

1 **Genomic data reveal a north-south split and introgression history of blood fluke**  
2 **(*Schistosoma haematobium*) populations from across Africa**

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22 **Abstract:** The human parasitic fluke, *Schistosoma haematobium* hybridizes with the livestock  
23 parasite *S. bovis* in the laboratory, but the extent of hybridization in nature is unclear. We analyzed  
24 34.6 million single nucleotide variants in 162 samples from 18 African countries, revealing a sharp

25 genetic discontinuity between northern and southern *S. haematobium*. We found no evidence for  
26 recent hybridization. Instead the data reveal admixture events that occurred 257-879 generations  
27 ago in northern *S. haematobium* populations. Fifteen introgressed *S. bovis* genes are  
28 approaching fixation in northern *S. haematobium* with four genes potentially driving adaptation.  
29 We identified 19 regions that were resistant to introgression; these were enriched on the sex  
30 chromosomes. These results (i) demonstrate strong barriers to gene flow between these species,  
31 (ii) indicate that hybridization may be less common than currently envisaged, but (iii) reveal  
32 profound genomic consequences of interspecific hybridization between schistosomes of medical  
33 and veterinary importance.

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## 35 Introduction

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37 Hybridization and the transfer of alleles via introgression is an important source of genetic  
38 variation between species (1). This process allows for allelic variants, which have already been  
39 preselected in a donor species, to be introduced into the genome of a recipient species in a single  
40 generation. By comparison, it may take multiple generations for random mutation and selection  
41 to deliver comparable levels of genetic variation in the absence of introgression (2). As a result,  
42 introgressive hybridization, can result in rapid evolution of new genetic traits in hybridizing  
43 species. Hybridization between human and animal parasites can lead to the emergence of  
44 parasites with novel traits such as increased pathogenicity (3), expanded host range (4), altered  
45 transmission dynamics (5) and drug resistance (6). Understanding the frequency and impact of  
46 such hybridization events is critical for devising effective disease intervention strategies.

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48 Members of the blood fluke genus *Schistosoma* parasitize a range of mammal species and cause  
49 substantial morbidity and economic loss (7). One pair of species, *S. haematobium*, a human  
50 parasite, and *S. bovis*, an ungulate parasite common in domestic livestock, are genetically  
51 divergent (3-5% and 18% divergent in the nuclear and mitochondrial genomes respectively), but  
52 can hybridize and produce viable offspring when given the opportunity (8). Given the close  
53 proximity between humans and their livestock and the regular use of the same water bodies, the  
54 potential for hybridization between these species is a particular concern and a significant effort  
55 has been mounted to identify, monitor and map *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* hybrids (9). Multiple  
56 studies have reported mitochondrial and/or ribosomal DNA from *S. bovis* in *S. haematobium*  
57 populations (for examples see 8, 10, 11, 12). The high frequency of individuals with discordant  
58 mitochondrial and nuclear markers has been used to argue that hybridization is common and that  
59 the zoonotic threat of *S. bovis* should be considered in human schistosomiasis control programs  
60 (13).

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62 However, several more recent multi-marker and genomic studies using single nucleotide variants  
63 (SNVs), microsatellites markers and whole genome sequence assemblies have suggested that  
64 hybridization between *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* may not occur as frequently as previously  
65 postulated. Exome (14), whole genome (15), and microsatellite data (16), and others (17-20)  
66 failed to identify evidence of contemporary hybridization in field-collected parasites. Instead, these  
67 studies indicate that *S. bovis* and *S. haematobium* are genetically distinct and do not hybridize  
68 frequently but evidence for historical hybridization is clearly evident within genomes of *S.*

69 *haematobium*. As a result, some *S. bovis* genes have introgressed into the *S. haematobium*  
70 population and reached high frequency; evidence of a potential, adaptive introgression event (14,  
71 15, 17, 19).

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73 In this study, we build upon previous work and try to address knowledge gaps by analyzing a  
74 comprehensive dataset of 34.6 million genome-wide SNVs from *S. bovis* (n=21) and *S.*  
75 *haematobium* (n=141) samples collected from 18 countries across the African continent. Many of  
76 these samples presented discordant mitochondrial and ribosomal DNA profiles and were  
77 categorized as *S. haematobium-bovis* hybrids. This expanded dataset, and recent availability of  
78 a high-quality *S. haematobium* genome assembly (21), allows for a more detailed examination of  
79 the genetic relationships between these two species and the potential consequences of  
80 hybridization on their evolution and epidemiology. Our results: (i) reveal a strong discontinuity  
81 between northern and southern *S. haematobium* populations; (ii) define similar genomic  
82 introgression profiles in *S. haematobium* sampled from locations 3,002 Km apart; (iii) fine-map  
83 introgressed genome regions and identify putative genes driving adaptive introgression; (iv)  
84 identify two distinct lineages of *S. bovis*-like mitochondrial DNA in northern *S. haematobium*,  
85 consistent with rare, ancient introgression and (v) identify “introgression deserts” on the ZW  
86 chromosomes consistent with the sex chromosomes maintaining species integrity. These results  
87 enhance our understanding of *Schistosoma spp.* epidemiology, with important implications for  
88 control efforts.

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## 90 **Results**

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92 DNA Sequencing and Genotyping – We examined 219 *Schistosoma* samples from 24 countries  
93 (Figure 1A). Just over 80% (n=176) of the samples were collected as part of this study with the  
94 remaining 43 samples made available through open access resources. Median genome coverage  
95 per sample was 29.7x. After filtering, the final dataset contained 35,817,757 total SNVs, 7,206,957  
96 common (minor allele frequency; MAF>0.05%) SNVs, and 446,162 common unlinked SNVs  
97 genotyped from 162 samples (141 *S. haematobium* and 21 *S. bovis*; Figure 1B). NCBI Short Read  
98 Archive (SRA) accessions and sample metadata are available in Supplemental Table 1.

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100 Population structure and ancestry - We examined relationships among samples with a PCA of  
101 355,715 unlinked, common, autosomal SNVs (Figure 1C). Each of our samples fell into one of 3  
102 K-means clusters along PC1 and PC2. The three clusters corresponded with (a) *S. haematobium*

103 individuals from northern Africa, (b) southern Africa, and (c) all *S. bovis* samples. The northern  
104 population includes samples collected in Cameroon, Cote d' Ivoire, Egypt Gambia, Guinea  
105 Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Sudan. The southern population includes  
106 samples collected from Angola, Eswatini, Kenya, Madagascar, Namibia, Tanzania, Uganda,  
107 Zambia, and Zanzibar. In general, the equator was used to delineate the northern and southern  
108 populations. No samples were placed intermediate between the *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis*  
109 clusters: we found no evidence for F1 *S. haematobium-bovis* hybrids among these samples. The  
110 weighted, Weir and Cockerham  $F_{ST}$  (22, 23) between the *S. bovis* and *S. haematobium* samples  
111 was high ( $F_{ST} \geq 0.74-0.79$ ). We observed strong subdivision between northern and SE *S.*  
112 *haematobium* populations ( $F_{ST} = 0.16$ ; Figure 1C) with multiple peaks (Figure 2D). There were  
113 275,657 sites showing fixed differences ( $F_{ST} = 1$ ) between *S. bovis* and *S. haematobium*  
114 (Supplemental Table 2).

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116 We used Admixture v1.3.0 (24) to quantify ancestry among the samples (Figure 1D, Supplemental  
117 Figure 1). We found that when  $k=2$ , *S. bovis* and south African *S. haematobium* individuals were  
118 exclusively assigned different ancestry components. By contrast *S. haematobium* samples  
119 collected from north Africa was a composite of the two population components including 0.5-  
120 26.2% (median = 4.2%) of the *S. bovis* population component. Nigeria was an outlier (Kruskal-  
121 Wallis H test statistic = 7915,  $P$ -value = 0.0049; Supplemental Figure 2), showing significantly  
122 higher levels of introgression together with extremely high variance in introgression levels (2.8 –  
123 26.2%): further analyses of Nigerian samples will be of considerable interest.

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125 Reference biases - We tested the data for read-mapping reference biases, which could occur if  
126 non-*haematobium* species map poorly to the *S. haematobium* reference assembly  
127 (GCF\_000699445.3). Mapping rates were 77.7%, 82.8% and 76.3% for *S. bovis*, northern *S.*  
128 *haematobium* and southern *S. haematobium* populations (Figure 1A). A  $t$ -Test failed to identify  
129 differential mapping rates between *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* ( $p = 0.397$ ), suggesting that  
130 reference bias does not significantly contribute to the results observed.

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132 Phylogenetics - The species tree generated using SVDquartets and nuclear SNVs revealed a  
133 well-resolved topology. We examined 2,500,000 random quartets, representing 8.82% of all  
134 possible distinct quartets. Of these, 18.5% ( $n = 463,571$ ) were incompatible with the final tree  
135 (Figure 3). *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* were resolved into two clades and *S. haematobium*  
136 population tips generally fell into clades reflecting geographic relationships.

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138 On average, we were able to assemble 15,558.4 bp of the mitochondrial genome for each sample  
139 4,757 of which were phylogenetically informative sites. The mitochondrial phylogeny (Figure 4)  
140 reveals two major mitochondrial haplotypes, one containing *S. haematobium* individuals from  
141 across Africa and another clade containing all of the *S. bovis* and 38 north African *S.*  
142 *haematobium*. The presence of *S. haematobium* samples within a larger *S. bovis* clade is  
143 consistent with *S. bovis* mitochondrial introgression into *S. haematobium* that has been frequently  
144 reported in field samples (ex. 25). Within the *S. bovis* clade, all *S. haematobium* samples with the  
145 introgressed *S. bovis* mitochondria fell into two monophyletic groups, clades “A” and “B”. mtDNA  
146 haplotypes from these two clades were from samples widely distributed in northern Africa. For  
147 example, the same clade “A” haplotype was found in samples from Egypt, Niger and Cote d’Ivoire  
148 (>3,300 km apart). The clade “B” haplotype was found in Niger, Nigeria and Cote d’Ivoire, a linear  
149 distance of 1,171 km. Bootstrap support for each of these major clades was strong (100%).  
150 Phylogenetic trees in Newick format are available in the supplementary materials.

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152 Hybridization and Introgression - We used four methods to identify signatures of hybridization and  
153 introgression between *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis*. These methods include the  $f_3$ ,  $D$ -statistic,  
154 local ancestry assignment (RFmix; 26) and phylogenetic discordance (TWISST; 27). First, the  
155 (NW: SE, Sb)  $f_3 = -0.128$  (SE=  $0.8e^{-3}$ , z-score=-156.4) was significantly negative indicating the  
156 north African *S. haematobium* population contains *S. bovis* ancestry. Next, we used the  $D$ -statistic  
157 to test for introgression between *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* while accounting for lineage sorting  
158 (Figure 2E). We averaged  $D$  in 10Kb blocks.  $D$  was significantly positive ( $D=0.46$ ,  $\sigma_M=0.007$ ,  
159  $n=30,278$ ) indicating introgression between north African *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis*.

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161 We examined the landscape of introgression across the genome using local ancestry with  
162 RFmix. We used 38 southern African *S. haematobium* lacking *S. bovis* introgression and 13 *S.*  
163 *bovis* samples to serve as reference panels for “pure” *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis*. RFmix  
164 results showed that ancestry across the genome was not uniformly distributed in the north African  
165 population (Figure 2A). Within the north African population, *S. bovis* ancestry blocks ranged in  
166 frequency from 0-100% at any particular locus. Each north African *S. haematobium* sample  
167 contained 4.1-22.0% *S. bovis* ancestry (median 7.0%). By comparison the median *S. bovis*  
168 ancestry was 0.02% and 100% in the southern *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* control samples,  
169 respectively.

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171 We used TWISST v67b9a66 (27) as an independent method for identifying local introgression.  
172 TWISST, measures shifting gene tree frequencies across the genome. Trees were generated  
173 from 37,200 non-overlapping, 10kb, sliding windows. On average (mean) each window contained  
174 657.3 SNVs. We examined the three possible topologies between northern *S. haematobium*,  
175 southern *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* using *S. margrebowiei* (GCA\_944470205.2; 28) as an  
176 outgroup (Figure 2B). The expected species tree, with a monophyletic clade of *S. haematobium*,  
177 sister to *S. bovis* was the most common with a mean weight of 0.876 across the genome. The  
178 discordant topology uniting northern *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* was the second most abundant  
179 topology (weight = 0.085) compared to the topology with southern *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis*  
180 (weight = 0.039).

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182 We examined the genome for regions that are devoid of introgressed *S. bovis* in the northern *S.*  
183 *haematobium* population. There were 918 genomic regions lacking *S. bovis* alleles with a median  
184 size of 35.8Kb (Figure 2F). With log transformation and robust Z-scores we identified 19 genome  
185 regions that were significant outliers in terms of length ranging from 1.13-6 Mb (median 1.67 Mb).  
186 Thirteen of the 19 genome regions were on the ZW scaffold and accounted for 32% (28.6 Mb) of  
187 its total length.

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189 Introgression profiles in different countries - We examined the pattern of introgression in individual  
190 countries of north Africa (Supplemental Figure 3) as determined by RFMix. The overall patterns  
191 of introgression across the genome were consistent between north African populations. Pairwise  
192 comparisons of introgressed allele frequencies between countries were positively correlated ( $r =$   
193  $0.59-0.8$ ; Supplemental Figure 4) despite distances spanning up to 3,000 km.

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195 Impact of introgression on nucleotide diversity and genetic differentiation of *S. haematobium* - We  
196 masked introgressed alleles within individual genomes, and recalculated  $\pi$ ,  $F_{ST}$  and a PCA  
197 (Figure 5). Prior to masking, mean nucleotide diversity ( $\pi$ ), was 2.3-fold greater in the northern  
198 ( $\pi = 2.991 \times 10^{-3}$ ) vs southern ( $\pi = 1.278 \times 10^{-3}$ ) *S. haematobium*, and  $\pi$  was 3.3-fold greater in  
199 *S. bovis* ( $\pi = 8.329 \times 10^{-3}$ ) than the entirety of *S. haematobium* ( $\pi = 2.523 \times 10^{-3}$ ). After masking,  
200 northern African *S. haematobium* nucleotide diversity was reduced to nearly identical levels seen  
201 in the south population:  $\pi_{NW} = 2.991 \times 10^{-3}$  to  $\pi_{NW} = 1.07 \times 10^{-3}$ . By comparison, removing  
202 introgressed alleles had no impact on  $F_{ST}$  ( $F_{ST} = 0.154$ ) between northern and southern *S.*  
203 *haematobium*. Additionally, the structure of the PCA was retained, demonstrating that the  
204 differentiation between NW and SE Africa is not driven by introgression.



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206 Both PCA (Fig 1 and 5) analyses and Admixture (k=3) plots (Supplemental Figure 1) recovered  
207 one *S. bovis* and two *S. haematobium* population components. The distribution of these  
208 components, shows a clear distinction between countries in the north and south, with a boundary  
209 that extends from Cameroon to Somalia and into Madagascar (Figure 5A). This boundary  
210 generally coincides with the distribution of *S. bovis* in north and central Africa (29) with a few  
211 exceptions (30, 31). The division of the *S. haematobium* into northern and southern populations  
212 was consistent among analyses with one exception. Madagascar was an intermediate population  
213 in Admixture analysis (k=3). In the PCA, samples from Madagascar area assigned to the southern  
214 cluster, but they form a distinct subgroup that is intermediate between the remaining southern  
215 and northern samples.

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217 Dating Introgression - We used the size of introgressed haplotype blocks to estimate the number  
218 of generations since hybridization for each *S. haematobium* sample in north Africa (Supplemental  
219 Figure 5). This gave estimated hybridization dates of ~257-879 generations ago (Median – 426  
220 generations, 95% confidence intervals = 281.6-764 generations). *S. haematobium* generation  
221 time varies from 3-4 (32) months in lab populations, but is estimated to be 6-12 months in wild  
222 populations (33). These generation times imply that admixture between *S. haematobium* and *S.*  
223 *bovis* occurred ~106 years ago assuming four generations per year (high transmission) or 426  
224 years assuming one generation per year (low and / or seasonal transmission). Dating estimates  
225 varied between countries: median estimates are lowest in Egypt (286.9) and highest in Nigeria  
226 (565) despite their relatively close proximity. A one-way ANOVA indicated significant differences  
227 in the number of generations since hybridization between countries ( $p$ -value =  $1.3e^{-10}$ ;  
228 Supplemental Figure 5).

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230 Selection and adaptive introgression - We examined *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* populations  
231 for signatures of selection using normalized, xpEHH (Figure 2C). We found 996 statistically  
232 significant xpEHH values after multiple test correction. We combined values within 1Mb to identify  
233 15 genome regions with signatures of positive selection in the northern population and five in the  
234 southern population (Supplemental Table 3). The median normalized xpEHH in each of these  
235 regions was  $>|6|$  and the windows ranged in size from 3 bp to 709,928 bp (mean 139,942 bp).

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237 We combined selection and introgression analyses to identify genome regions showing evidence  
238 for adaptive introgression of *S. bovis* alleles into the northern *S. haematobium* population. These



239 regions contained outlier values for selection (xpEHH), elevated Patterson's D ( $D \geq 0$ ) indicative  
240 of introgression, high levels of *S. bovis* ancestry (>95%) and significant differentiation from  
241 southern *S. haematobium* ( $F_{ST} \geq 95^{\text{th}}$  percentile). Two genome regions met these criteria;  
242 chromosome four (NC\_067199.1: 28,476,500-28,813,500) and chromosome five  
243 (NC\_067200.1:9,773,000-10,447,000). These genome regions span 1.01 Mb and 15 genes; eight  
244 on chr four and seven on chr five (Table 1). Of the 74,955 SNVs in these regions, 989 are  
245 nonsense or missense mutations. We found 37 missense SNVs where the *S. bovis* allele is at or  
246 near fixation in the northern population (Supplemental Table 4). All of these variants are on chr  
247 four and fall within four genes; leishmanolysin-like peptidase, a Rho GTPase-activating protein  
248 35, Jumonji domain-containing protein six (JMJD6\_4), and Jumonji domain-containing protein six  
249 (JMJD6\_3).

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## 251 Discussion

252 Our analysis of >38 million SNVs provides compelling evidence that *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis*  
253 are genetically well differentiated. This conclusion is supported by multiple lines of evidence: high  
254  $F_{ST}$  values ( $F_{ST} \geq 0.74-0.79$ ; Figure 1C; Figure 2D), distinction by PCA (Figure 1C), strong  
255 differentiation by ancestry components in Admixture analyses (Figure 1D) and well supported  
256 monophyletic clades in the nuclear species tree (Figure 3). The agreement between these  
257 approaches suggests that strong barriers to gene flow exist between these two species.

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259 Our analysis revealed that northern African *S. haematobium* are genetically differentiated ( $F_{ST} =$   
260 0.16) from the southern population. The boundary between these populations appears to extend  
261 from Cameroon, Gabon, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, and Ethiopia (Figure 5A).  
262 When introgressed *S. bovis* alleles were removed from genomic data,  $F_{ST}$  between these  
263 populations remained unchanged ( $F_{ST} = 0.154$ ). Hence, genetic differences between the northern  
264 and southern populations do not appear to be driven by introgressed *S. bovis* alleles.

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266 Our results indicate barriers to gene flow exist between northern and southern *S. haematobium*.  
267 The southern *S. haematobium* clade is monophyletic within a larger clade of northern African *S.*  
268 *haematobium* (Figure 3). This indicates that *S. haematobium* originated in one of the northern  
269 African countries and is consistent with previous work that identified the Arabian Peninsula/Asia  
270 as a potential ancestral source population (34). It is possible that the two populations are defined  
271 by the distribution of their intermediate hosts. Regional differences in parasite compatibility with  
272 their intermediate snail hosts can occur within limited geographical areas (35). *S. haematobium*

273 from North Africa and the Middle East are transmitted by the *Bulinus truncatus/tropicus* species  
274 complex and parasites from the Afro-tropical region are transmitted by snails of the *Bulinus*  
275 *africanus* group (36). The presence of such a barrier has important implications for our  
276 understanding of the ecological and epidemiological factors that shape the distribution and  
277 dynamics of these two parasite populations. Further investigation at the population boundaries  
278 may provide new insights into biological differences and incompatibilities between northern and  
279 southern *S. haematobium* populations.

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281 Four aspects of our results support an ancient introgression hypothesis. First, each of the north  
282 African *S. haematobium* samples contain low levels of *S. bovis* ancestry with the exception of the  
283 sole Cameroonian sample. Percentages of *S. bovis* ancestry per individual are similar across  
284 multiple analyses: introgressed haplotype blocks from RFMix account for 4.1-22% of individual  
285 genomes in the northern *S. haematobium* population, while the population component associated  
286 with *S. bovis* in Admixture ranges from 5-26.2% at  $K=2$ .

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288 Second, the landscape of introgressed alleles across the genome is consistent across north  
289 African samples (Supplemental Figure 3) and positively correlated (Supplemental Figure 4)  
290 despite being separated by  $\leq 3,000$  Km. For this profile to be conserved across such a broad  
291 distance suggests (A) it occurred in an ancestor of the north African *S. haematobium* or (B)  
292 introgressed alleles provided a selective advantage that spread throughout the north African  
293 population. Our data support the later with the nuclear phylogeny (Figure 3) showing that the  
294 northern population is paraphyletic; the southern population is a monophyletic clade within this  
295 group and it lacks introgressed *S. bovis* alleles. We also observe that some introgressed alleles  
296 have reached high frequency in the north African population and show signs of selection (Figure  
297 2). Finally, our data suggest that there is a barrier to gene flow/migration between northern and  
298 southern *S. haematobium* populations, restricting dispersal of introgressed alleles to the southern  
299 population.

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301 Third, mitochondrial DNA provides insights into a minimal number of hybridization events. 58% of  
302 northern *S. haematobium* samples contain introgressed *S. bovis* mitochondria (Figure 4). If the  
303 introgressed *S. bovis* mitochondria were the result of contemporary hybridization, we would  
304 expect sister relationships between *S. bovis* and *S. haematobium* at the terminal branches of the  
305 tree. However, we find that introgressed *S. haematobium* individuals with introgressed *S. bovis*  
306 mitochondrial genomes form two monophyletic clades. Clade “A” contains samples from Egypt,

307 Niger, and Cote d' Ivoire, and Clade "B" contains samples from Niger, Nigeria, and Cote d' Ivoire;  
308 each clade spanning >1,000 Km. The most parsimonious interpretation of the phylogeny is that  
309 the introgressed *S. bovis* mitochondria share two distinct origins and imply at least two admixture  
310 events resulting from mating between a *S. bovis* female and *S. haematobium* male that occurred  
311 in the distant past. We note that laboratory crosses between *S. haematobium* are often  
312 asymmetric, and may only produce offspring when male *S. haematobium* are mated with female  
313 *S. bovis* (37) or produce more male offspring (32). As females are the heterogametic sex, F1  
314 females are expected to show reduced fitness (Haldane's rule; 38). This may contribute to the  
315 limited number of *S. bovis* mtDNA lineages observed in *S. haematobium* populations.

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317 Fourth, introgressed *S. bovis* nuclear loci are heavily fragmented within the *S. haematobium*  
318 genomes indicating multiple generations since introgression. Our estimates of time since  
319 introgression span 257-879 generations ago (95% confidence interval). Introgressed loci were  
320 measured in tens of kilobases (median = 76.3 Kb) and the largest blocks extended into the  
321 megabases (max = 4.05 Mb). This contrasts with early generation hybrids which would have  
322 introgressed block lengths spanning, or nearly spanning entire chromosomes (39). One Nigerian  
323 sample contained ~25% introgressed DNA, consistent with expectations for a F2 backcross.  
324 However, the maximum introgressed fragment size in a Nigerian sample was only 2.83 Mb and  
325 median block size in these samples ranged from 47.1-97.6 Kb indicating multiple recombination  
326 events. We found that the time since introgression was significantly different between multiple  
327 countries (Figure 6). For example, neighboring countries Niger (453 generations) and Nigeria  
328 (565 generations) were not significantly different, but introgression in Cote d' Ivoire (385  
329 generations) appears to have occurred more recently. The variation in the estimates of  
330 generations since introgression are consistent with several regional introgression events.  
331 Alternatively, variation in age estimates between countries could reflect extrinsic factors like  
332 seasonality or intervention strategies that could lengthen or reduce generation times within sub-  
333 populations. If this were the cause, it is possible that the number of generations that have lapsed  
334 since an introgression event may vary between countries.

335  
336 *S. bovis* shows 3.3-fold higher diversity than *S. haematobium*, while genetic diversity ( $\pi$ ) is 2.3-  
337 fold greater in the north *S. haematobium* population than in the south African *S. haematobium*  
338 population. When the introgressed *S. bovis* alleles are removed from the analyses, this difference  
339 in genetic diversity between the north and south *S. haematobium* populations is reduced to just  
340 1.05-fold and  $\pi$  is not significantly different (Figure 5B). By contrast,  $F_{ST}$  values between northern

341 and southern *S. haematobium* are consistent whether introgressed alleles are considered ( $F_{ST} =$   
342 0.16) or not ( $F_{ST} = 0.154$ ) and the relationship among samples in the PCAs is nearly identical  
343 when introgressed alleles are included or excluded. These results indicate (i) that the elevated  $\pi$   
344 in northern African *S. haematobium* results from *S. bovis* introgression and (ii) that northern and  
345 southern *S. haematobium* populations are well differentiated even after removing introgressed *S.*  
346 *bovis* alleles.

347  
348 Given that introgressed *S. bovis* alleles have persisted in the northern *S. haematobium*  
349 population, we examined the data for signals of adaptive introgression. We found two introgressed  
350 genome regions with signals of positive selection in the northern population on chr four  
351 (NC\_067199.1:28,348,440-28,877,530) and chr five (NC\_067200.1:9,712,340-10,514,400).  
352 Despite the convergence of signals to these regions, we were not able to identify variants driving  
353 selection in these regions. We found 37 missense SNVs where the *S. bovis* allele was nearly  
354 fixed in the northern population, but none withstood multiple test correction for directional  
355 selection. These variants occur in four genes (WormBaseParaSite v18.0; 40), a Rho GTPase-  
356 activating protein 35 ( $n_{SNVs} = 30$ ; MS3\_00007803) a Leishmanolysin-like peptidase ( $n_{SNVs} = 4$ ;  
357 MS3\_00007802), and two members of the Jumonji domain-containing protein 6 family; JMJD6\_4  
358 ( $n_{SNVs} = 1$ ; MS3\_00010935) and JMJD6\_3 ( $n_{SNVs} = 2$ ; MS3\_00010934). The same  
359 Leishmanolysin-like peptidase (Table 1) has been identified as a candidate for adaptive  
360 introgression from *S. bovis* into *S. haematobium* in two previous studies (14, 15). Genes in same  
361 invadolysin gene family are known to modulate the snail host immune system in *Schistosoma*  
362 *mansoni* (41, 42) and this particular gene has been associated with cell migration and invasion in  
363 other parasitic taxa (43).

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365 We also observed genomic regions on three chromosomes of the *S. haematobium* samples  
366 where *S. bovis* introgression is rare or absent (Figure 2F). These introgression deserts may  
367 contain hybrid incompatibility loci that result in reduced fitness of early generation hybrids and  
368 present barriers to further introgression. Thirteen of the 19 regions occur on the sex  
369 chromosomes. This is consistent with expectations given that a reduced recombination and  
370 smaller effective populations size of the sex chromosomes expose deleterious, introgressed  
371 alleles to strong selection pressures (44) and could lead to female sterility as predicted by  
372 Haldane's rule.

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374 Understanding hybridization and introgression between *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* is important  
375 for disease control. If hybridization between these species is infrequent, then there may be  
376 minimal benefit in linking strategies that manage both human (*S. haematobium*) and livestock (*S.*  
377 *bovis*) *Schistosoma* species. Consistent with this, our results from these samples suggest that  
378 hybridization between these species is rare, and gene flow is insufficient to break down strong  
379 reproductive barriers between these species. However, adaptive introgression has introduced *S.*  
380 *bovis* alleles into *S. haematobium* populations. This is a clear example of alleles being transferred  
381 between livestock and human parasites through introgression. Some *S. bovis* alleles have  
382 reached high frequency and are likely selectively advantageous. Future work should aim to  
383 understand how the introgressed *S. bovis* variants contribute to the fitness of *S. haematobium*  
384 individuals. The strong differentiation between northern *S. haematobium* populations, carrying  
385 introgressed *S. bovis* alleles and southern *S. haematobium* populations, with no introgression, is  
386 of particular interest. Additionally, future work should examine differences between northern and  
387 southern *S. haematobium* populations, and test whether they are reproductively isolated.

388

389 Several limitations to our study and its conclusions should be noted. First, our results indicate that  
390 hybridization between *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* is rare and ancient when measured on the  
391 continental scale. While early generation hybrids between *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* may be  
392 found with further sampling, it is clear that strong barriers to gene flow maintain species integrity.  
393 Second, recombination rates have not been quantified in *S. haematobium* so our estimates of  
394 age of admixture are based on recombination rates measured in *Schistosoma mansoni* (45). To  
395 improve the accuracy of these estimates, direct measures of recombination rates from *S.*  
396 *haematobium* genetic crosses are needed. Third, our results pertain to *S. haematobium* and *S.*  
397 *bovis*. Extant hybridization between other schistosome species (*S. haematobium*/*S. guineensis*  
398 and *S. bovis*/*S. curassoni*) have been documented in field collected samples with genomic data  
399 (46, 47). Our results suggest that *Schistosoma* species pairs may form a spectrum in hybridization  
400 frequency and compatibility. Future work to understand the factors that impact hybridization and  
401 present barriers to gene flow between schistosomes species pairs will be of great interest, and  
402 can provide a more nuanced understanding of hybridization and potential implications for  
403 schistosome control.

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405 **Online Methods**

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407 Sample collection: description, ethics, and identification – We used samples or data from three  
408 sources. i) The first dataset was generated from samples provided by the Schistosomiasis  
409 Collection At the Natural History Museum (48) which is housed at the Natural History Museum  
410 (London). SCAN samples consisted of individual miracidia and cercariae preserved on Whatman  
411 FTA cards (49). We analyzed 114 *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* samples from 123 individual  
412 hosts (snails or humans) and 12 Africa countries. ii) In addition to the SCAN samples, we collected  
413 nine adult *Schistosoma* worms, presumed to be *S. bovis*, from the intestines of routinely  
414 slaughtered cattle from meat vendors at three abattoirs located in Auchi, Benin City, and Enugu  
415 in Nigeria. In the laboratory, the mesenteric vessels of each purchased intestines were visually  
416 inspected for schistosome parasites. Adult schistosomes were recovered using forceps and  
417 washed in saline solution. Adult pairs were separated into males and females before being stored  
418 in 96% ethanol for subsequent DNA isolation analyses. iii) Finally, for the third source of data we  
419 used whole genome sequence data from NCBI (14, 15, 17, 21, 28, 50).

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421 Samples provided by the SCAN repository were originally collected in accordance with protocols  
422 approved by local, state, and national authorities, including the Ministry of Health. The Imperial  
423 College Research Ethics Committee (ICREC) at Imperial College London, in conjunction with  
424 ongoing Schistosomiasis Control Initiative (SCI) activities, provided additional ethical guidance  
425 for samples collected through the CONTRAST program. Ethical clearance and study protocols  
426 for Nigerian samples were approved by the National Health Research Ethics Committee of Nigeria  
427 (NHREC) (protocol number: NHREC/01/01/2007– 30/10/2020 and approval number:  
428 NHREC/01/01/2007– 29/03/2021) and the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of University of Texas  
429 Health, San Antonio Texas, United States of America (protocol number: HSC20180612H).  
430 Informed consent was obtained from all participants, with processes tailored to ensure  
431 understanding and voluntary participation. All data were anonymized to protect participant  
432 privacy, and schistosomiasis-positive individuals were treated with a single dose of praziquantel  
433 (40 mg/kg). For livestock parasite collection, approval was secured from local veterinarians. No  
434 animals were euthanized for research purposes; *Schistosoma* samples were collected during  
435 routine activities at abattoirs. Further details on collection methods, ethical approvals, and data  
436 availability for public samples can be found in their respective publications documented in  
437 Supplemental Table 1.

438

439 Provisional species identifications were assigned to cercariae and miracidia based on sampled  
440 host. For example, miracidia hatched from eggs collected from human urine samples were



441 assumed to be *S. haematobium* while miracidia hatched from eggs in cattle feces were assumed  
442 to be *S. bovis*. Cercariae collected from snails were identified by Sanger sequencing the  
443 mitochondrial *cox1* region and the ribosomal internal transcribed spacer (ITS) rDNA region as  
444 previously described (20). Downstream genetic analysis with whole genome SNVs was used to  
445 confirm and reassign species identifications where necessary.

446

447 Library prep and sequencing – DNA from single parasites stored on FTA cards was subjected to  
448 whole-genome amplification (WGA) using methods previously described in (49). DNA was  
449 extracted from single male adult *S. bovis* worms using the DNeasy® Blood and Tissue kit before  
450 subsequent WGA. We quantified amount of schistosome DNA in each WGA sample by real time  
451 quantitative PCR (qPCR) reactions using the single copy gene  $\alpha$ -tubulin 1 gene markers primers  
452 (*S. haematobium*: forward [GGT GGT ACT GGT TCT GGT TT], reverse [AAA GCA CAA TCC  
453 GAA TGT TCT AA]; *S. bovis*: forward [ATG GCC TCG TTA TCA ACC AT], reverse [TGG CCT  
454 CGT TAT CAA CCA TA] following previously described protocol in (49). DNA sequencing libraries  
455 were generated from 500 ng of DNA per sample using the KAPA Hyperplus kit protocol with the  
456 following modifications: i) enzymatic fragmentation at 37°C for 10 minutes, ii) adapter ligation at  
457 20°C for an hour, and iii) 4 cycles of library PCR amplification. After qPCR quantification of each  
458 library with KAPA Library Quantification Kits, samples with similar concentrations were combined  
459 into pools for sequencing at 4nM, while samples with disparate concentrations were equalized in  
460 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.5 before pooling. Libraries were sequenced with 150 bp paired-end reads  
461 on two Illumina NovaSeq flowcell. All resulting reads were deposited in the NCBI Short Read  
462 Archive under BioProject PRJNA636746 and are documented in Supplemental Table 1.

463

464 Computing environment - Analyses were conducted on the Texas Biomedical Research Institute's  
465 high-performance computing cluster, with worker nodes containing 96 cores and 1 TB of memory.  
466 Computational environments were managed using Conda v22.9.0. Environmental recipe files,  
467 Jupyter notebooks, and other code can be archived on GitHub  
468 ([github.com/nealplatt/sch\\_hae\\_scan](https://github.com/nealplatt/sch_hae_scan) v0.1z) and at DOI:10.5281/zenodo.13124718.

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470 Read filtering and Mapping - Raw reads were quality trimmed with trimmomatic v0.39 (51) using  
471 the following parameters: LEADING:10, TRAILING:10, SLIDINGWINDOW:4:15, MINLEN:36,  
472 ILLUMINACLIP:2:30:10:1:true. This command removed low quality bases at the beginning and  
473 ends of the reads, removed portions of the read where quality dropped below a minimum  
474 threshold, trimmed adapter sequences and discarded reads <36 nts. We then mapped the

475 trimmed reads to the *S. haematobium* reference genome, GCF\_000699445.3 (21) with BMap  
476 v38.18 (52). On average the *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* (GCA\_944470425.1) genome  
477 assemblies are ~97% similar across their genomes (17) which should minimally affect reference  
478 biases when mapping short reads. However, to avoid reference biases we used the 'vslow' and  
479 'minid=0.8' options with BMap and discarded ambiguously mapping reads ('ambig=toss').

480

481 Genotyping, phasing, and filtering - Mapped reads were sorted with SAMtools v1.13 (53) and  
482 checked for duplicates with GATK v4.2.0.0's (54) mark\_duplicates. Then single nucleotide  
483 variants (SNVs) were genotyped with HaplotypeCaller and GenotypeGVCFs. To make the  
484 dataset more manageable, we genotyped each chromosome separately using the -L  
485 option. Next, we removed all indels and hard filtered SNVs based on QualByDepth ("QD < 2.0"),  
486 RMSMappingQuality (MQ < 30.0), FisherStrand (FS > 60.0), StrandOddsRatio (SOR > 3.0),  
487 MappingQualityRankSumTest (MQRankSum < -12.5), and ReadPosRankSumTest  
488 (ReadPosRankSum < -8.0) with GATK's VariantFiltration. We removed multi-allelic sites, and  
489 sites with genotype quality (GQ) <20 or read depth (DP) <8 with VCFtools v0.1.16 (55). After  
490 these filters were applied we removed genomic sites that were genotyped in ≤50% of individuals  
491 and then any individuals that were genotyped at ≤50% of sites.

492

493 SNVs on each chromosome were phased using Beagle v 5.2\_21Apr21.304 (56) in windows of  
494 20cm and a 10cm overlap. Assuming a uniform recombination rate similar to *S. mansoni* across  
495 the genome, these values are comparable to a 6.5 Mb window and a 3.25 Mb step size (45). We  
496 used a burn in of 20 iterations and 60 iterations for the phasing run. All phased chromosome  
497 VCFs were combined into a single file using vcfcombine from vcflib v1.0.3 (57) before an  
498 additional round of post-phase filtering.

499

500 In some cases, multiple miracidia were analyzed from a single host potentially adding highly  
501 related samples to our dataset and skewing the downstream results. To remove these, we  
502 examined kinship coefficients in our samples using the autosomal chromosomes and the "–  
503 unrelated" function in king v2.2.7 (58). This parameter identifies second-degree relatives within  
504 the dataset that can be removed prior to downstream analyses. Next, we generated a set of SNVs  
505 that were common (minor allele frequency; MAF > 0.05) and unlinked. Unlinked loci were filtered  
506 with Plink v1.90b6.21 (59) by removing linked SNVs with a pairwise  $r^2 > 0.2$ . This filter was applied  
507 in 25 Kb sliding windows with a 5kb steps. Finally, we used SnpEff v5.1 (60), to identify the impact  
508 of these SNVs on the amino acid sequence in coding regions. To do this we imported the *S.*

509 *haematobium* reference genome (GCF\_000699445.3) along with the associated GenBank  
510 annotations to create a custom database.

511

512 Principal Component Analyses - We used a series of tools to explore population structure in our  
513 data sets. We used common (minor allele frequency;  $MAF > 0.05$ ), unlinked, autosomal SNVs and  
514 Plink v1.90b6.21 (59) to generate a principal component analysis (PCA) to examine relationships  
515 among the samples. We used a *K*-means clustering algorithm to assign each sample to between  
516 1 and 10 populations with the `Kmeans()` function in `sklearn.cluster v1.2.0` (61). We then used the  
517 Elbow method (62) to examine distortion in the model and determine the optimal number of  
518 clusters in the data. Once we identified the optimal number of clusters, we assigned each sample  
519 within a cluster, and those designations were used to differentiate the *S. haematobium*  
520 populations using analyses as below. These cluster assignments were also used to validate the  
521 assumed species identity of each sample.

522

523 Admixture - We examined the ancestry of each sample with Admixture v1.3.0 (24) and the same  
524 unlinked, autosomal SNV dataset from the PCA analyses. However, we further thinned the SNV  
525 data with VCFtools v0.1.16 (55) ensuring that no two SNVs were within 10kb of each other. This  
526 step minimizes any potential effects of linkage on the results. We ran Admixture v1.3.0 (24),  
527 allowing for 2 to 20 possible population components, and used the cross-validation error to  
528 determine the optimal range (63). Additionally, we randomly selected individuals with  $\geq 99.999\%$   
529 *S. bovis* or *S. haematobium* ancestry in the  $k=2$  analysis to serve as reference samples for each  
530 species in downstream analyses.

531

532 Nucleotide diversity ( $\pi$ ) and Fixation index ( $F_{ST}$ ) - We used `scikit-allel v1.3.5` (64) to calculate  
533 nucleotide diversity ( $\pi$ ) and the fixation index ( $F_{ST}$ ) in sliding windows of 10 kb using autosomal,  
534 common ( $MAF > 0.05$ ) SNVs `allel.windowed_diversity()` and  
535 `allel.windowed_weir_cockerham_fst()` functions. The weighted, Weir-Cockerham  $F_{ST}$  (22, 23)  
536 was measured between species (*S. haematobium* vs. *S. bovis*) and between the *K*-means  
537 populations. Next, we used the reference panel, described above, to identify ancestry informative  
538 sites between the *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* samples. We used `scikit-allel v1.3.5's` (64)  
539 `allel.weir_cockerham_fst()` to calculate  $F_{ST}$  at individual sites. Only sites where  $F_{ST} = 1$  were  
540 retained.

541

542 Biogeography – *S. haematobium* was split into two groups based on the *K*-means clustering  
543 analysis of the PCA results. At *k*=2 Admixture differentiated *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis*  
544 samples, but at *k*=3 Admixture broadly confirmed the presence of two different *S. haematobium*  
545 populations. We used the admixture proportion (*Q*) from *k*=3, to visualize how the populations  
546 were distributed across Africa. The presence of this ancestry component was extrapolated into  
547 unsampled geographic regions using the OrdinaryKriging() function implemented in pykrige  
548 v1.7.0 with a linear variogram model (65). Geographic distances between samples were  
549 calculated with the haversine() v2.8.0 function (<https://pypi.org/project/haversine/>).

550

551 Genome-wide tests for introgression - We used a series of tests to explore the presence of  
552 introgression between *S. bovis* and the *S. haematobium* populations. First, we used  
553 average\_patterson\_f3() from scikit-allel v1.3.5 (64) to calculate a normalized  $f_3$  (66) averaged  
554 across blocks of 500 SNVs. Next, we tested for gene flow using the *D*-statistic, also known as the  
555 ABBA BABA test (67). We used *S. margrebowiei* (GCA\_944470205.2; 28) as the outgroup (*O*),  
556 *S. bovis* as the donor population (*P*3), and the *S. haematobium* *K*-means populations as the  
557 recipients (*P*1 and *P*2). We measured *D* across the genome in 500 SNV blocks with  
558 moving\_patterson\_d() in scikit-allel v1.3.5 (64). Introgressed loci were defined when  $D > 0 + 2\sigma$ .

559

560 Local Ancestry Assignment - For local ancestry assignment, we used RFMix v2.03-r0 (26) and  
561 TWISST v67b9a66 (27). RFMix v2.03-r0 (26) uses a random forest approach to assign local  
562 ancestry to genomic segments by comparing samples to reference panels. For this, we used the  
563 reference samples selected from the Admixture analyses. We generated a genetic map using a  
564 uniform recombination rate estimated from *S. mansoni* crosses (1 centimorgan = 287,000 bp;  
565 45). The remainder of the parameters were set to the default.

566

567 TWISST v67b9a66 (27) uses gene trees sampled from across the genome to identify potentially  
568 introgressed loci. It does this by iteratively sampling subtrees from the gene tree and calculating  
569 relative support for each of the possible species trees. We generated gene trees from loci  
570 containing 500, phased, common (MAF >0.05) SNVs with RAxML-NG v1.1 (68). For each locus  
571 we searched for the 10 best trees and then bootstrapped the best tree for 100 replicates using  
572 the GTR+ASC\_LEWIS substitution model and *S. margrebowiei* as an outgroup. Nodes supported  
573 in ≤10 bootstrap replicates were collapsed with Newick Utilities v1.6 (69). The collapsed trees  
574 were used as input for TWISST v67b9a66 (27). Samples were assigned to their *K*-means  
575 population.

576

577 Selection - We compared selection in the *S. haematobium* intra populations using cross-  
578 population extended haplotype homozygosity (xpEHH; 70). Unphased xpEHH was measured with  
579 selscan v2.0.0 (71). The resulting unphased xpEHH values were normalized with norm v1.3.0  
580 and the '--xpehh flag'. Bonferroni corrected p-values were assigned to each site. Sites with a  
581 corrected p-value < 0.01 were considered to be experiencing putative directional selection  
582 between the two *S. haematobium* populations.

583

584 Identifying putative adaptive introgression –We searched the genome for regions with  $F_{ST}$ ,  
585 Patterson's D, local ancestry, and xpEHH values indicative of adaptive introgression. To do this  
586 we examined how these values were distributed across the genome in sliding windows of 337 Kb  
587 and 3,370 bp step size; values equivalent to 1% and 0.01% of the autosomal genome.  
588 Specifically, we were looking for regions of the genome that are among the most highly  
589 differentiated between the two schistosome populations ( $F_{ST} \geq 95^{\text{th}}$  percentile), with statistically  
590 significant signals of introgression (Patterson's D > 0) and directional selection (xpEHH p-value <  
591 0.01), and the *S. bovis* alleles are at high frequency in the northern or southern *S. haematobium*  
592 populations (>95%). Windows that met these criteria were then merged together if they were  
593 within 10Kb of each other to identify loci containing signals of adaptive introgression.

594

595 Autosomal Species Tree - To better understand the relationships among the samples, used  
596 SVDquartets (72) as implemented in PAUP\* v4.0.a.build166 (73) to generate a species tree. We  
597 examined 2.5m random quartets along with 100 standard bootstrap replicates. Nodes in the gene  
598 trees supported by <10% of bootstrap replicates were collapsed Newick Utilities v1.6 (69).

599

600 Dating introgression - Recombination acts to continuously break down introgressed haplotypes.  
601 As a result, the size of introgressed haplotype blocks is directly related to the number or  
602 generations since hybridization (74). This can be roughly estimated with the formula  $G=1/LP$   
603 where G is generations, L is the average length of introgression haplotypes in Morgans, and P is  
604 the proportion of the genome from the major parent (75). We identified introgressed blocks and  
605 their lengths (L) for each individual with RFMix v2.03-r0 (26) and P was estimated using Admixture  
606 (represented as  $q$ ). A one-way ANOVA was used to identify differences in age estimates between  
607 populations (countries).

608

609 Introgression Deserts – Some regions of the genome may be resistant to introgression. This could  
610 present as large regions lacking introgressed alleles. We used the RFMix results to identify  
611 regions of the genome where *S. bovis* ancestry was 0% in the north African *S. haematobium*  
612 populations. We log-transformed the length of each region and assigned robust Z-scores. Putative  
613 introgression deserts were regions with robust Z-scores > 3.

614

615 Mitochondrial genome assembly and phylogeny - We used GetOrganelle v1.7.7.0 (76) to *de novo*  
616 assemble mitochondrial genomes. Specifically, we used the animal\_mt model and 10 rounds of  
617 assembly with *k*-mer sizes of 21, 45, 65, 85, and 105. The mitochondrial contigs were then  
618 scaffolded with RagTag v2.1.0 (77, 78) and RAxML-NG v1.1 (68) was used to generate a  
619 maximum likelihood tree of the mitochondrial genomes. We used a GTR+G substitution model to  
620 and 100 starting trees. Nodal support was assessed with 1,000 bootstrap replicates.

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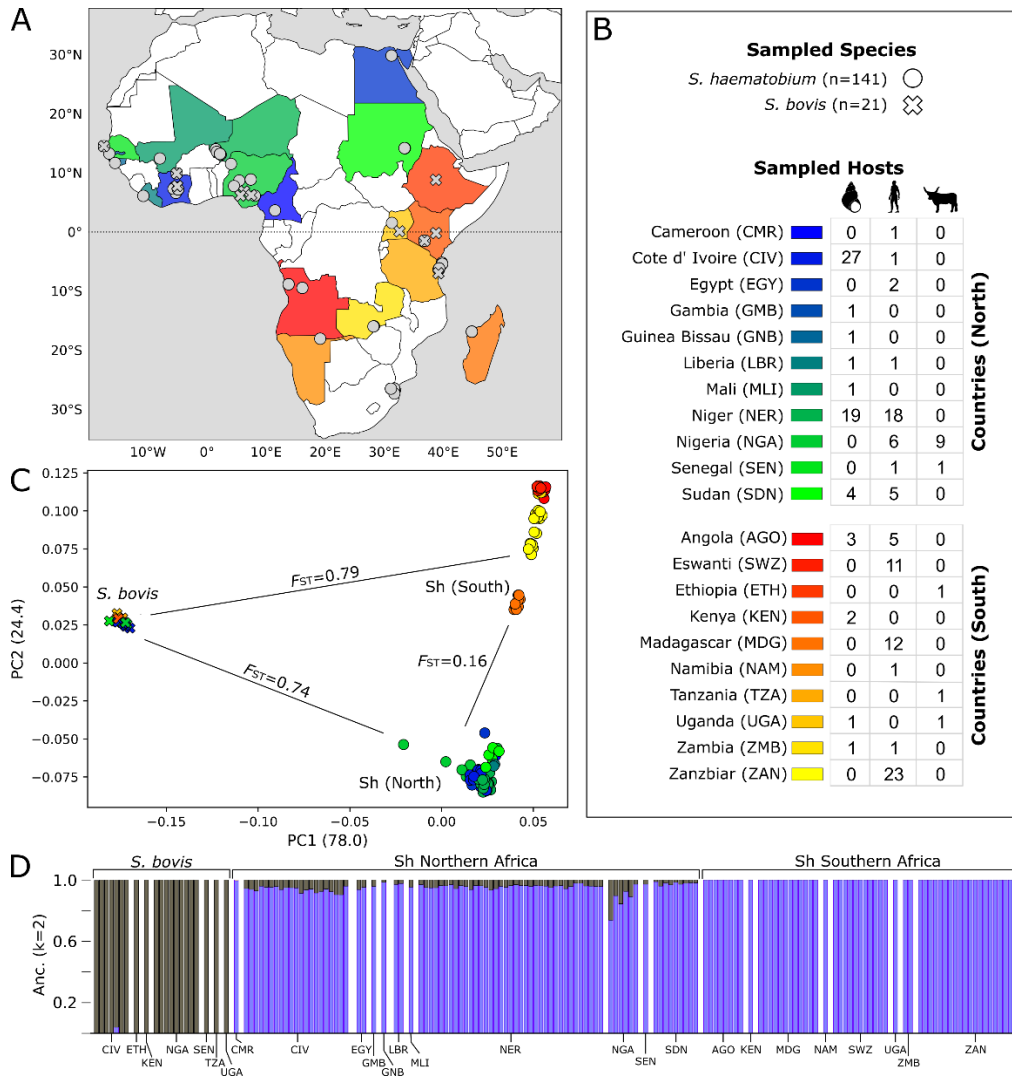


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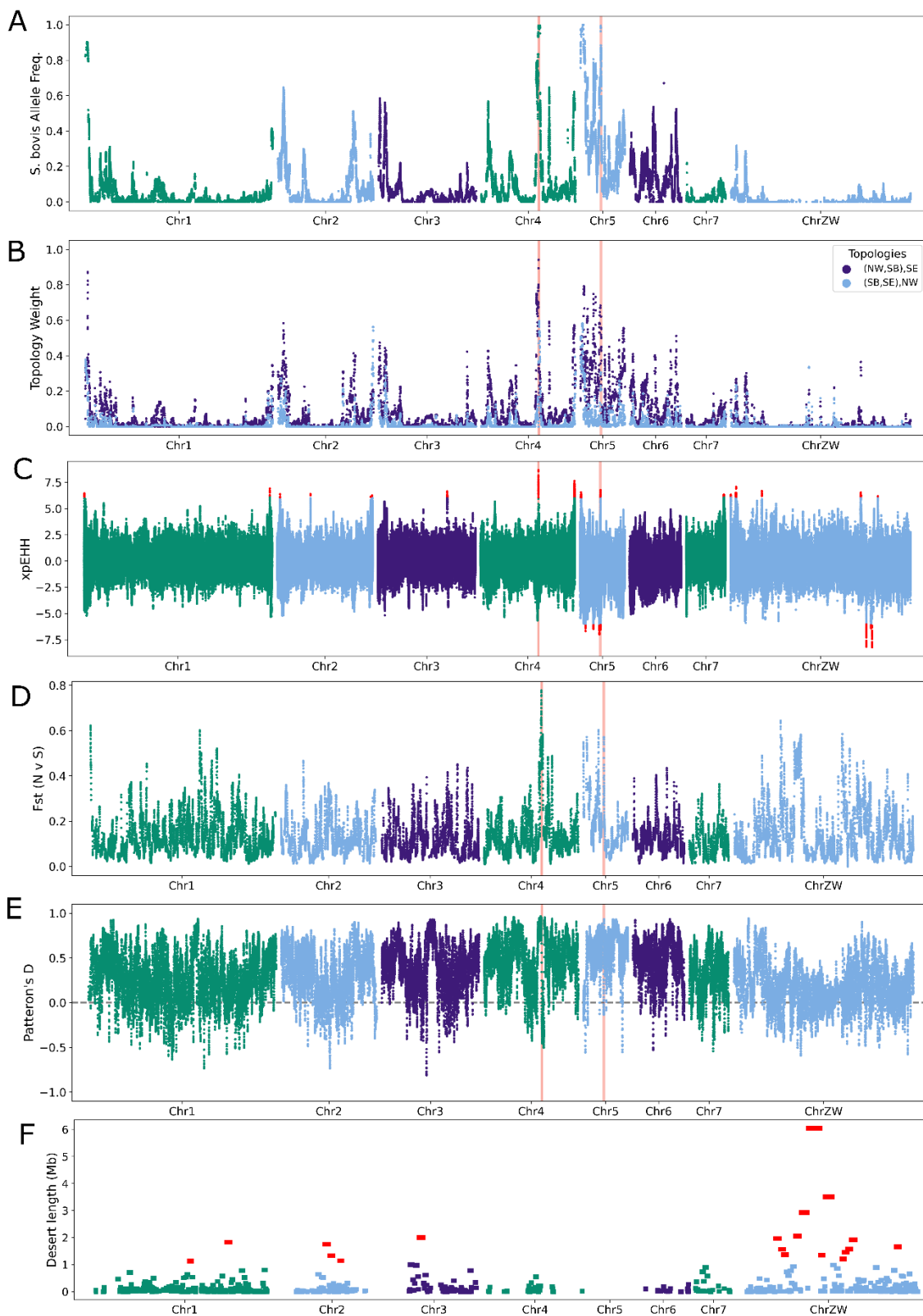
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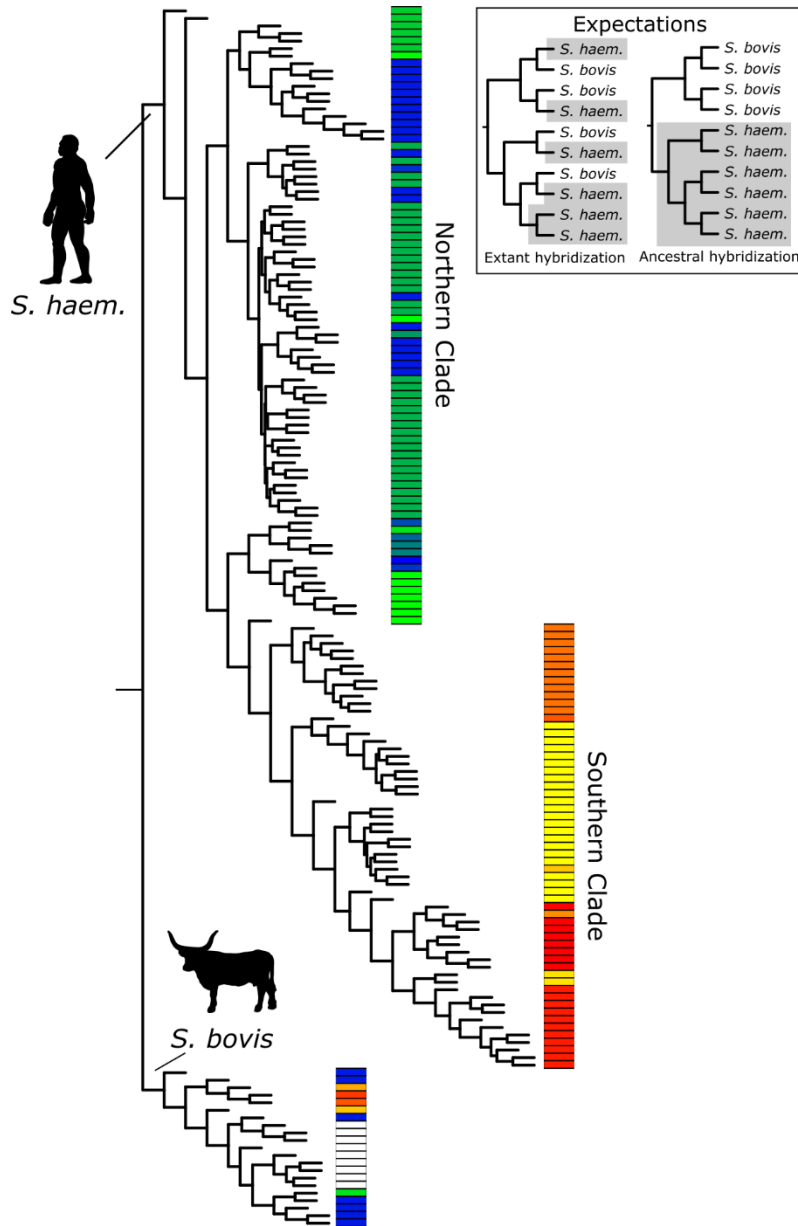
**Figure 1. – Sampling localities, sample summary and the population structure of *Schistosoma haematobium* and *S. bovis*.** (A) Collection locations for samples used in this study. Where exact coordinates for samples were not readily available we used the country capital as the collection locality. Two populations of *S. haematobium* were identified; northern and southern. The southern population in red-yellow and the northern population in blue to green. (B) A principal component analysis of 355,715 unlinked, common (MAF>0.05), autosomal variants. The three clusters correspond to *S. bovis*, and the northern and southern *S. haematobium* populations. Weighted, Weir-Cockerham  $F_{ST}$  values between these populations are shown.



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979 **Figure 2. – Local measurements of differentiation, introgression and selection across the genome.**  
980 (A) The weighted Weir-Cockerham fixation index ( $F_{ST}$ ) between northern and southern Africa, *S.*  
981 *haematobium* populations was measured across the genome in 10Kb windows. These results indicated  
982 multiple, highly differentiated regions between the two populations. (B) Patterson's  $D$  statistic was

983 measured to determine if high  $F_{ST}$  regions were the result of *S. bovis* alleles present in northern  
984 populations.  $D$  measured across the genome was significantly positive indicating the presence of gene  
985 flow between *S. bovis* and north African *S. haematobium* populations. (C) The frequency of *S. bovis*  
986 ancestry across the genome in the northern *S. haematobium* population was estimated using RFmix. While  
987 the percentage of *S. bovis* alleles in the population are low overall, the *S. bovis* alleles are at or near fixation  
988 at loci on Chr4 and Chr5. (D) Gene tree topology weightings across the genome depicting the possible  
989 relationships between the northern and south *S. haematobium* populations and *S. bovis* using TWISST.  
990 Each locus across the genome is shown as stacked bar plots. While both tools use different methods to  
991 depict the relationships between these taxa they recover similar results. (E) Differential selection between  
992 *S. haematobium* populations was measured across the genome with extended haplotype homozygosity  
993 (xpEHH). Positive values indicate positive selection in the northern population and negative values indicate  
994 positive selection in the southern population. Significant xpEHH values ( $p < 0.05$ ) after multiple test  
995 correction are highlighted in red. (F) Multiple regions of the north African *S. haematobium* genome lacked  
996 introgressed *S. bovis* alleles. Regions that are longer than expected by chance are shown ( $Z\text{-score}_{\text{Length}} >$   
997 3) in red. These regions, also known as introgression deserts, were not randomly distributed across the  
998 genome, with 75% of them occurring on the sex chromosome. Results for  $F_{ST}$  and Patterson's  $D$  are  
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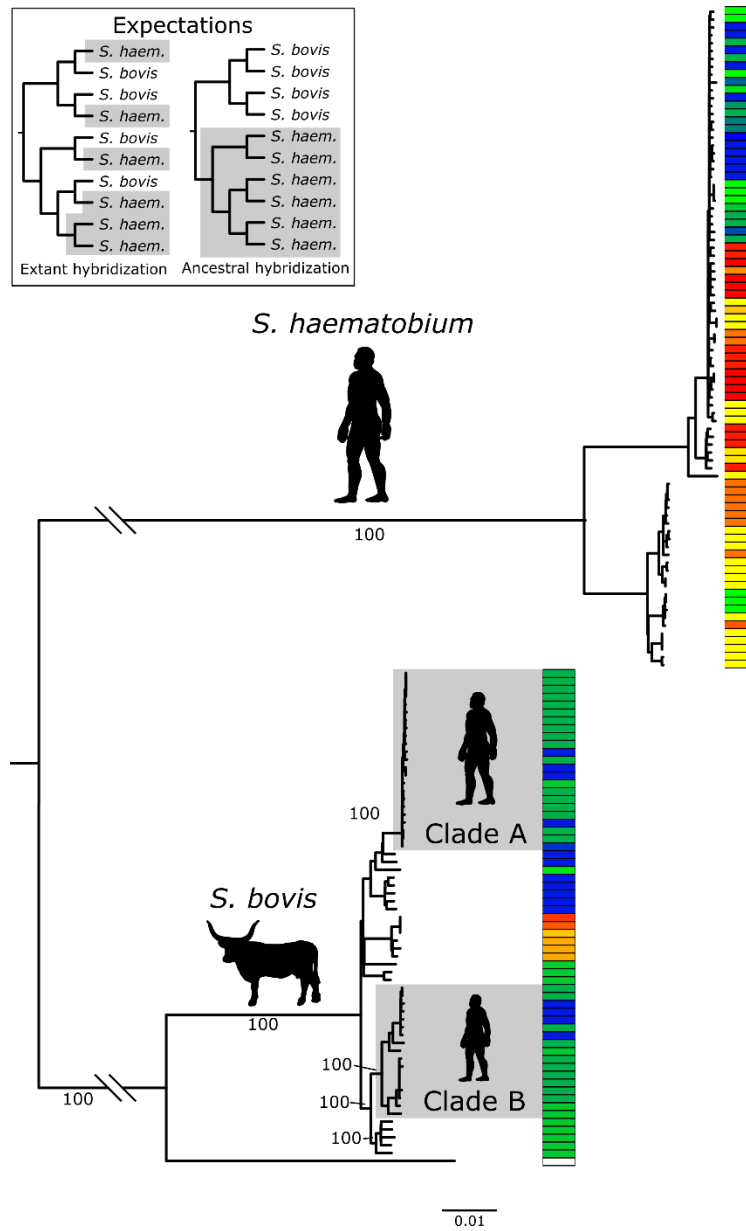


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1003 **Figure 3 – Species tree of *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* populations – SVDquartets species tree**  
1004 **generated from autosomal SNVs. All nodes were supported by >95% of bootstrap replicates. Phylogenetic**  
1005 **relationships between the species can be used to differentiate extant vs ancestral hybridization (inset). The**  
1006 **tree shows that both *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* are monophyletic. Biogeographic partitioning within the**  
1007 **tree indicates that *S. haematobium* originated in northern Africa and expanded into southern Africa.**

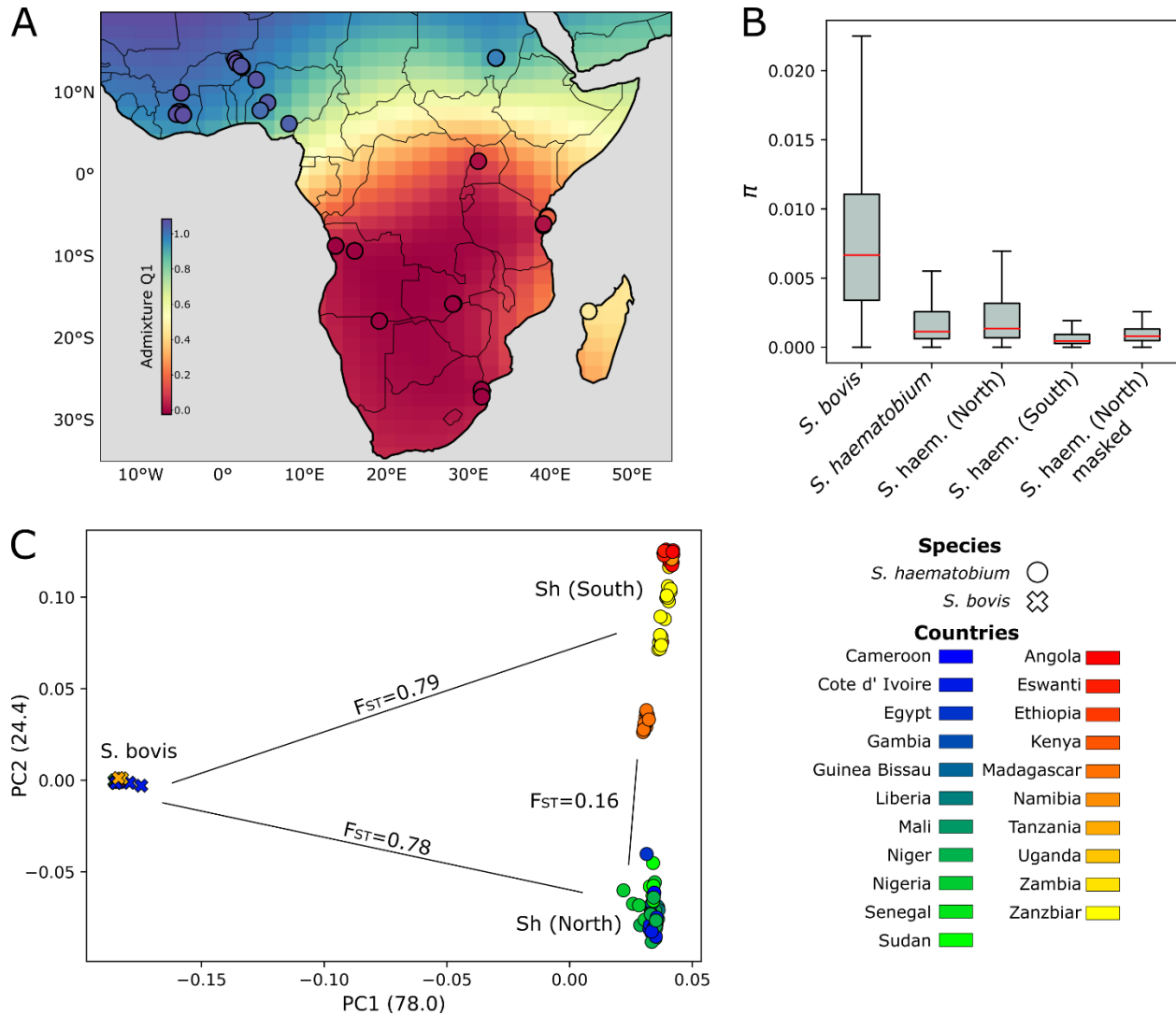
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 1010 **Figure 4. Mitochondrial tree of *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis*** - A gene tree was recovered from  
 1011 mitochondrial genome assemblies from each sample. Bootstrap support at select nodes is shown.  
 1012 Phylogenetic relationships between the species can be used to differentiate extant vs ancestral  
 1013 hybridization (inset). Two well supported clades of *S. haematobium* contain an introgressed *S. bovis*  
 1014 mitotype, designated as "A" and "B". Both the "A" and "B" clades contain samples from north Africa. All  
 1015 south African samples are found within a single clade of the remaining *S. haematobium* samples

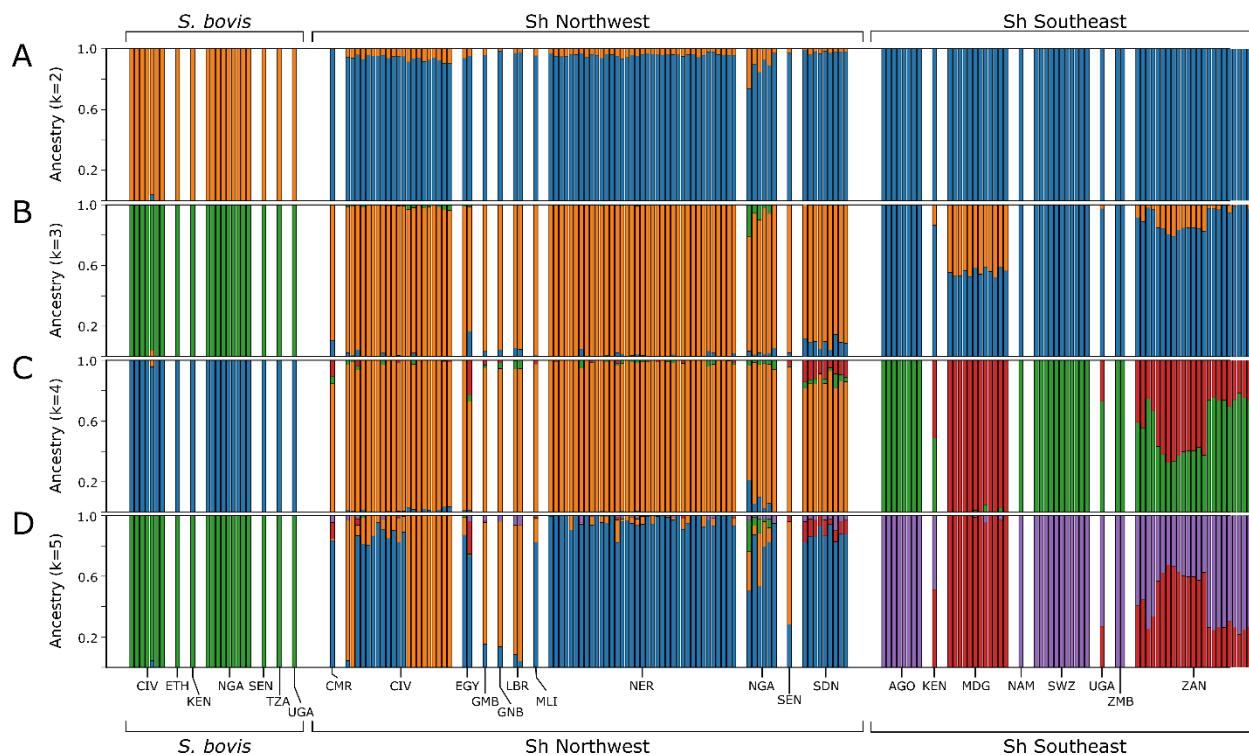
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1018 **Figure 5 Biogeography of *S. haematobium* is not determined by introgressed *S. bovis* alleles.** *S.*  
1019 *haematobium* samples were split into two populations by PCA, Admixture and phylogenetic analyses. (A)  
1020 We used Kriging interpolation to examine the distribution of these populations across Africa using the  
1021 population component that differentiates the *S. haematobium* populations from one another (B) Nucleotide  
1022 diversity ( $\pi$ ) was calculated in 10kb sliding windows after masking introgressed *S. bovis* alleles present in  
1023 the northern *S. haematobium* population.  $\pi$  is higher in the northern African *S. haematobium* compared to  
1024 the southern population. When introgressed *S. bovis* alleles are masked,  $\pi$  is similar for both the southern  
1025 and northern populations. (C) After masking introgressed *S. bovis* alleles the PCA is similar to Figure 1C.  
1026 The similarity between the two PCAs show that the genetic differentiation between the northern and  
1027 southern *S. haematobium* populations is not driven by introgressed *S. bovis* alleles.

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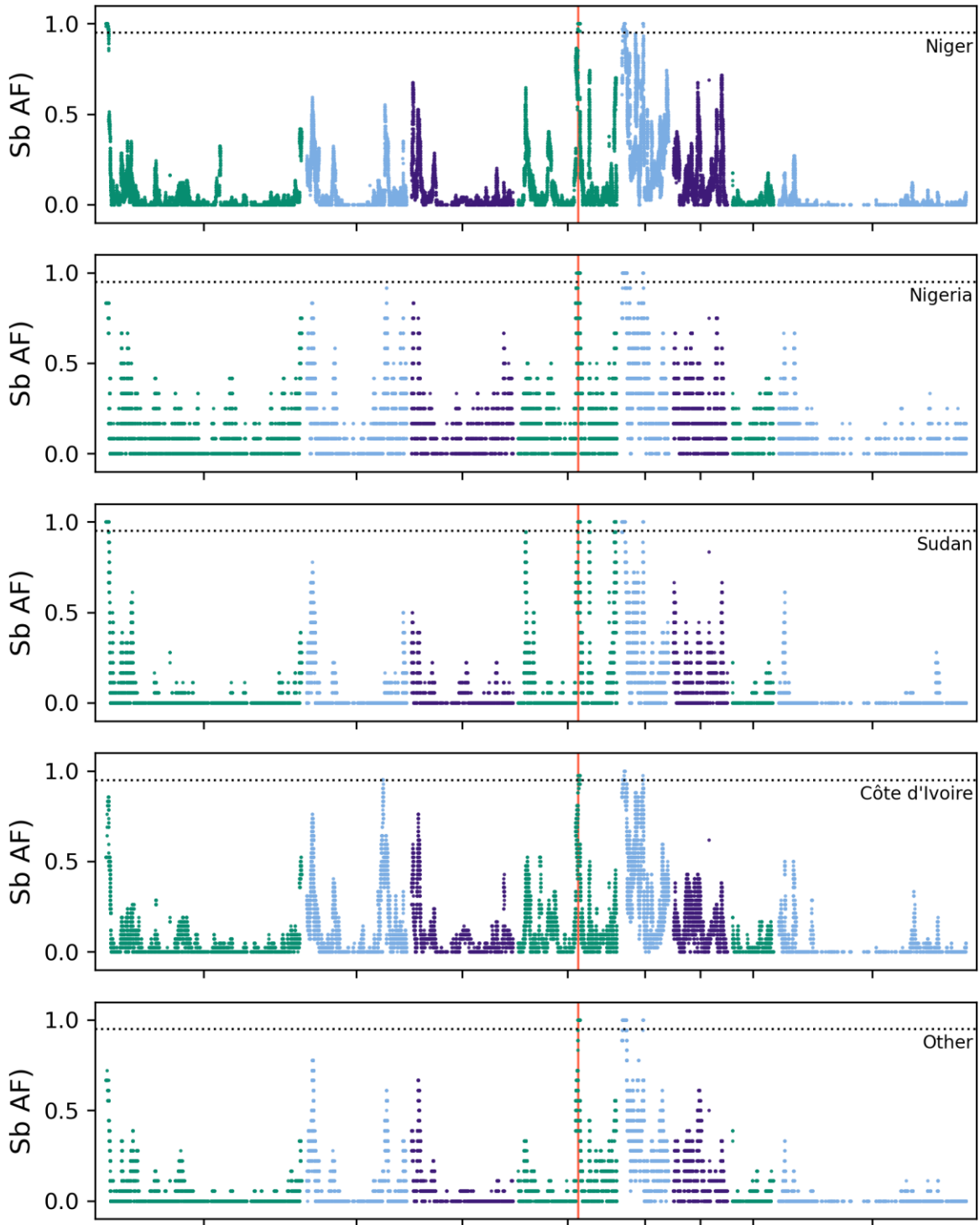
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1030 **Supplemental Figure 1. Whole genome ancestry assignment with Admixture.** We examined multiple  
 1031 different population( $k$ ) sizes with Admixture. (A) At  $k=3$ , *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* were separated, and  
 1032 two general populations were identified within the *S. haematobium* samples corresponding to a northern  
 1033 and southern population. (B) An optimal number of populations ( $k=5$ ) (Evanno *et al.* 2005) shows clear  
 1034 distinctions between the two *S. haematobium* populations. Finally, (C) we generated a reference panel of  
 1035 samples that maximized the *S. haematobium* and *S. bovis* population components from the  $k=3$  results to  
 1036 run a supervised admixture analysis and assign samples as either *S. haematobium* or *S. bovis*. This  
 1037 analysis shows almost all of the northern *S. haematobium* samples contained low levels of *S. bovis* ancestry  
 1038 at  $k=2$ , but this percentage varies as more population components are added. Country Codes are as  
 1039 follows: "AGO": Angola, "CMR": Cameroon, "CIV": Cote d' Ivoire, "EGY": Egypt, "SWZ": Eswanti, "ETH":  
 1040 Ethiopia, "GMB": Gambia, "GNB": Guinea Bissau, "KEN": Kenya, "LBR": Liberia, "MDG": Madagascar,  
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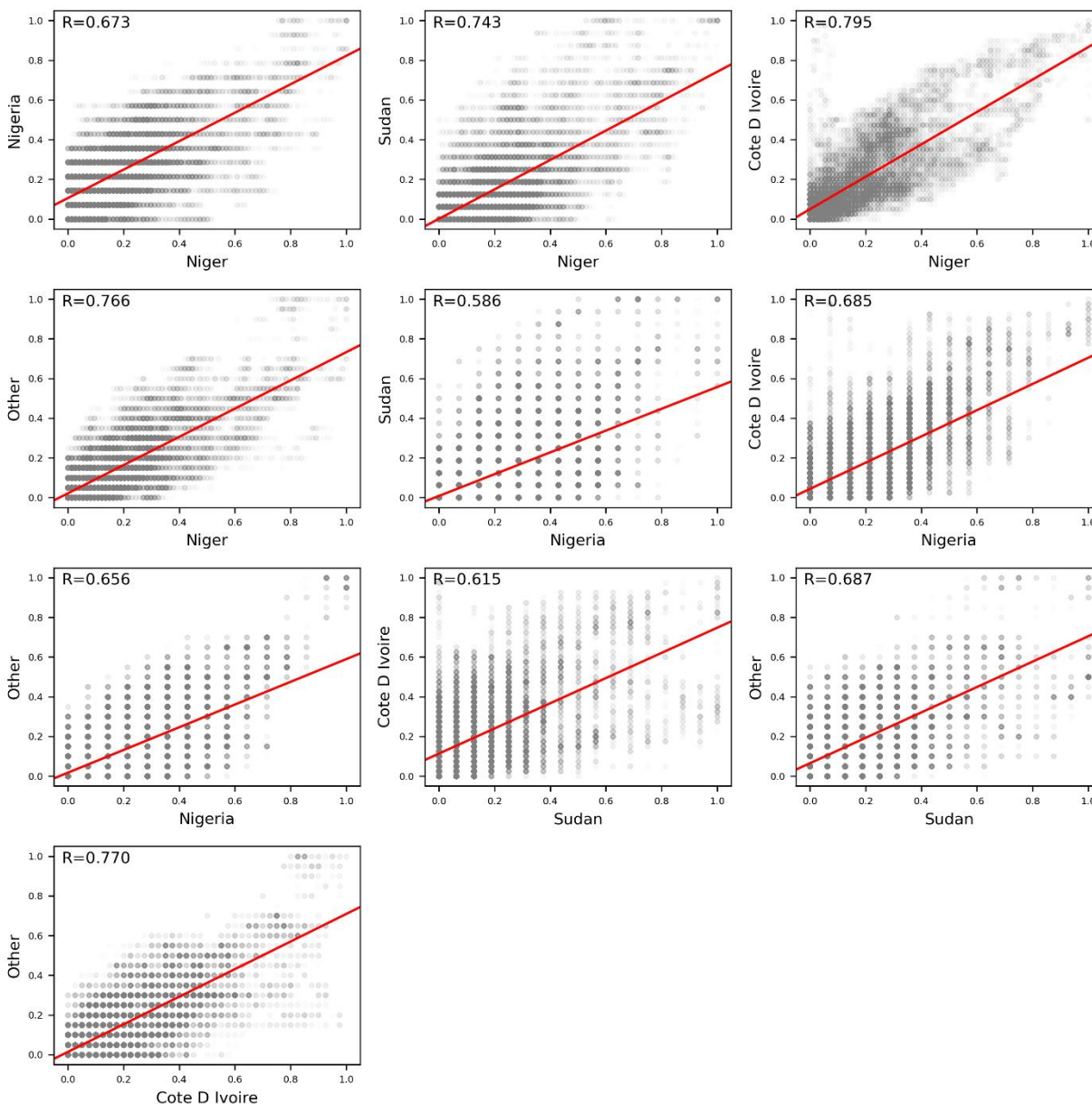




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1055 **Supplemental Figure 3. *S. bovis* allele frequency across the genome within *S. haematobium***  
1056 **samples from Northern African countries** - The frequency of *S. bovis* ancestry across the genome is  
1057 shown for each of the northwest African countries. In general, the distribution of *S. bovis* alleles is similar  
1058 for each population. This consistency is an indicator of an ancient introgression event. The dotted line  
1059 indicates 95% allele frequency.

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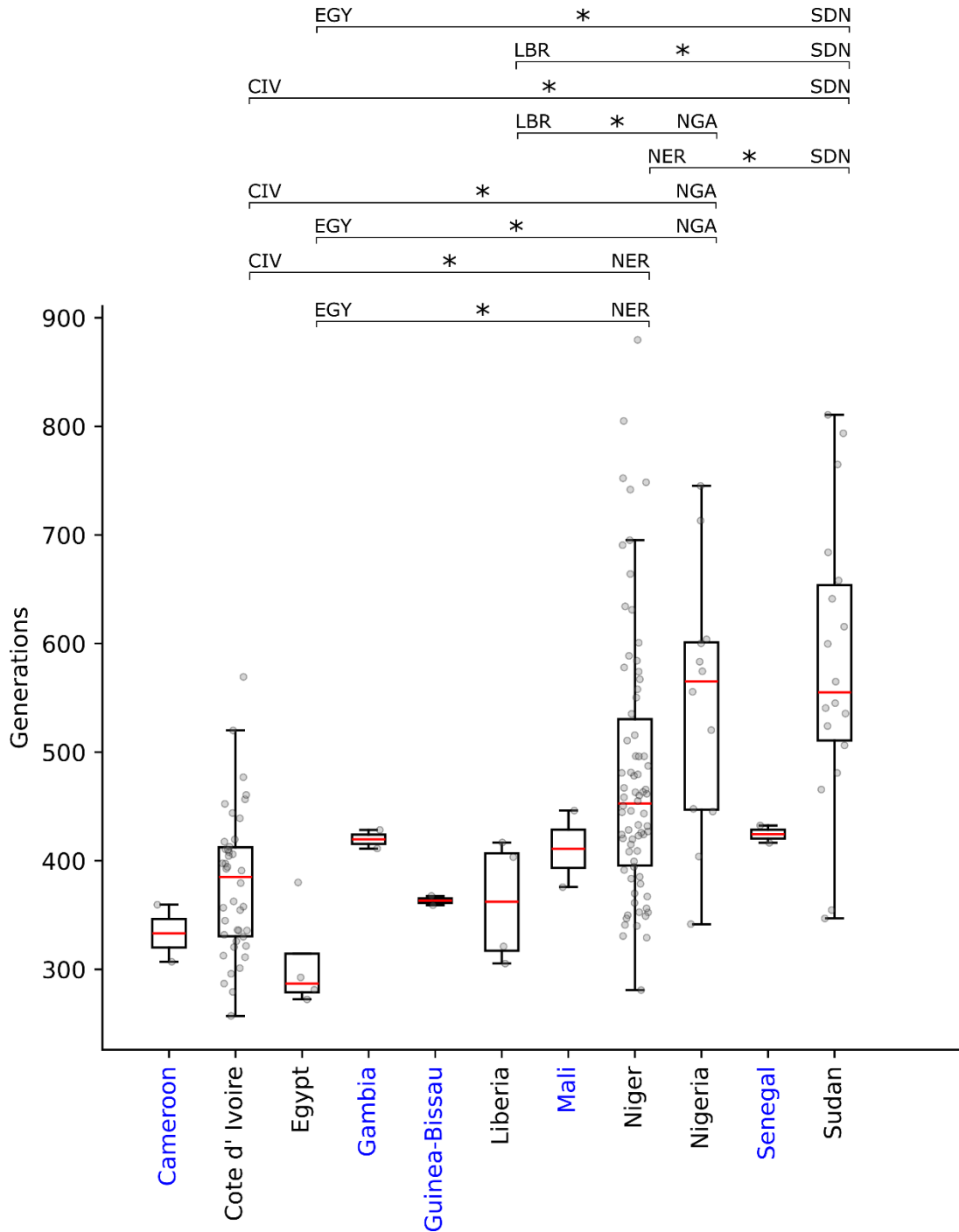


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1062 **Supplemental Figure 4. Pairwise comparison of introgressed *S. bovis* allele frequencies within**  
1063 **northern *S. haematobium* samples by country – Introgressed *S. bovis* allele frequency is positively**  
1064 **correlated between countries. Pearson's correlation coefficient ( $R$ ) is  $>0.586$  in all comparisons. The**  
1065 **correlation of introgressed allele frequencies between populations up to 3,338 Km apart is expected under**  
1066 **an ancient introgression scenario.**

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1069 **Supplemental Figure 5 – Estimated number of generations since admixture with *S. bovis*.** We  
 1070 estimated the number of generations since admixture for each sample in the northern *S. haematobium*  
 1071 population by examining the length of introgressed *S. bovis* loci within the genomes. Individual estimates  
 1072 for each sample for each country as grey points. Results from a one-way ANOVA indicated that age  
 1073 estimates varied significantly between countries. Countries with a single individual, two haplotypes, are  
 1074 shown in blue and were not included in the ANOVA analyses. A “\*” indicates p-values < 0.05. Differences  
 1075 in ages may indicate multiple introgression events.

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**Table1. Genes containing outlier loci.**

<b>Chrom</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Gene_ID</b>	<b>Gene Name</b>
Chr4	NC_067199.1:28466881-28497752	MS3_00007802	Leishmanolysin-like peptidase
Chr4	NC_067199.1:28497929-28529268	MS3_00007803	MS3_00007803
Chr4	NC_067199.1:28531133-28546611	MS3_00007804	RAD50
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Chr4	NC_067199.1:28571061-28634110	MS3_00010935	JMJD6_4
Chr4	NC_067199.1:28662329-28782419	MS3_00010934	JMJD6_3
Chr4	NC_067199.1:28742276-28747614	MS3_00007805	TY3BI_12
Chr4	NC_067199.1:28785057-28816546	MS3_00010936	JMJD6_5
Chr5	NC_067200.1:9933321-9974793	MS3_00011123	MS3_00011123
Chr5	NC_067200.1:9989479-10043873	MS3_00011124	AK2_3
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Chr5	NC_067200.1:10187316-10209172	MS3_00011126	TSC2
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Chr5	NC_067200.1:10245731-10246840	MS3_00000691	MS3_00000691
Chr5	NC_067200.1:10414911-10585361	MS3_00011127	MS3_00011127