through changes in target site or in detoxification enzyme depending on the insecticides and on the insect species make evolution of resistance in those communities fairly unpredictable. However, resistance alleles were present in populations sampled throughout the world showing that even if unpredictable, evolution of resistance to insecticide is repeatable.

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