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1 Target review

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30 Abstract

Speciation, the evolution of reproductive isolation amongst populations, is continuous, complex and involves multiple, interacting barriers. Until it is complete, this process need not affect the genome as a whole and so can lead to a heterogeneous genomic landscape with peaks and troughs of differentiation and divergence. When gene flow occurs during speciation, barriers restricting migration locally in the genome lead to patterns of heterogeneity. However, genomic heterogeneity can also be produced or modified by variation in factors such as background selection and selective sweeps recombination- and mutation-rate variation, and heterogeneous gene density. Extracting the effect of gene flow, divergent selection and reproductive isolation from such modifying factors presents a major challenge to speciation genomics. We argue one of the principal aims of the field is to identify the barrier loci involved in limiting gene flow. We first summarise the expected signature of selection at barrier loci, at the genomic regions linked to them and across the entire genome. We then discuss the modifying factors that complicate the interpretation of the observed genomic landscape. Finally, we end with a roadmap for future speciation research; a proposal for how to account for these modifying factors and to progress towards understanding the nature of barrier loci. Despite the difficulties of interpreting empirical data, we argue that the availability of promising technical and analytical methods will shed further light on the important role gene flow and divergent selection have in shaping the genomic landscape of speciation.

62 Introduction

63 Speciation is the evolution of reproductive isolation between populations. This process is often 64 continuous and complex, involving the evolution of multiple, interacting reproductive barriers 65 among populations that do not necessarily affect patterns of variation across the whole genome at once. Since Darwin first discussed the concept of speciation, huge progress has been made 66 67 in identifying the main reproductive barriers at the phenotypic level for a large number of taxa 68 (Covne & Orr, 2004). However, our understanding of the genetic basis of these barriers and 69 genomic patterns associated with their evolution has remained limited until recently. Over the 70 last decade, advances in sequencing technology have offered an unprecedented opportunity to 71 overcome this hurdle and to investigate the genetic architecture of reproductive isolation across 72 the entire genome and across the speciation continuum (Seehausen et al., 2014). However, our 73 understanding of the links between patterns of genomic differentiation/divergence (defined in 74 Box 1), phenotypes and reproductive isolation is incomplete. In this review, we highlight the 75 potential and the challenges of using genomic data, alongside other sources of evidence, to 76 understand the evolutionary processes that shape the "genomic landscape" of differentiation 77 and speciation, and to identify barriers to gene flow.

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79 Recent attempts to identify loci involved in reproductive isolation, i.e. barrier loci (see Section 2 80 and Box 1), from high-density genetic data have largely centred on bottom-up genome scan 81 approaches (sensu Barrett & Hoekstra, 2011). Regions of high genomic differentiation ("outlier 82 loci", typically measured using F_{ST}) are often assumed to have arisen due to reproductive 83 barriers, while homogenizing gene flow decrease differentiation elsewhere in the genome. In 84 agreement with classic hybrid zone research (Barton & Bengtsson, 1986; Harrison, 1990; Vines 85 et al., 2003), initial genome scans revealed compelling evidence of genome-wide heterogeneity 86 in differentiation between populations, ecotypes and species (Nosil et al., 2009). While early 87 genome scans had limited resolution, and the genomic distribution of the loci under divergent 88 selection was mostly unknown, cheaper genome sequencing and more streamlined genome 89 assembly pipelines are now overcoming these initial limitations. As a result, accumulating 90 genomic data has started to reveal patterns of heterogeneity in a wide variety of non-model 91 organisms at different stages of divergence (Table 1).

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Despite progress in documenting patterns, interpreting the peaks and troughs of differentiationin genome scan data has not been as straightforward as initially assumed (Fig. 1). This has

95 caused problems for researchers hoping to use genome scans to identify signatures of local 96 adaptation (Hoban et al., 2016) and barriers to gene flow during speciation (Noor & Bennett, 97 2009; Cruickshank & Hahn, 2014). There are several reasons for these difficulties. Firstly, peaks 98 of high differentiation are produced in diverging populations without gene flow as a result of 99 background selection and selective sweeps after isolation (Charlesworth et al., 1993; Noor & 100 Bennett, 2009; Cruickshank & Hahn, 2014; Burri et al., 2015). Although some of these peaks 101 may indicate loci that become barrier loci after contact, many other peaks do not. Instead they 102 may reflect sweeps of universally adaptive alleles, genomic conflict, sexual selection, or drift. 103 Therefore, the effects of barrier loci can be clearly identified only when they have actually 104 recently acted to prevent gene flow in Nature (Harrison & Larson, 2016; Margues et al., 2016; 105 McGee et al., 2016). Allopatric divergence remains important for understanding genome-wide 106 heterogeneity in the absence of gene flow (Noor & Bennett, 2009); however barrier loci can be 107 identified by hybridization either in the field or in the lab. Tests for on-going or recent gene flow 108 are therefore a crucial prerequisite for the identification of barrier loci from genome scans. 109 Secondly, patterns of F_{ST} (or other differentiation and divergence measures) are influenced by 110 multiple factors that vary across the genome, including mutation, demographic history, genetic 111 drift, selection, gene flow, recombination, gene density, and genome architecture; and some of 112 these factors are expected to change during different stages of speciation (Fig. 1). From the 113 speciation perspective, the principal objective is to infer the number, distribution and strength of 114 barriers to gene flow, as well as their influence on other genomic regions. However, extracting 115 this signal from genome scan data in the presence of so many other processes remains 116 challenging.

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118 Starting with the premise that identifying barrier loci is a major objective of speciation research, 119 our aim with this target review is to clarify what we can expect to learn from population genomic 120 data, specifically in examples of speciation involving periods with gene flow. We start by 121 describing the expected patterns of local and genome-wide differentiation generated by barrier 122 loci in idealised scenarios. We then consider how these patterns might be modified by a series 123 of complicating factors, primarily demographic history and non-uniformity of the genome with 124 respect to mutation, recombination and background selection. These may obscure real 125 signatures of divergent selection and gene flow or create spurious patterns that are false 126 positives (Box 2). We argue that it is essential to account for these factors in order to identify 127 features of the genomic landscape related to barrier effects and so critical for the speciation 128 process. We end with a roadmap suggesting ways in which to put inferences from the genomic

- landscape into context by combining them with other sources of data (e.g. experiments) to gainfurther insight into the speciation process.
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Section 1: Barriers to gene flow in the genomic

133 landscape

134 Barrier loci and barrier effects

135 We define barrier loci as positions in the genome that contribute to a reduction in effective 136 migration rate (m_e) relative to the expected rate given the proportion of individuals moving 137 between diverging populations; i.e. loci that contribute to a barrier to gene flow (see also Box 1). 138 These loci may act independently or interact with one another, and the extent of interaction may 139 vary as speciation proceeds. Barrier loci may involve single nucleotide substitutions or other types of mutation such as indels (Chan et al., 2010; Phadnis et al., 2015), or chromosomal 140 141 rearrangements. These variants may be neutral within populations; e.g. genomic 142 incompatibilities evolving via drift, or they may be under selection unrelated to the environment: 143 e.g. meiotic drive (Presgraves, 2007). Barrier loci may be under divergent selection, either 144 'ecological' (Nosil, 2012) or due to reinforcement (Butlin, 1987; Servedio & Noor, 2003). Alleles at barrier loci may also be pleiotropic, affecting multiple barrier traits simultaneously, or they 145 146 may influence multiple-effect traits (Servedio et al., 2011; Smadja & Butlin, 2011), in either case 147 potentially generating a strong reduction in gene flow, i.e. a strong barrier effect (see Box 1). We 148 note that in some cases a barrier to gene flow may not necessarily require allele frequency 149 differences at the barrier locus at all, as in one-allele models (Felsenstein 1981, Servedio 2000). 150 Such barriers likely show different genomic patterns and may not be detectable in standard 151 genome scans; as such, they are beyond the scope of this review.

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153 In order for an allele at a barrier locus to under divergent selection spread and contribute to a 154 barrier effect in the long term, selection locally favouring this allele must be strong enough to 155 overcome the opposing effect of gene flow (Haldane, 1930; Slatkin et al., 1985; Slatkin, 1987). 156 In small populations the efficacy of selection is reduced by greater drift, and stronger selection is 157 sometimes needed to reach a given degree of differentiation (Yeaman & Otto, 2011). The 158 distribution of barrier locus effect sizes in a given case study is therefore likely to depend on 159 both effective population size (N_e) and migration (*m*). For large populations with strong extrinsic barriers to the exchange of individuals, barrier effect sizes should vary over a wide range, 160

161 whereas in small populations exchanging many migrants, only large-effect barrier loci are 162 expected (Yeaman & Whitlock, 2011). The distribution is also expected to vary with progression 163 towards speciation and demographic history; small effect alleles may be more common during 164 periods of geographical isolation than during contact, and late rather than early speciation, 165 although these scenarios need to be investigated more thoroughly. The effect-size distribution 166 of barrier loci remains elusive because although theoretical work shows that even alleles under 167 very weak selection may temporarily contribute to phenotypic divergence (Yeaman, 2015), loci 168 with small fitness effect sizes are difficult to identify from empirical data. The same is true for 169 phenotypic effect sizes; loci of large effect are easier to detect (Rockman, 2012). Empirical work 170 often focuses on loci with large phenotypic and fitness effects, e.g. stickleback plate armour 171 (Colosimo et al., 2005) and pelvic spine reduction (Shapiro et al., 2004; Chan et al., 2010), but 172 the general pattern remains unclear (e.g. Seehausen et al., 2014).

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174 At equilibrium, differentiation at a single two-allele barrier locus in a pair of hybridising 175 populations of constant size and with constant migration rate depends on the magnitude of the 176 barrier effect, as well as drift. This barrier effect, in turn, is determined by the strength of 177 divergent selection, selection against hybrids or assortment directly influencing the barrier locus. 178 How much this level of differentiation stands out from the genomic background depends on 179 migration m and upon the effective population size $N_{\rm e}$ (i.e. via drift). These parameters 180 determine the distribution of baseline differentiation. In addition to elevating values of 181 differentiation (F_{ST}) and divergence (d_{XY}) at the barrier locus, the barrier effect also affects 182 surrounding genomic regions (Charlesworth et al., 1997; and see section on loci linked to barrier 183 nucleotides below, as well as Fig. 2), generating peaks of differentiation and divergence that 184 can be detected as outliers in genome scans (Lewontin & Krakauer, 1973; Storz, 2005; 185 Stephan, 2016). In many cases, independent evidence (e.g. experimental data or evidence for 186 parallel evolution) shows that outlier loci are associated with barriers to gene flow (Table 2). 187 However, differentiation is a continuous measure and selection coefficients are continuous as 188 well; therefore separating loci into two distinct classes, outliers and non-outliers, is an 189 oversimplification.

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Even if an outlier scan correctly identifies a genomic region containing a barrier locus, narrowing the region down to the barrier locus itself may be difficult. This is partly because measures of differentiation are noisy, due to stochasticity in coalescence as well as sampling (Fig. 3), but also due to the resolution of the scan and the chromosomal scale influenced by the barrier

195 effect: large blocks of linkage disequilibrium can occur in some species. Given the complexity 196 and cost of dealing with whole genome data, particularly in non-model organisms, the vast 197 majority of genome scan studies still make use of reduced representation sequencing 198 approaches (Davey et al., 2011; Andrews et al., 2016). In these cases, outlier markers may 199 frequently show high differentiation because they are linked to a barrier locus, rather than being 200 the direct target of selection. For genomic regions under selection, multiple SNPs may often 201 show elevated differentiation (hence the island concept – see Box 1), although there may be 202 variance among sites because of drift-related stochasticity. For this reason, differentiation in 203 whole-genome data is usually calculated across a window spanning multiple variants rather 204 than using single nucleotides. However the resolution of this approach might mean 205 differentiated regions are missed, especially at the start of the speciation continuum when 206 genetic differentiation decays rapidly with genomic distance (Hoban et al. 2016).

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208 While remaining a formidable challenge in many study systems, identifying the actual loci and 209 substitutions responsible for barrier effects (e.g. underlying divergently selected phenotypic 210 traits or causing hybrid incompatibility) will undoubtedly improve our understanding of the 211 speciation process. In some cases, introgression across hybrid zones may provide the 212 necessary precision for identifying speciation genes or at least understanding how they interact. 213 Otherwise, the strongest evidence for the role of individual substitutions is most likely to come 214 from experimental approaches, such as mapping studies followed by the generation of 215 transgenic individuals (Colosimo et al., 2005; Cong et al., 2013). Importantly, the promising 216 future for approaches such as CRISPR (Bono et al., 2015; see also Section 3) may provide 217 information about pleiotropy, dominance and other effects that are important to understand the 218 role of barrier loci in divergence and speciation (Storz & Wheat, 2010; Seehausen et al., 2014).

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220 Loci linked to barrier loci

Linkage causes the genomic effects of barriers to extend beyond barrier loci, as divergent selection locus reduces the local effective migration rate at linked loci. At equilibrium, the effective migration rate m_e can be approximated as $m_e = m/(1+s/r)$ in the limit of small *m*, *s*, *r* (Barton & Bengtsson 1986). For idealized populations in equilibrium, the relationship between *F*_{ST} and m_e is simple (Slatkin, 1991); therefore, the expectation is that differentiation peaks at the barrier locus and decreases with physical distance. This is one rationale for the use of reduced-representation genome scans (e.g. those based on RADseq): Rather than necessarily 228 needing to be under selection themselves, markers may indicate the presence of barrier loci by 229 showing elevated F_{ST} due to linkage.

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However, the simple relationship between m_e and F_{ST} only holds for the situation of equilibrium 231 232 between migration, selection, mutation, and drift (Whitlock & McCauley, 1999). In a transient 233 state, where equilibrium is not yet reached (e.g. because the adaptive mutation and increase in 234 frequency occurred only recently, or because of recent secondary contact), the distribution of 235 F_{ST} along the chromosome is strongly contingent on the local genomic history and is not necessarily indicative of m_e. Moreover, at equilibrium and in a transient state, observed patterns 236 237 of $F_{\rm ST}$ may rarely correspond to theoretical expectations as they are always affected by 238 stochasticity (Fig. 3). Both effects can lead to false positives, i.e. high F_{ST} loci that are not 239 actually indicative of a barrier locus and false negatives, low-F_{ST} regions despite close linkage to 240 a selected locus (see Fig. 3 for examples of both). Many outlier detection methods assume 241 simple demographic models and so may derive a null expected distribution of differentiation that 242 does not correspond to the true distribution (Lotterhos & Whitlock, 2014; Hoban et al., 2016). 243 Clearly, if history and stochasticity are not taken into account, genome scan data may easily be 244 misinterpreted.

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246 One important departure from equilibrium happens during and after a selective sweep (Box 1), 247 where an adaptive allele increases in frequency. In Fig. 2 we demonstrate the development of 248 $F_{\rm ST}$ from a transient state towards equilibrium for a soft sweep under continuous gene flow (Fig. 249 2A), a hard sweep under continuous gene flow (Fig. 2B), and a hard sweep in allopatry followed 250 by secondary contact for comparison (Fig. 2C). However, this figure shows differentiation 251 averaged over a 5000 independent evolutionary histories, meaning the results obtained are in 252 approximate agreement with the theoretical expectations (not shown). In Fig. 3 we show the 253 outcome of a single evolutionary history to illustrate effects of stochasticity, demonstrating that 254 deviations from the expectation are possible (see Supplementary Material for more details on 255 the simulations run and parameters used to generate these illustrations).

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For a sweep under continuous gene flow, average differentiation is increased close to the selected locus during and immediately after the sweep due to a temporary reduction of withinpopulation diversity. The extent of the local sweep effect depends on the strength of selection, upon the starting allele frequencies at the selected locus (i.e. whether the sweep was 'hard' or 'soft' – see Box 1 and compare Figs. 2A and B), and on the time since the sweep occurred

262 (Przeworski, 2002; Hermisson & Pennings, 2005; Pennings & Hermisson, 2006; Messer & 263 Petrov, 2013). However, the genomic region where average F_{ST} is increased is relatively small 264 immediately after the sweep, and grows towards equilibrium (i.e. from left to right in Figs. 2A & 265 B). This is because the haplotype (or haplotypes) sweeping to high frequencies contain 266 common alleles at most loci, initially generating little differentiation. Therefore, F_{ST} may initially 267 remain low even in genomic regions where me is reduced due to linkage. However, over time, 268 this reduced m_e allows for an accumulation of allele frequency differences due to both drift and 269 new mutations. These patterns indicate that barrier loci that have undergone sweeps in the face 270 of gene flow may be more easily detectable when they are closer to equilibrium, because the 271 proportion of surrounding loci showing elevated differentiation increases with time after the 272 sweep (Fig 2 & B). However, it is unclear how quickly equilibrium is approached (Wood & Miller, 273 2006; Bierne, 2010; Yeaman et al., 2016). This approach may be slow because it requires both 274 mutation and rare recombination events, suggesting many loci in empirical studies are not at 275 equilibrium.

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277 Importantly, Fig. 2 shows averages across multiple simulations, therefore approximating 278 expected F_{ST} values. These may differ markedly from individual outcomes of the evolutionary 279 process, which are affected by stochasticity (Fig. 3). In Fig. 3, it becomes clear that during the 280 transient state, a hard sweep may cause multiple loci to show high differentiation, which are 281 interspersed by low- F_{ST} regions. This can be explained by the fact that the haplotype the 282 selected allele occurs on harbours common and rare neutral alleles. These hitchhiking rare 283 alleles will increase in frequency with the sweep, resulting in transient high- F_{ST} peaks that may 284 be quite distant from the selected locus, especially if selection is strong and the sweep is rapid. 285 In genome scan, such peaks could easily be mistaken for further selected loci, and 286 distinguishing between them and the actual locus under selection may be difficult; nonetheless 287 this effect is less likely for soft sweeps, where rare alleles are very unlikely to rise to high 288 frequency. Over time, differentiation at distant loci will be lost due to gene flow, recombination 289 and drift, reducing the probability of such false positives as equilibrium is approached. However, 290 it should also be noted that F_{ST} is always affected by stochasticity, even at equilibrium.

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In some cases the contrast between F_{ST} and d_{XY} is likely to be helpful for distinguishing between transient states and equilibrium, facilitating the correct interpretation of outlier loci (Cruickshank & Hahn, 2014; Delmore *et al.*, 2015; Irwin *et al.*, 2016). Relative measures such as F_{ST} may miss the distinct effects on diversity and divergence (Charlesworth et al. 1997), and peaks of

296 differentiation can be present for both recent local sweeps (transient) and in equilibrium (see 297 above and Fig. 2). Measures of absolute divergence such as d_{XY} in regions surrounding barrier 298 loci take longer to increase via the establishment of new mutations. Recent local sweeps should 299 be characterised by F_{ST} peaks lacking elevated d_{XY} , while in equilibrium both F_{ST} and d_{XY} are 300 expected to be higher in the vicinity of barrier loci because of the reduction of effective migration 301 rate (Fig. 4). Unfortunately, such distinct behaviour of F_{ST} and d_{XY} might not apply to more 302 complex scenarios involving secondary or intermittent contact. These scenarios need further 303 investigation.

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305 The spread of barrier effects to linked neutral loci is uncontroversial. More contentious is the 306 effect of a barrier locus on divergence of linked loci that are also under divergent selection. 307 Some F_{ST} outlier analyses have identified loci that occur in proximity to QTL, e.g. at a distance 308 of ~10 cM in pea aphids (Via & West, 2008), and divergently selected loci may cluster in the 309 genome (Yeaman, 2013). Moreover, in some species, highly differentiated genomic regions 310 appear to increase in size along the speciation continuum (Feder et al., 2012a; Renaut et al., 311 2012). These findings suggest that further divergence might be more likely in the vicinity of 312 existing barrier loci, and that this might lead to a growth of highly differentiated genomic regions. 313 Conceptual thinking has focused on one potential explanatory mechanism, divergence 314 hitchhiking (Via & West, 2008; Feder et al., 2012a; b). Under this framework, reduced me around 315 divergently selected loci may facilitate the establishment of new mutations under weak divergent 316 selection in their vicinity (Feder et al., 2012a; Nosil & Feder, 2012a; Via, 2012), causing an 317 increase in size of differentiated regions(Feder et al., 2012a; Via, 2012, see also next section). 318 However, using multi-locus simulations Feder and colleagues (2010; 2012b) demonstrated that 319 divergent selection facilitated the establishment of weakly adaptive mutations only under limited 320 conditions when selection is strong, $N_{\rm e}$ is small and migration is low. Furthermore, if divergence 321 hitchhiking does occur, Hill-Robertson interference may prevent weakly adaptive alleles from 322 establishing when they arise in habitats or genomes where they are maladaptive and they are 323 unable to escape via recombination (Feder et al., 2012b; Yeaman, 2015). Clustering under high 324 migration load can be facilitated by chromosomal rearrangements or when linkage allows 325 multiple weakly selected alleles to surpass the m_e threshold preventing homogenisation 326 (Yeaman, 2013, 2015). Alternatively, clustering may occur when weak differentiation is better 327 protected from loss via drift when linkage to a strongly diverged locus is tight (Rafajlovic et al. 328 2016). However, if drift is strong enough to allow new adaptive loci to regularly replace those 329 lost via stochasticity, selection against recombinants can favour clustering without the need of recombination modifiers (Yeaman, 2013; Yeaman *et al.*, 2016). Theoretical and empirical
 evidence therefore suggests that selection against recombinants under high migration load may
 facilitate the clustering but not necessarily the establishment of barrier loci.

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334 Barriers and genome-wide effects

335 When there are only few barrier loci, their genome-wide effect is small because most of the 336 genome can easily recombine from one background to another. However, as speciation 337 progresses (Coyne & Orr, 2004) and the number of barrier loci becomes large, separating the 338 effects of different barrier loci becomes more difficult. Barrier loci may experience a reduction in 339 local m_e both due to direct selection and due to indirect effects of linked and unlinked loci. 340 Neutral loci throughout the genome are subject to indirect effects too, potentially resulting in a 341 strong genome-wide barrier. Barton (1983) showed that a sharp transition from independent 342 barrier effects to such genome-wide effects depends on the ratio of total selection to total 343 recombination among loci. He called this ratio the 'coupling coefficient'. The effect of coupling 344 applies to all types of barriers (Kruuk et al., 1999; Bierne et al., 2011), including primary 345 divergence with gene flow (Barton & de Cara, 2009; Abbott et al., 2013). Beyond the transition 346 to genome-wide barriers, the genomic landscape of differentiation should tend to become less 347 structured, making barrier loci progressively more difficult to detect against increasing 348 background differentiation. Estimating the strength of selection on individual barrier loci 349 becomes difficult following the transition, as indirect effects increasingly contribute to their 350 differentiation.

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352 Selection on multiple traits, i.e. multifarious selection, is thought to be more likely to facilitate 353 speciation than strong selection on a single trait (Rice & Hostert, 1993; Nosil et al., 2008; Nosil, 354 2013). Similarly, selection against migrants at multiple loci results in a stronger barrier to gene 355 flow, reducing effective migration rate across the genome when overall selection is the same 356 (Barton & Bengtsson, 1986; Feder et al., 2012b). This allows new locally-adaptive mutations to 357 establish, independent of their genomic position, even if their effect size is relatively small; it 358 also facilitates an increase in genome-wide divergence at neutral regions due to drift (Feder et 359 al., 2012b). This process has been termed genome hitchhiking (Feder et al., 2012a) and it 360 essentially describes the impact of multifarious divergent selection when coupling is strong. 361 Flaxman and colleagues (2014) used simulations to demonstrate that statistical associations 362 amongst a large number of genes combined with divergent selection can interact to drive a 363 rapid transition from local to genome-wide barrier effects. This genome-wide congealing (GWC)

364 is resembles the coupling transition predicted by Barton (Flaxman et al., 2014; Tittes & Kane, 365 2014). During progression towards speciation in their model, numerous, weakly selected 366 mutations occur but are unable to generate differentiation due to the effects of gene flow. 367 Following a transition from local to genome-wide barriers, however, the contribution of these 368 mutations to reproductive isolation increases as the genome-wide $m_{\rm e}$ is reduced below a 369 threshold and LD increases (Tittes & Kane, 2014). Importantly, GWC does not require physical 370 linkage or periods of allopatry that might elevate LD amongst loci (Tittes & Kane, 2014). 371 Nonetheless, Flaxman et al. (2014) demonstrate that genomic features such as chromosome 372 length or clustering of adaptive loci on specific chromosomes, as well as periods of 373 geographical isolation, can drastically reduce the waiting time to GWC. Simulations show that 374 both genome hitchhiking and genome-wide congealing are able to occur under a wide range of 375 parameters provided there is selection on many loci (Feder & Nosil, 2010; Nosil & Feder, 376 2012b). However, as with divergence hitchhiking, empirical evidence showing that genome 377 hitchhiking allows weakly adaptive alleles to establish remains elusive.

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Section 2: Other factors modifying the genomic

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As we have seen, even in relatively simple situations with fixed population sizes and constant migration, the genomic landscape is complicated by linkage, history, and the accumulation of barrier effects. We have yet to consider additional modifying factors such as demographic history, genome-wide heterogeneity in mutation and recombination rates, background selection, and gene density.

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388 **Demographic and evolutionary history**

Understanding the demographic and evolutionary history of population and species pairs is necessary to generate expected patterns of genomic differentiation. Fluctuations in effective population size (N_e) can have a profound effect in this regard; *e.g.* when N_e is small, the effect of drift is greater whereas selection is more efficient when N_e is large (Charlesworth *et al.*, 2003; Charlesworth, 2009; Charlesworth & Charlesworth, 2010). Pronounced changes in N_e such as bottlenecks can shift the mean and variance of baseline genomic differentiation, making it difficult to identify highly differentiated regions (Ferchaud & Hansen, 2016). N_e is an important parameter to estimate because, as well as determining the effectiveness of selection, it influences scaled mutation and recombination rates; for example, scaled mutation rate, $N_e\mu$ determines the rate at which adaptive mutations enter a population (Hartl & Clark, 2007; Charlesworth & Charlesworth, 2010).

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401 We have emphasised the need to test for gene flow (see Box 3) to better appreciate the relative 402 role of alternative processes explaining a landscape of heterogeneous genomic differentiation 403 (see Box 2). When populations or species meet, the landscape may point to barrier loci resistant 404 to gene flow (Harrison & Larson, 2016), but without accounting for divergence history, it is not 405 clear whether these populations have diverged in situ or have resisted genome-wide 406 homogenization upon secondary contact between divergent lineages (Bierne et al., 2013; Feder 407 et al., 2013). First, with recent secondary contact, peaks of differentiation may just reflect loci 408 that differentiated due to drift during allopatry, and have yet to be homogenised by gene flow. 409 Such spurious outliers may obscure or hinder the detection of true barrier loci. Second, the 410 genomic signatures of selected loci may also differ between primary divergence and secondary 411 contact (Fig. 2). With primary divergence, during and immediately after a local selective sweep, 412 transient high differentiation peaks will occur at large distances from the selected locus but 413 these are eroded by recombination and migration (Fig. 3). In contrast, during allopatry, this 414 erosion does not happen, generating large regions of high differentiation, which will be 415 maintained for some time after secondary contact. Therefore, for local sweeps of comparable 416 age, differentiated regions will often be much larger (and therefore potentially easier to detect) in 417 secondary compared to primary divergence as migration has had less time to act. Recent 418 studies have explicitly tested for primary vs. secondary contact, allowing for a more accurate 419 interpretation of genome scan data; a wide array of tools is available for this sort of approach 420 (Sousa & Hey, 2013; see also Box 3). Some have provided support for primary divergence 421 (Nosil et al., 2012; Butlin et al., 2014) whereas others indicate that secondary contact after a 422 period of isolation best explains heterogeneous differentiation (Tine et al., 2014; Martin et al., 423 2015b; Roesti et al., 2015; Rougemont et al., 2016).

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Even sophisticated statistical frameworks for testing divergence hypotheses only consider a small proportion of the 'universe of potential historical scenarios' (Knowles, 2009). Divergence history varies across the genome due to non-uniformity in effective migration rate, effective population size and recombination (Maddison, 1997; Roux *et al.*, 2014, 2016; Mallet *et al.*, 2016). Gene-tree vs. species-tree discordance can occur because of introgression (Maddison, 430 1997; Knowles & Maddison, 2002; Geneva et al., 2015; Rosenzweig et al., 2016), but also 431 because of incomplete lineage sorting (ILS) (Hobolth et al., 2011b; Dutheil & Hobolth, 2012). 432 Described as 'deep coalescence' by Maddison (1997), ILS occurs when the most-recent 433 common ancestor for a genealogy exists before speciation begins, resulting in counter-intuitive 434 three taxa phylogenies (Scally et al., 2012) or distortions of divergence time estimates between 435 two species (Leaché et al., 2013). ILS therefore increases the variance of genomic divergence 436 estimates, making it difficult to identify true outliers and also potentially introducing false 437 positives. ILS affects a greater proportion of the genome when speciation events occur close in 438 time and the ancestral effective population size is large (Barton, 2006; Hobolth et al., 2011b). 439 This presents an obvious challenge to studies of multiple species pairs or adaptive radiations 440 (Mallet et al., 2016). Furthermore, stochasticity in divergence times and ILS at neutral loci can 441 generate false signals of both genomic divergence and gene flow between species pairs 442 (Barton, 2006; Pease & Hahn, 2013; Cruickshank & Hahn, 2014). Incorporating demographic 443 history in tests for selection is difficult as incorrect specification of the history, potentially 444 generated by ILS patterns, increases error rates (Lotterhos & Whitlock, 2014; Aeschbacher et 445 al., 2016; Fraïsse et al., 2016a; Hoban et al., 2016; Le Moan et al., 2016). Approaches that do 446 not use demographic models may be preferable in some cases although these too are prone to 447 bias (Hoban et al., 2016).

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449 Speciation is undoubtedly complex, unfolding in space and time with populations overlapping, 450 contracting and re-expanding (Butlin et al., 2008; Abbott et al., 2013; Seehausen et al., 2014). 451 This complexity suggests that most species have probably evolved with gene flow occurring at 452 some point in their evolutionary history (Smadja & Butlin, 2011) and that the process cannot 453 easily be delineated into primary vs. secondary contact or with vs. without gene flow (Bierne et 454 al., 2013; Cruickshank & Hahn, 2014). A genic perspective on speciation predicts that 455 divergence history will vary across the genome (Wu, 2001; Wu & Ting, 2004) therefore the 456 history of barrier loci might not necessarily reflect the history of populations, as Heliconius 457 butterflies, Anopheles mosquitoes and marine-freshwater sticklebacks appear to show (Bierne 458 et al., 2013; Mallet et al., 2016). Adaptive alleles may evolve during a period of geographical 459 isolation but introgress between divergent lineages via hybridisation and only act as barrier loci 460 in a later phase of *in-situ* divergence between populations (Bierne et al., 2011, 2013). Ancient 461 divergence times for adaptive variants in several systems also suggest that these alleles are 462 maintained as standing variation and spread between populations as a result of gene flow, 463 repeatedly becoming involved in divergence (Colosimo et al., 2005; Lamichhaney et al., 2015;

Fraïsse *et al.*, 2016b). Coupling between independently evolved ancient adaptive alleles and incompatibilities due to selection across environmental gradients may drive progress towards speciation over shorter timescales (Barton & de Cara, 2009; Bierne *et al.*, 2011, 2013; Abbott *et al.*, 2013). As well as ancient adaptive variants, intrinsic genomic incompatibilities arising from epistatic interactions appear to segregate within species (Shuker *et al.*, 2005; Corbett-Detig *et al.*, 2013). Although such incompatibilities are difficult to detect, their presence suggests the possibility of widespread potential for coupling with adaptive alleles.

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472 Mutation rate variation

473 In the absence of gene flow and selection, neutral diversity within and divergence between 474 populations scales with mutation rate. In the human genome, for example, nucleotide diversity is 475 positively correlated with *de novo* mutation rate, which in turn accounts for a third of sequence 476 divergence variation between humans and chimpanzees (Francioli et al., 2015). Mutation rate 477 variation amongst species, populations and individuals and the implications of this for 478 evolutionary inference are relatively well understood (Drummond et al., 2006; Ho & Larson, 479 2006; Hodgkinson & Eyre-Walker, 2011). However, absolute mutation rates (i.e. the number of 480 mutations per site and generation) are also non-uniform across the genome (Hodgkinson & 481 Eyre-Walker, 2011; Ness et al., 2015). Mutation probability is influenced by G:C bases and 482 neighbouring base identity (Hodgkinson & Eyre-Walker, 2011; Ness et al., 2015). Replication 483 timing also has an effect, with longer exposure to mutagens during transcription in late 484 replicating regions (Hodgkinson & Eyre-Walker, 2011; Francioli et al., 2015). Mutation rate is 485 often higher on Y-chromosomes than the X or autosomes because 100% of Y chromosomes 486 occur in males, experiencing higher mutation rates due to spermatogenesis (Hodgkinson & 487 Eyre-Walker, 2011). Despite knowledge of mechanisms causing mutation rate variation, it 488 remains contentious whether systematic genome-wide variation occurs at a scale that might 489 bias genome scans. For example, while Ness et al. (2015) detected fine-scale heterogeneity in 490 mutation rate, they found no clear variation amongst 200 kbp genome windows (Hodgkinson & 491 Eyre-Walker, 2011), suggesting that the extent of any bias in genome scans will also differ with 492 the scale of the analyses.

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494 Irrespective of the scale at which it varies, mutation rate is an important population genetic 495 parameter used to scale estimates of parameters such as effective population size (N_e) and 496 divergence time (*t*) derived from genomic data. Since N_e is typically estimated from θ ($4N_e\mu$ -497 scaled mutation rate on autosomes, where μ = absolute mutation rate), assuming a uniform 498 mutation rate will inflate estimates of $N_{\rm e}$ for mutational hotspots, obscuring the extent to which 499 drift or selection contributes to divergence in these genomic regions (Charlesworth, 2009). 500 Furthermore, given the importance of estimating demographic parameters for determining how 501 and when speciation has occurred (see Demographic and evolutionary history), uniform 502 mutation rates incorrectly applied across the genome may obscure the history of barrier loci and 503 the speciation process (Scally & Durbin, 2012). Mutation rate variation also has implications for 504 genomic differentiation; high mutation rate at some genomic regions may downwardly bias local measures of relative differentiation, e.g. F_{ST}, obscuring loci putatively under selection (Foll & 505 506 Gaggiotti, 2008). Absolute divergence measures such as d_{XY} are also subject to bias due to 507 mutation rate variation; a low mutation rate will result in low levels of divergence, potentially 508 giving a false impression of constraint or introgression (Geneva et al., 2015; Rosenzweig et al., 509 2016).

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511 Genome-wide mutation rate variation should be taken into consideration in order to interpret the 512 genomic landscape accurately. To-date, our understanding of intra-genomic mutation rate 513 variation remains limited and is drawn from a relatively small number of model organisms. 514 Quantifying this heterogeneity is a major endeavour even with high throughput sequencing 515 technologies (Ness *et al.*, 2015). Nonetheless, there is considerable promise for incorporating 516 mutation rate estimates into predictive models (Francioli *et al.*, 2015; Ness *et al.*, 2015; see 517 *Section 3: Roadmap*).

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519 Background selection and selective sweeps at non-barrier loci

520 Advantageous mutations involved in adaptive evolution are of greatest interest in speciation 521 research as in many cases, these generate the barrier alleles we wish to detect (see Section 2; 522 Seehausen et al., 2014). However, they are rare; most non-neutral de novo mutations are likely 523 to be deleterious (Ohta, 1992; Eyre-Walker & Keightley, 2007), and their removal from 524 populations by selection, i.e. background selection, can shape the genomic landscape of 525 variation in a similar way to positive selection on adaptive alleles (Charlesworth et al., 1993; 526 Stephan, 2010). Purging of deleterious mutations by purifying selection removes neutral 527 variation at linked sites, reducing genetic diversity and local effective population size 528 (Charlesworth et al., 1993; Charlesworth, 2012; Cutter & Payseur, 2013).

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530 Like the other processes described in this section, the extent of background selection varies 531 across the genome. Evidence from *Drosophila melanogaster* suggests it is highest on

532 autosomes, accounting for 58% of the observed variation in nucleotide diversity across 100 kbp 533 windows (Comeron, 2014). Simulations based on theoretical approximations show the effects of 534 background selection on patterns of diversity are greatest when deleterious mutation rate is high 535 and recombination rate is low, i.e. when linked neutral sites are unable to escape via 536 recombination from new mutations entering a population (Charlesworth et al., 1993; 537 Charlesworth, 2012). Background selection should also be higher in genomic regions with a 538 high density of coding sequence, where mutations are more likely to have deleterious effects; 539 this is supported by lower diversity in these regions (Lohmueller et al., 2011; Cutter & Payseur, 540 2013; Enard et al., 2014). Whether or not mutations are deleterious within a coding region may 541 vary with proximity to optimum fitness on a adaptive landscape; when a population is close to 542 maximum fitness, a greater proportion of mutations will be deleterious, causing a shift away 543 from the optimum (Orr, 1998; Cutter & Payseur, 2013). On a genome-wide level, drastic 544 reductions in effective population size can limit background selection as the frequencies of new 545 deleterious mutations are more strongly influenced by drift (Charlesworth, 2012).

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547 Despite being different processes, background and positive selection may produce similar 548 patterns of reduced intraspecific diversity and increased interspecific genomic differentiation in 549 genome scans using relative measures like F_{ST} (Noor & Bennett, 2009; Cruickshank & Hahn, 550 2014). Distinguishing between them is important in order to identify barrier loci under divergent 551 selection and rule out false positives; ideally, positive selection should be tested against a null-552 evolutionary model that incorporates background selection (Cutter & Payseur, 2013; Comeron, 553 2014; Zeng & Corcoran, 2015; Elyashiv et al., 2016). Predictive models incorporating 554 background selection are able to estimate the contribution of the process to differentiation 555 (Lohmueller et al., 2011; Comeron, 2014; Zeng & Corcoran, 2015; Elyashiv et al., 2016). 556 Similarly, outlier analyses and demographic inferences that account for signatures of 557 background selection are more robust, with fewer false positives (Ewing & Jensen, 2016; Huber 558 et al., 2016). To-date however, only a few studies have attempted to account for background 559 selection in the context of speciation and barrier loci (e.g. Roesti et al., 2013; Burri et al., 2015; 560 Delmore et al., 2015; Feulner et al., 2015).

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562 Global selective sweeps of universally adaptive alleles (see Box 1), i.e. those adaptive in both 563 diverging populations, may also generate signatures similar to barrier loci. Divergence history 564 may involve phases of allopatric isolation, during which universally adaptive mutations can 565 become fixed in only one subpopulation because gene flow is absent. This generates a peak of

566 differentiation that will decay with the introgression of the adaptive allele to the other 567 subpopulation when contact and gene flow are restored. However, homogenisation of allele 568 frequencies after secondary contact does not occur instantaneously, and peaks of differentiation 569 will be maintained during early phases of gene flow, potentially being misinterpreted as 570 indicating barrier loci (see Fig 1). Similar effects may occur at loci that do not contribute to 571 adaptation to the environment or speciation at all, but that are subject to sexual 572 selection, genomic conflict or drift occurring independently in geographically isolated 573 subpopulations.

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575 Even with continuous gene flow, recent sweeps of universally favourable alleles may 576 temporarily generate high differentiation peaks. The spread of favourable mutations amongst 577 subpopulations will take time and can cause temporary allele frequency differences, especially if 578 subpopulations are large or the magnitude of gene flow between them is relatively low. 579 Furthermore, the original hard sweep will strongly reduce diversity in regions flanking the 580 selected locus, leading to a single haplotype at high frequency in the source population. The lag 581 time between mutations arising and spreading means recombination events between the 582 flanking haplotype and others are more likely to occur in the second subpopulation (i.e. a soft 583 sweep). Consequently, different haplotypes will increase in frequency in the other 584 subpopulation, leading to elevated differentiation at regions flanking the selected locus, but not 585 the selected locus itself, generating two adjacent peaks (Bierne, 2010; Roesti et al., 2014). This 586 signature may be distinguishable from a single peak of divergent selection, but only if sufficiently 587 large chromosomal regions are studied.

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589 **Recombination rate variation**

590 With a uniform recombination rate across the genome, the width of a genomic region of 591 differentiation surrounding a barrier locus is directly proportional to the strength of the barrier 592 effect (Barton & Bengtsson, 1986). In reality, however, recombination rate varies widely across 593 the genome of most species studied (Jensen-Seaman & Furey, 2004). This may be associated 594 with chromosome type (i.e. sex chromosomes vs. autosomes), distance to the centromere, GC 595 content, CpG motifs, transposable elements, polyA and polyT sequences, gene density and 596 recombination modifiers (Butlin, 2005; Smukowski & Noor, 2011 and references therein), or, on 597 a fine scale, with recombination hotspots (Myers et al., 2010; Massy, 2013). Since many of 598 these factors are associated, determining the true cause of recombination rate variation is 599 difficult but its effects on genomic variation are more predictable. A barrier locus will influence a

600 larger genomic region when it occurs in a low-recombination region compared to a high-601 recombination region (Stephan, 2010; Cutter & Payseur, 2013). Therefore, it might be easier to 602 detect in a genome scan, but harder to narrow down to small functional regions or individual 603 nucleotides. This alone is justification enough to account for recombination rate variation when 604 interpreting patterns of differentiation across the genome (Nachman & Payseur, 2012; Roesti et 605 al., 2012). However, a strong correlation between recombination rate and nucleotide diversity 606 (Begun & Aquadro, 1992; Cutter & Payseur, 2013) suggests that recombination rate variation 607 can confound interpretation of the genomic landscape in other ways too.

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609 While recombination rate has a mutagenic effect, this does not appear to be correlated with 610 genomic divergence (Noor, 2008; Charlesworth & Campos, 2014). Indeed, controlling for 611 mutation rate variation shows recombination determinines the extent human-chimpanzee 612 divergence in other ways (Francioli et al., 2015). Background selection reducing genetic diversity in regions of low recombination is a compelling explanation for these patterns 613 614 (Charlesworth et al., 1993; Cutter & Payseur, 2013). Neutral alleles in low recombination 615 regions are more frequently in LD with deleterious mutations and so experience a stronger 616 purging effect (Charlesworth et al., 1993; Charlesworth, 2012). This leads to a reduction in 617 within-population diversity, while measures of absolute divergence (d_{XY}) remain largely 618 unaffected, provided gene flow is sufficiently low (Charlesworth et al., 1997; Noor & Bennett, 619 2009; Cruickshank & Hahn, 2014; Zeng & Corcoran, 2015; but see also Phung et al., 2016). 620 However, measures of relative differentiation (F_{ST}) will be inflated and some regions may appear 621 as outliers. High differentiation between species has indeed been observed in low 622 recombination regions, e.g. close to centromeres (e.g. Nachman & Payseur, 2012; Roesti et al., 623 2012). Nonetheless, it remains unclear how low gene flow between populations must be for 624 background selection in recombination cold spots to cause false positive signals of 625 differentiation.

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Importantly, recombination can influence selection beyond its signature in genome scans. High recombination allows the independent evolution of individual selected positions, counteracting Hill-Robertson interference (Stephan, 2010; Gossmann *et al.*, 2014). The more efficient fixation of adaptive mutations can potentially lead to greater divergence in high recombination regions (Bullaughey *et al.*, 2008). Conversely, when recombination is absent, lower efficacy of selection at eliminating weakly deleterious mutations can lead to increased non-synonymous divergence (Haddrill *et al.*, 2007; Bullaughey *et al.*, 2008). However, the effects of gene flow on the relationship between recombination and efficacy of selection have not been studied. Additionally, regions of reduced recombination may allow existing barrier loci to shield closely linked, newly established barrier loci under weaker selection from stochastic loss (Rafajlovic *et al.*, 2016). Clusters of barrier loci may be more likely to evolve in low recombination regions and it is possible that recombination suppressors evolve because they enhance clustering effects (Yeaman, 2013).

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641 The speciation process can also be expected to alter how recombination varies across the 642 genome; divergent selection between populations connected by gene flow should favour the 643 spread of recombination modifiers such as chromosomal rearrangements that decrease 644 recombination between barrier loci (Kirkpatrick & Barton, 2006; Ortiz-Barrientos et al., 2016). 645 Because recombination is suppressed in heterokarotypes, linkage between barrier loci can be 646 maintained within chromosomal rearrangements and these are expected to show higher 647 differentiation and divergence than collinear regions that will be homogenised by gene flow 648 (Noor et al 2001; Jackson et al 2016). As with other low recombination regions, alternative 649 explanations must be ruled out. For example, ancient rearrangements, pre-dating speciation, 650 may show inflated divergence and differentiation compared to the genome-wide average (Noor 651 & Bennett, 2009).

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653 Gene density

654 With the large number of assembled and annotated genomes now available, mapping gene 655 positions and estimating gene density is possible for more and more taxa. This has clearly 656 shown that genes are not randomly distributed across the genome (Hurst et al., 2004; Sémon & 657 Duret, 2006; Al-Shahrour et al., 2010). First, genes may cluster and form gene-rich regions, 658 while other parts of the genome may contain hardly any functional loci (Nobrega, 2003; Hellsten 659 et al., 2010). Genes may also be grouped by function, and the expression of these groups may 660 be regulated simultaneously (Hurst et al., 2004; Al-Shahrour et al., 2010). The causes for this 661 are not clear but likely involve tandem duplications, chromatin structure and shared regulatory 662 elements (see Hurst et al., 2004 for a review). Irrespective of their cause, clusters of functionally 663 similar and co-expressed genes are likely to be favoured by selection (Hurst et al., 2002; Al-664 Shahrour et al., 2010), although clustering may also evolve neutrally (Sémon & Duret, 2006). 665 The non-random distribution of genes in the genome, as well as their functional grouping, can 666 influence processes acting throughout the genome, playing an important role in shaping the 667 landscape of genomic differentiation.

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669 Functional genomic regions, which includes genes as well as transcription factor binding sites, 670 rDNA and regions coding for microRNAs, are more likely to experience positive and background 671 selection than non-functional regions, where mutations have no consequence. Because 672 background selection can reduce $N_{\rm e}$ locally in the genome, a negative correlation between gene 673 density and polymorphism is expected (Nordborg et al., 2005; Hobolth et al., 2011b; Flowers et 674 al., 2012). Similarly, a higher probability of local selective sweeps in these parts of the genome 675 will reduce within-population diversity (Stephan, 2010). High recombination can limit the impact 676 of such reductions in diversity; polymorphism is positively correlated with recombination rate 677 (Hey & Kliman, 2002; Nordborg et al., 2005). Indeed, it has been demonstrated that gene 678 density can show a positive relationship with recombination rate (Duret & Arndt, 2008; Flowers 679 et al., 2012). This may simply be an emergent property of the transcription process, which 680 increases recombination rate (Kim & Jinks-Robertson, 2012). Alternatively, a higher 681 recombination rate in gene-dense regions might be directly favoured by selection, because both 682 positive and negative selection are more efficient when the extent of Hill-Robertson interference 683 between multiple selected sites is reduced (Hey & Kliman, 2002, see also Recombination rate 684 variation).

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686 Importantly, gene density influences the efficacy of selection independently of recombination 687 rate; e.g. selection efficiency is negatively correlated with gene density in regions of both high 688 and low recombination (Hey & Kliman, 2002). However, this only holds true above a threshold 689 level of high gene density, suggesting a trade off between selective interference and the 690 advantages of co-expression of clustered genes (Hey & Kliman, 2002). This potentially has 691 implications for the spatial proximity of barrier loci in the genome. Increased Hill-Robertson 692 interference due to high gene density relative to recombination rate may be advantageous for 693 the maintenance of clusters of adaptive genes under divergent selection. Beneficial 694 combinations are less likely to be broken up, but will take longer to come together. Barrier loci in 695 gene-dense regions may also need higher selection coefficients to overcome the reduction in 696 local effective population size caused by background selection.

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The grouping of genes with related functions can also be expected to influence large-scale mechanisms in the speciation process when gene flow is occurring, e.g. the evolution of inversion polymorphisms or divergence hitchhiking (see *Loci linked to barrier nucleotides*). Functional grouping means multiple loci affecting the same divergently selected trait or suite of

702 traits may be physically linked (Hurst et al., 2004; Al-Shahrour et al., 2010). Inversions are 703 mainly adaptive if they capture multiple barrier loci (Kirkpatrick & Barton, 2006; Faria & Navarro, 704 2010), and the potential for capturing multiple barrier loci in an inversion when gene flow is 705 occurring is higher if they are grouped. Divergence hitchhiking occurs when adaptive mutations 706 arise close to an established barrier locus and are shielded from gene flow. When functionally 707 related genes are closely linked, new mutations occurring in the same genomic region are more 708 likely to be adaptive than if genes are randomly distributed, this increases the potential for 709 divergence hitchhiking. Similarly, new adaptive mutations would also be better protected against 710 stochastic loss (Rafajlovic et al. 2016).

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712 Section 3: A roadmap for the genomic landscape

713 The genomic landscape of differentiation has now been described in many species. Both the 714 number of examples and the genomic resolution are increasing, with many studies now 715 providing nucleotide-level descriptions for a large proportion of the genome with multiple 716 replicates (examples in Table 1). The problem however is not to generate these descriptions but 717 to interpret them; a difficult challenge because we know that the landscape depends on multiple 718 factors. To identify barrier loci properly, the parameter of primary interest is the local effective 719 rate of gene flow, m_e. This is determined by the actual migration rate and the local barrier effect, 720 which comprises the direct barrier effect (if any) and the influence of other barrier loci, mediated 721 by recombination. The influence of any indirect barrier effect will depend on local recombination 722 rate and gene density. Both direct and indirect effects, in turn, may be confounded by the impact 723 of population history on the genome, itself dependent on local mutation rate, recombination rate, 724 background selection or global and local selective sweeps not related to species specialisation 725 and speciation.

726 With so many modifying factors, interacting in complex ways, the prospects for disentangling the 727 genomic landscape might seem bleak. We believe this conclusion premature; in this section, we 728 outline a roadmap for future research in speciation genomics to overcome the issues faced by 729 the field. Our roadmap will not be feasible in all study systems, but it should represent a 730 guideline for researchers to work with. Over the last 15 years, since the publication of Wu's 731 (2001) 'genic view', a huge number of empirical studies have provided previously unimagined 732 insight into how speciation has progressed, and this number is still increasing. We argue that 733 with a carefully considered approach, ongoing speciation research will provide us with an even 734 greater understanding of the "mystery of mysteries".

735 Step 1: Know the study system

736 Although perhaps obvious, a strong biological background for a study system cannot be over-737 emphasised. Many of the most insightful recent speciation genomics studies have been on taxa 738 with a rich literature on many aspects of their biology such as three-spined sticklebacks 739 (McKinnon & Rundle, 2002; Jones et al., 2012), Heliconius butterflies (The Heliconius Genome 740 Consortium, 2012) and African cichlids (Keller et al., 2012; Brawand et al., 2014). This 741 background includes a solid understanding of the ecology, reproductive biology, life history 742 strategies and geographical distribution with a special focus on phylogeography and 743 evolutionary history. Crucially, genetic data should be supplemented with other evidence, from a 744 variety of sources such as fossil and historical records or experimental data on movement 745 between populations, in order to constrain the range of testable scenarios and to provide limits 746 on parameter estimates. Information on the mechanisms of pre- and postzgotic isolation and the 747 contributions of different components to overall isolation will also aid in the interpretation of 748 barrier loci. Knowledge of the biological background of a system should be used to inform 749 sampling strategies. We additionally recommend broadening the geographic and taxonomic 750 range of sampling where possible to account for unsuspected sources of introgression (e.g. Martin et al., 2015a). 751

752 Step 2: Establish the extent of gene flow and understand the demographic history

753 Gene flow is clearly fundamental for studying the genomic basis of reproductive isolation. A 754 study system should therefore be sampled where divergent populations or species meet 755 (Margues et al., 2016; McGee et al., 2016). Testing for and guantifying the extent of gene flow is 756 a crucial prerequisite for interpreting genomic analyses correctly; ideally both genomic and 757 additional evidence of gene flow (e.g. individuals in natural populations showing evidence of 758 introgression) should be identified. Quantifying gene flow is explicitly linked to an understanding 759 of the demographic history of a pair of populations or species. Reconstructing the evolutionary 760 history is desirable as it can have important effects on the genomic landscape (see Section 2: 761 Demographic and evolutionary history). Care should be taken to distinguish between population 762 level processes such as fluctuations in effective population size (Li & Durbin, 2011) and 763 genome-wide variation in demographic parameters (Roux et al., 2014, 2016). Fortunately, both 764 can be incorporated into flexible hypothesis testing frameworks such as coalescent modelling 765 and Approximate Bayesian Computation (Ewing & Jensen, 2016; Roux et al., 2016). Given the 766 importance of this step. Box 3 discusses methods that are useful to test for the presence of 767 gene flow and to infer demographic history in more detail.

768 **Step 3: Capture the best possible picture of the genomic landscape**

769 A wealth of next-generation sequencing approaches exists for representing the genomic 770 landscape accurately, nearly all of which have been used in a genome scan context (Table 1). 771 Relatively inexpensive and easy to apply to non-model organisms, reduced representation 772 techniques such as RAD-seq, RNA-seq and target capture sequencing have quickly gained 773 ground as popular tools for population genomics (Davey et al., 2011; Andrews et al., 2016). 774 These methods can clearly identify patterns of heterogeneity and outlier loci (examples in Table 775 1). They have also successfully been used to successfully reconstruct population history (Shafer 776 et al., 2015), estimate genome-wide recombination rate variation (Roesti et al., 2013) and 777 identify signatures of selection (Roesti et al., 2015). Although de novo assembly of reduced 778 representation markers can prove useful for identifying outlier loci (Le Moan et al., 2016; 779 Ravinet et al., 2016; Rougemont et al., 2016), ideally a reference genome and genetic map are 780 required to place markers in a genomic context. With such resources, it is possible to test 781 whether divergent loci cluster in the genome (Renaut et al., 2013; Margues et al., 2016), to 782 estimate the size of differentiated regions (Nadeau et al., 2012, 2013) and to ask whether higher 783 differentiation is found predominantly in regions of low recombination (Roesti et al., 2013; Tine 784 et al., 2014; Delmore et al., 2015; Margues et al., 2016).

785 However, reduced representation sequencing may not always be the ideal choice for identifying 786 barrier loci because of their relatively low genome coverage (e.g. 0.45% of 0.4 Gb three-spine 787 stickleback genome; Hohenlohe et al., 2010). Markers will rarely be the direct targets of 788 selection. In low recombination regions, physical distance between barrier loci and markers that 789 are outliers is likely to be large; in high-recombination regions, barrier loci are less likely to be 790 detected in the first place as the scale of LD is small. Furthermore, these methods may bias 791 studies in favour of identifying barrier loci with single nucleotide substitutions, overlooking 792 structural variants, rearrangements and changes in genome organization that can only be 793 detected reliably by using long insert mate pair libraries (Jones et al., 2012). Most importantly, 794 users should be aware of the pitfalls and biases unique to each different reduced representation 795 method that may ultimately distort the picture of the genomic landscape; e.g. null alleles and 796 sequence length bias in RAD-seq (Davey et al., 2013; Gautier et al., 2013; Ravinet et al., 2016) 797 and bias towards conserved genic regions or overexpressed alleles in RNA-seq (Hoban et al., 798 2016).

799 Whole-genome re-sequencing is becoming increasingly affordable as an alternative to reduced 800 representation approaches and has been used successfully in multiple taxa (see Table 1 for

801 examples). Although it still requires a well-assembled reference, resequencing provides good 802 genome-wide coverage, mitigating the problem of not targeting barrier loci. Furthermore, 803 resequencing can help to identify structural variation, duplications, copy number variation, 804 translocations and inversions that prove elusive with a reduced marker set. Hybrid assemblies 805 combining both long and short read technologies have proven successful in producing high 806 quality assemblies incorporating structural variation (English et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2015). 807 Nonetheless, difficult to assemble features such as highly repetitive regions are likely to be 808 missed even with new approaches (Hoban et al., 2016). For those with fewer resources, 809 resequencing might seem daunting. However a feasible option is to sequence a small number 810 of individuals (i.e. one or two) to high depth and many other individuals to much lower depth 811 (Glazer et al., 2015). This hybrid approach also allows high-depth data to be used for other 812 purposes such as demographic inference, genome annotation and assessing structural 813 variation. Pool-seq, i.e. sequencing with barcoding of population samples rather than 814 individuals, can also be used to estimate population allele frequencies and reduce sequencing 815 costs (Schlötterer et al., 2014; Christe et al., 2016).

816 Step 4: Measure genomic factors that contribute to the differentiation landscape

817 Measuring factors influencing the genomic landscape is difficult, but not insurmountable. 818 Genome-wide recombination rate variation can be documented by mapping in experimental 819 crosses (Roesti et al., 2013) or pedigrees (Kong et al., 2002; Kawakami et al., 2014). LD-based 820 methods using population genetic data are also able to estimate average realised recombination 821 across the population and over time (Tine et al., 2014), which may be more relevant in the 822 landscape context (Smukowski & Noor, 2011). Whichever approach is used, high-density 823 genomic markers and large numbers of individuals are essential since it is clear that 824 recombination rate can vary on a small genomic scale (Roesti et al., 2013; Kawakami et al., 825 2014). Furthermore, if possible, a comparative recombination mapping approach, i.e. using all 826 taxa studied, should be taken to account for differences between closely-related species 827 (Renaut et al., 2013).

Directly measuring genome-wide variation in mutation rate is likely to be more difficult, especially in non-model organisms with long generation times. Estimates at putatively neutral sites using phylogenetic methods remain valuable (Kondrashov & Kondrashov, 2010; Scally & Durbin, 2012). However these estimates are prone to bias depending on the timescale over which they are estimated (Ho *et al.*, 2005; Ho, 2014), and they do not incorporate deleterious or weakly deleterious mutations: i.e. they are substitution, not mutation rates. If possible, wholegenome sequencing within families using parent-offspring trios provides a direct measurement of genome-wide mutation rate heterogeneity and also allows classification of mutations, as adaptive, deleterious or neutral (Francioli *et al.*, 2015). Mutation accumulation lines offer an experimental approach in lab-based populations; natural selection is reduced and mutations are allowed to accumulate even if they would otherwise have negative fitness consequences (Ness *et al.*, 2015).

840 Estimating gene density relies on a high quality reference genome and precise annotation; with 841 accurate annotation, gene density is relatively easy to quantify (Hurst et al., 2002; Al-Shahrour 842 et al., 2010). Precise genome annotation, aided with transcriptomic data, should also mean that 843 measures of gene density are feasible for most organisms following genome assembly. 844 However, greater effort needs to be made to better annotate regions that are not protein-coding 845 but still play a functional role, e.g. regulatory regions. Importantly, measuring gene density via 846 annotation may also provide insight into other confounding factors influencing the genomic 847 landscape, potentially overcoming limitations for non-model organisms. For example, 848 recombination hotspots may be predicted by identifying transposons and sequence motifs 849 recognised by recombination modifier genes (Myers et al., 2010). Similarly, models using the 850 spatial distribution of CpG dinucleotides, flanking sequence and other mutation rate modifiers 851 could potentially be used to estimate mutation rate variation (Francioli et al., 2015; Ness et al., 852 2015).

853 Step 5: Identify selection at barriers, taking modifying factors into account

854 To properly identify the signature of selection properly, controlling for factors that modify or 855 mimic the signature of barriers to gene flow is essential. Previous work has attempted to do this, 856 at least in part, e.g. removing the effects of recombination rate variation by either correcting 857 local estimates of differentiation for regional differentiation (Roesti et al., 2012), correlating 858 differentiation with recombination rate (Renaut et al., 2013) or focusing on barrier loci in high-859 recombination regions (Margues et al., 2016). Clearly much of the focus to-date has been on 860 recombination rate variation although mutation rate has been tentatively linked to genomic 861 differentiation using indirect measures such as synonymous divergence ($d_{\rm S}$ - Renaut et al., 862 2014). Human-chimpanzee sequence divergence models incorporating both mutation and 863 recombination rate variation also show promise in partitioning these effects (Francioli et al., 864 2015).

865 Ultimately, the aim should be to infer selection using models that account for variation in 866 multiple confounding factors. It is now possible to detect hard selective sweeps in a single

867 population by including fixed differences with an outgroup to account for mutation rate variation 868 and by scaling the site frequency spectrum by estimates of background selection derived from 869 mutation and recombination rate variation and genome annotation data (Huber et al., 2016). 870 However, this has yet to be extended to cases of divergence with gene flow. Methods using 871 genome-wide measures of recombination rate variation and nucleotide diversity in order to 872 estimate the intensity and timing of selection and gene flow are also now available and can be 873 extended to include background selection (Aeschbacher et al., 2016). Such methods can only 874 be used if independent measurements of these factors (see Step 4) are combined with genome 875 scan data. Modelling the genomic landscape with local estimates of recombination rate, 876 mutation rate and gene density, can then be used to ask whether we need to invoke divergent 877 selection and gene flow to explain peaks of high differentiation (Cruickshank & Hahn, 2014).

878 Systems of parallel divergence or speciation may also be helpful in separating the effects of 879 various factors (Irwin et al., 2016). For example, when recombination rate variation is correlated 880 among closely related taxa, high differentiation in low-recombination regions that appear in 881 multiple species pairs is more likely to have arisen due to background selection (Burri et al., 882 2015). This is especially true if contrasts involve different types of barriers to gene flow, and if 883 the same highly differentiated regions occur in comparisons with and without gene flow. 884 However, as a caveat, differentiated regions shared amongst contrasts may sometimes still be 885 due to the same loci under divergent selection. Disentangling these explanations is only 886 possible with information on gene density, mutation rate, the types of barriers involved, and the 887 history of gene flow. Nonetheless, even with these data we can still only identify candidate 888 barrier regions: experimental and functional approaches are necessary to identify barrier loci 889 unequivocally.

890 Step 6: Independent evidence for barrier loci

891 Crucially, genomic data alone cannot provide conclusive evidence of barrier loci. Disentangling 892 effects is difficult precisely because some modifying factors (e.g. demographic history) are 893 estimated from data used to measure the landscape of differentiation. Even with good genomic 894 evidence of selection on a candidate region, other processes, such as local adaptation following 895 or unrelated to speciation, can be invoked (Cruickshank & Hahn, 2014). For this reason, the 896 search for evidence of selection should extend beyond the genome scan. In principle, there are 897 two ways of obtaining independent evidence for selection; we can either directly test for 898 signatures of selection on a given locus; or we can test for a link between the genotype and the 899 phenotype, and separately test for selection on the phenotype (Table 2). The advantage of the 900 former is that it provides a more direct test of selection; the advantage of the latter is that 901 knowing the associated phenotypic change allows for a complete "story" and a better 902 understanding of the system.

903 Selection experiments in the field or laboratory, followed by genome-wide or candidate locus 904 sequencing, are an excellent example of the former approach (Soria-Carrasco et al., 2014; 905 Egan et al., 2015). Although not possible in all organisms, such studies have already identified 906 loci involved in reproductive isolation and adaptive divergence (Colosimo et al., 2005; Barrett et al., 2008; Arnegard et al., 2014). Genomic data beyond the binary sampling often used for 907 908 outlier scans can also be very helpful to collect independent evidence of selection. For example, 909 barrier loci are expected to show steep allele frequency clines in regions where gene flow is 910 occurring (Box 2). Data from instances of parallel divergence may also be used to test whether 911 the same genomic regions show differentiation repeatedly (although see caveats described in 912 Step 5; Table 2).

913 Various approaches have been used in order to test associations of candidate loci with 914 divergent phenotypes (or, ideally, phenotypes for which tests of divergent selection have been 915 performed), including QTL crossing experiments, association and admixture mapping. 916 Combining mapping with genome scan data can help identify when QTL coincide with outlier 917 loci and also provides further evidence that these loci are under selection in the wild (Via & 918 West, 2008; Renaut et al., 2010; Berner et al., 2014). Differences in gene expression between 919 populations at candidate genes under divergent selection might also be informative (Poelstra et 920 al., 2014). In systems where decent genome annotation exists, this may identify associations 921 between candidate loci and known divergent traits (Lamichhaney et al., 2015, 2016).

922 Nonetheless, the majority of these approaches stop short of directly demonstrating how a 923 barrier allele alters the function to produce phenotypic consequences and ultimately results in 924 reproductive isolation (Seehausen et al., 2014). In some cases, molecular assays of protein 925 function are possible; but often conclusive evidence is only really possible using transgenic or 926 gene interference methods which to-date have largely been limited to model organisms such as 927 Drosophila (Thomae et al., 2013; Satyaki et al., 2014; Phadnis et al., 2015). With the rapid 928 adoption of CRISPR, a method applicable to a much wider range of organisms, transgenic 929 experiments are likely to become an important part of speciation research (Bono et al., 2015). 930 Gene insertion, knockouts and reciprocal transplant experiments, for example, will be able to 931 provide direct evidence of barrier nucleotide function in non-model organisms (Bono et al., 932 2015).

933 Concluding remarks

934 The genomic landscape of speciation is, like the process itself, complex. A wide variety of 935 processes and mechanisms can shape differentiation and divergence between species pairs, 936 beyond divergent selection and gene flow. Like a true physical landscape, determining which 937 processes have played an important role in its formation is difficult but not insurmountable. 938 Accounting for modifying factors in genome scan data will undoubtedly require sophisticated 939 approaches but will also need additional evidence such as independent measures of 940 recombination and mutation rate variation, and, maybe most importantly, independent evidence 941 for selection (e.g. from experiments). The field of speciation genomics is already progressing 942 towards disentangling modifying factors and directly measuring selection on candidate loci in 943 the field and the lab, with a greater emphasis on experimental design and new analysis 944 methods. Furthermore, with new molecular tools and more advanced sequencing technologies 945 on the horizon, conclusive evidence for barrier loci will likely become easier to achieve for those 946 working outside the realm of model species. We look forward to further developing our 947 understanding of how genomic heterogeneity evolves and how this understanding can used to 948 identify loci involved in reproductive isolation with greater precision and reliability.

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950 Box 1 – Clearer definitions

951 A wealth of technical terms, often without clear definition, makes an attempt to understand the 952 literature on speciation genomics a daunting task (Harrison, 2012). In this review, we argue for 953 the importance of identifying **barrier loci**, positions in the genome that contribute to barriers to 954 gene flow between populations. These include loci under divergent ecological selection, but also 955 loci involved in other barriers, e.g. mate choice, or intrinsic postzygotic isolation. When a **locally** 956 beneficial allele, adaptive in a single population, arises, divergent positive selection will cause 957 it to increase in frequency, resulting in a local selective sweep. The barrier effect is a 958 reduction of effective migration rate relative to actual migration between populations that occurs 959 at the barrier locus (i.e. the direct effect) but can also extend beyond it (i.e. the indirect effect). In 960 surrounding genomic regions, the barrier effect will initially allow a build-up of genomic 961 differentiation, i.e. a difference in allele frequency, between populations, typically documented 962 using a relative measure such as F_{ST} . Over time, the barrier effect will allow neutral mutations to 963 establish, resulting in **genomic divergence** between populations, typically measured using d_{XY} . 964 In contrast to barrier loci, when globally beneficial alleles arise they will increase in frequency

965 due to positive (but crucially, not divergent) selection and spread amongst populations in 966 contact. Both globally and locally adaptive alleles may undergo hard sweeps, i.e. from de novo 967 mutation or introgression, or **soft sweeps**, i.e. from standing genetic variation. **Genome scans**, 968 comparisons between pairs of populations or species at multiple loci across the genome 969 (typically thousands of loci nowadays), can quantify the genomic landscape of differentiation 970 and divergence when placed on a physical or genetic map. These are used to identify **outliers**, 971 *i.e.* loci or regions that fall outside the expected equilibrium neutral distribution of differentiation 972 or divergence, which may be influenced by barrier effects.

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974 Box 2 – Searching for islands in a sea of metaphors

975 Genomic differentiation may be heterogeneous during much of the speciation process (Nosil 976 2012; Table 1). Under the genic view of speciation, the genome is porous to gene flow while 977 reproductive isolation is incomplete (Wu, 2001; Wu & Ting, 2004). A large number of genome 978 scans have identified distinct genomic regions ("islands") of greater differentiation than the 979 putatively neutral genomic background ("sea level) that tends toward homogenization by gene 980 flow (Nosil et al., 2009). First described as "genomic islands of speciation" in Anopheles 981 mosquitoes, these regions were assumed to harbour loci underlying reproductive isolation 982 (Turner et al., 2005). The genomic island metaphor has proved popular and has been valuable 983 for driving empirical progress; a wide array of studies searching for "speciation islands" in 984 multiple taxa has been published in the last decade.

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986 Other terms have also been coined to describe genomic heterogeneity. These may not explicitly 987 invoke speciation, e.g. "genomic islands of differentiation" (Harr, 2006) or "genomic islands of 988 divergence" (Nosil et al., 2009). Large differentiation regions, potentially containing multiple 989 speciation genes have been referred to as "continents of divergence" (Michel et al., 2010; Egan 990 et al., 2015). These metaphors have led to conceptual frameworks, such as Feder et al.'s 991 (2012) four-phase model, which incorporate processes such as divergence and genome 992 hitchhiking (see main text) to explain how differentiation across the genome evolves. Although 993 the metaphors have proved useful for describing observed patterns and communicating a 994 complex concept to a wider audience, introducing attractive terminology runs the risk of 995 encouraging ambiguity (Harrison, 2012). For example, differentiation is more likely to vary continuously during speciation rather than showing clearly defined "islands" or "continents". 996 997 Metaphors also lead to arbitrary and unproductive discussions on how to define them: what 998 level of differentiation defines an island and when or at what length does an "island" become a

- 999 "continent"?
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1001 Although genomic regions of high differentiation undoubtedly exist (Table 1), they are not 1002 necessarily caused by the interplay between gene flow and divergent selection; they may in fact 1003 be "incidental islands" that emerge when gene flow is absent (Noor & Bennett, 2009; Turner & 1004 Hahn, 2010; Cruickshank & Hahn, 2014). Divergent and indirect selection (i.e. hitchhiking and 1005 background selection) can reduce within-population diversity in geographically isolated and 1006 potentially locally adapted populations, leading to high- F_{ST} regions that may not be related to 1007 speciation, while much of the genome remains undifferentiated due to incomplete lineage 1008 sorting. This process results in a specific genomic signature with high levels of differentiation 1009 (F_{ST} , a relative measure) and low levels of absolute divergence (d_{XY}) at loci affected by local 1010 adaptation or background selection. In this case, divergence due to direct and indirect selection 1011 occurs in the absence of gene flow, potentially after speciation is completed or even just while 1012 local adaptation is occurring. It is necessary to rule out this alternative explanation before 1013 interpreting regions of elevated differentiation as barrier loci. For that, it is crucial to test for 1014 ongoing or recent gene flow (Box 3).

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1016 Importantly, even if gene flow does occur, elevated divergence/differentiation alone is not 1017 sufficient to identify barrier loci; additional evidence is necessary (see Roadmap). Given that 1018 "islands" may not be involved in speciation at all, we suggest avoiding any terminology linking 1019 highly differentiated genomic regions to speciation unless further evidence suggests this is, in 1020 fact, the case.

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Box 3 – Inferring and quantifying gene flow

Barrier effects can only be detected in the presence of recent or ongoing gene flow. Inferring gene flow, outside of a genome scan and preferably in the context of evolutionary history, is an important first step for interpreting the genomic landscape of speciation. However, given the complexity of speciation history and the high probability that, in many cases, gene flow is not constant over time, this presents a major difficulty for speciation research.

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1029 Identifying recent gene flow using population clustering methods that reliably detect F1, F2 and 1030 backcross hybrids is relatively straightforward (Pritchard *et al.*, 2000; Anderson & Thompson, 1031 2002; Falush et al., 2003). Emphasis should be placed on identifying introgression over several 1032 generations: i.e. on the presence of backcrossed individuals. Clinal analysis of allele 1033 frequencies across hybrid zones or across the genome overcomes a significant current 1034 disadvantage of clustering techniques as it allows for reliable migration estimates (Barton, 1983; 1035 Barton & Hewitt, 1985; Gompert & Buerkle, 2011). Other evidence for recent or ongoing gene 1036 flow makes use of the biogeographical distributions of species, e.g. asking if genetic 1037 differentiation is lower in sympatry compared to allopatry (Noor & Bennett, 2009; Margues et al., 1038 2016). For example, *Heliconius* butterfly studies show greater divergence between allopatric 1039 races than between those in sympatry or parapatry, suggesting ongoing gene flow (Nadeau et 1040 al., 2012, 2013; Martin et al., 2013). Similarly, very recently diverged populations (i.e. hundreds 1041 of generations) with documented hybridization events suggest low genomic differentiation is 1042 maintained, at least in part, by gene flow (Lescak et al., 2015; Margues et al., 2016). Finally, 1043 non-genetic evidence of migration or potential migration between populations using mark-1044 recapture experiments (Bolnick et al., 2009), mate-choice experiments (Nosil et al., 2002; 1045 McKinnon et al., 2004) and phenotypic variation (Lescak et al., 2015) can bolster the argument 1046 that low background differentiation in a genome scan is due to ongoing gene flow.

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1048 Several key approaches incorporate demographic history, making it possible to infer both gene 1049 flow and mechanisms of divergence (Sousa & Hey, 2013). Site frequency spectrum (SFS) 1050 methods can rapidly approximate the joint allele frequency distribution between populations, 1051 allowing comparisons of divergence with and without gene flow and the estimation of migration 1052 rate (Gutenkunst et al., 2009; Excoffier et al., 2013). Isolation-with-Migration (IM) models have 1053 also recently been extended to incorporate whole-genome data and overcome some simplifying 1054 assumptions such as absence of recombination (Hobolth et al., 2011a; Mailund et al., 2012). 1055 Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC) is more computationally expensive but can 1056 incorporate thousands of loci resulting in high precision parameter estimation (Robinson et al., 1057 2014; Shafer et al., 2015). ABC is flexible, allowing variation in migration rates amongst loci to 1058 be incorporated (Roux et al., 2013, 2014) or the inclusion of haplotype-based statistics for 1059 estimating gene flow (Bertorelle et al., 2010; Csilléry et al., 2010). However, we note that model-1060 based inference is limited to distinguishing amongst the models tested; parameter estimates are 1061 therefore meaningful only in the context of a specific model. Since these are generally 1062 simplifications, the results must be interpreted with caution.

1064 Modelling approaches typically perform poorly when estimating gene flow timing (Roux et al., 1065 2013), but this may be possible to overcome when there is sufficient biogeographical and 1066 phylogenetic information to resolve periods of contact between populations (Garrigan et al., 1067 2012; Nadachowska-Brzyska et al., 2013). This is the rationale behind comparative statistics 1068 such as ABBA-BABA that test for an excess of derived alleles at positions across the genome 1069 (Green et al., 2010; Durand et al., 2011; Martin et al., 2014). By incorporating different taxa with 1070 known divergence times, it is possible to infer the time interval when introgression may have 1071 occurred (Martin et al., 2013; Eaton et al., 2015). Methods comparing the size of introgressed 1072 haplotypes ('migrant tracts') to an expected distribution under migration within T generations 1073 may provide relatively accurate estimates of the timing of gene flow (Pool & Nielsen, 2009). 1074 However, this requires accurate haplotype phasing and has very little power to date admixture 1075 more than 1000 generations in the past (Pool & Nielsen, 2009; Liang & Nielsen, 2014). Identity-1076 by-state tracts, i.e. the distance between polymorphisms on a haplotype, also require phased 1077 data to calculate but provide a promising means for estimating the timing and extent of gene 1078 flow, as well as other demographic parameters (Harris & Nielsen, 2013). An extension of the 1079 Markov coalescent approach for estimating effective population size as a function of time can 1080 now use haplotype data from multiple individuals to determine cross-coalescence rate (i.e. 1081 coalescent events within and between populations) providing accurate estimates of the timing 1082 and rate of last migration without a specified demographic model (Li & Durbin, 2011; Schiffels & 1083 Durbin, 2014).

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1681 **Figures**

1682 Figure 1: Factors potentially shaping the genomic landscape. Different demographic histories, 1683 features of the genome and processes can produce apparently equivalent landscapes of 1684 differentiation. During primary divergence, barrier loci and their barrier effects increase 1685 differentiation. However, local selective sweeps not related to speciation may also produce 1686 peaks of divergence. Also regions of reduced recombination can give rise to such peaks. Under 1687 secondary contact, gene flow must eventually erode differentiation that has built up during 1688 isolation due to drift and potentially local adaptation. Yet mutation cold-spots may suggest that 1689 gene flow has recently occured - when its effect in reality was negligible.

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1691 Figure 2. Relative differentiation F_{ST} averaged over 5000 independent evolutionary histories 1692 during different speciation scenarios. The figure shows an F_{ST} heatmap (see the colour bar for 1693 reference) as a function of time since the start of selection, and as a function of physical 1694 distance from the locus under selection in three different scenarios. Primary divergence with a 1695 hard sweep (A) and soft sweep (B) and secondary contact with a hard sweep during a period of 1696 isolation (C). Solid lines show the frequency of the allele that sweeps through the population 1697 where it is beneficial. Parameters: N = 500 individuals per deme. Migration rate per individual, 1698 deme, and generation: m = 0.004. Mutation rate per allele, locus, individual, and generation: $\mu =$ 4 x 10^{-5} . Selection coefficient: s = 0.2. In all cases, there was an initial phase of neutral 1699 1700 evolution lasting for at least 2 x 10^4 generations (selection coefficient was set to s = 0 during this 1701 phase)...In the case of soft sweep (panel B) the allele frequency at the selected locus in either 1702 population was conditioned to be between 30% and 70% when selection started. Approach to 1703 equilibrium is slow but the patterns obtained at the end of simulations are similar to those 1704 expected at equilibrium. Note the logarithmic timescale on the x-axis, and different spacing 1705 between neighbouring loci on the *y*-axis.

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Figure 3: Relative differentiation F_{ST} obtained in a single stochastic realisation of the model in the case of a hard sweep occurring in a primary contact. All parameters are same as in Figure 2. Note that the range of F_{ST} values obtained in the individual realisation is larger than the range used in the colour bar (the highest F_{ST} values are >0.4, very close to unity), but for simpler interpretation and comparison to the results shown in Fig. 2, all values here are truncated to the range used in Fig. 2.

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Figure 4: Comparison of average relative differentiation F_{ST} and average absolute differentiation d_{XY} at the neutral locus at distance 500 kb from the locus under selection during a hard sweep in primary contact, as a function of time since the start of selection. Shown is the result obtained in. Blue: F_{ST} , red: d_{XY} . Averages are made over 10000 independent evolutionary histories. All other parameters are same as in Figure 2.

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Table 1: Examples of systems where evidence of heterogeneous genomic differentiation or divergence has been identified using
 genome-scan approaches. Note that this table is not intended to be an exhaustive summary.

Study system	NGS approach	Genome scan approach	Main findings	Reference
European rabbit subspecies: <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> <i>cuniculus</i> & <i>O. c. algirus</i>	Target sequencing, RNA-seq	Sliding window estimates of F_{ST} , d_{XY} , RND, number of fixed differences and ratio of fixed differences to shared polymorphism	Low genome-wide mean F_{ST} ; numerous regions (1.8%) highly differentiated. Overrepresentation on sex chromosome and centromeres suggest minor role for selection. Sweeps do not account for majority of differentiation peaks.	Carneiro <i>et al.</i> , (2014)
Fruit fly subspecies: Drosophila pseudoobscura pseudoobscura & D. persimilis	Whole-genome sequencing	Sliding window estimates of d_{XY} and nucleotide diversity.	High nucleotide diversity and divergence in inversions compared to collinear regions due to reduced recombination	Mcgaugh & Noor, (2012)
Sunflowers: Helianthus annuus & H. petiolaris	RNA-seq	Sliding window and spatial autocorrelation statistics based on $F_{\rm ST}$	Lower overall differentiation in sympatry, number and size of genomic islands did not differ with geography, strong negative correlation with recombination regardless of spatial context	Renaut <i>et al</i> ., (2013)
Marine and freshwater three-spined stickleback ecotypes: <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i>	Whole-genome sequencing	Sliding window estimates of F_{ST} , nucleotide diversity and Hidden Markov model detection of outlier regions	150-242 genomic regions of high differentiation across genome. Evidence of parallel reuse of standing variation in different populations.	Jones <i>et al.</i> , (2012)
Walking stick ecotypes: <i>Timema cristinae</i>	Whole-genome sequencing	Point estimates of <i>F</i> _{ST} at SNP positions, HMM detection of outlier regions	Median F_{ST} greater between geographically separated populations compared to adjacent – 8-30% genome highly differentiated; also evidence of non-parallelism.	Soria-Carrasco <i>et</i> <i>al.</i> , (2014)
House mouse subspecies:	RNA-seq	Sliding window estimates of	Higher differentiation on sex	Phifer-Rixey <i>et al.</i> ,

<i>Mus musculus musculus & M. m. domesticus</i>		$F_{\rm ST}$, $d_{\rm XY}$ and allele frequency differences (δ)	chromosomes. Many regions of high differentiation between species but low within subspecies. Evidence of local selective sweeps and/or barrier loci.	(2014)
Hawthorne and apple Apple maggot fly ecotypes: <i>Rhagotelis pomonella</i>	Microsatellites and allozymes	Point estimates of F_{ST}	Two genomic outlier regions on separate chromosomes, suggesting support for genomic island and continent hypotheses.	Michel <i>et al.</i> , (2010)
Normal benthic and dwarf limnetic whitefish ecotypes: <i>Coregonus clupeaformis</i>	RAD-sequencing	Sliding window estimates of $F_{\rm ST}$ and barrier strength ($m/m_{\rm e}$)	Positive correlation of mean and variance of F_{ST} , outlier region size and LD with morphological differentiation. Island size influenced by LD, selection strength and demography. Incomplete parallelism of outliers.	Gagnaire <i>et al</i> ., (2013)
Annual and perennial Yellow Monkey Flower ecotypes: <i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	Genotyping-by- sequencing	Sliding window estimates of FCT, nucleotide diversity and divergence (d_{XY})	Outlier regions distributed across genome, but enriched in an inversion with barrier loci. Co-linear regions probably homogenized by gene flow.	Twyford & Friedman, (2015)
M and S mosquito forms: Anopheles gambiae	SNP-genotyping array	Sliding window estimates of nucleotide diversity and $F_{\rm ST}$	Regions of high differentiation at centromeres, low nucleotide diversit in high recombination regions suggest recent sweeps and 'incidental islands'	Neafsey <i>et al.,</i> (2010)
Neotropical butterfly species: <i>Heliconius melpomne, H.</i> cydno & H. timareta	Whole-genome- sequencing	Sliding window estimates of F_{ST} and ABBA-BABA tests for gene flow	Low F_{ST} between sympatric species, higher differentiation and lower gene flow on sex chromosomes and at loci underlying divergent wing patterns	Martin <i>et al.</i> , (2013)
Flycatchers: <i>Ficedula sp.</i>	Whole-genome- sequencing	Non-overlapping window estimates of F_{ST} , d_{XY}	Strong correlations between F_{ST} amongst independent species comparisons and with recombination rate suggests heterogeneity caused by	Burri <i>et al</i> ., (2015)

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Table 2: Examples of studies where alongside genome scan data, additional evidence besides genome-scan data has been used to demonstrate that selection occurs at outliers. Here we delineate between studies that demonstrate a genotype-phenotype link (table section in grey), which requires separate evidence of selection on the phenotype, and studies that show signatures of selection on the genotype (unfilled table section). We note that in some cases, e.g. lateral plate armour in three-spined sticklebacks, there are overlaps between these categories.

Type of evidence	Description	Caveats	Examples
QTL mapping and other mapping approaches	Identifies genomic basis of known divergent trait or hybrid incompatibility; correspondence of QTL with outliers provides strong evidence for selection	Narrowing genomic region requires large numbers of individuals and high density of markers. Potential bias towards large-effect or clustered loci.	Overlap between QTL and outliers for benthic – limnetic whitefish (Rogers & Bernatchez, 2005). Allele frequency shifts at SNPs linked to QTL for skeletal morphology in lake-stream sticklebacks (Berner <i>et al.</i> , 2014). Reduction in sperm number maps to sex chromosomes in Pacific Ocean-Japan Sea stickleback cross (Kitano <i>et al.</i> , 2009).
Gene ontology analysis	Test whether outliers have functions that are expected to be divergent (based on observations of phenotypic divergence or known selection pressures	Relatively weak evidence, limited by annotation quality.	Groundsels on different soil types often have different outliers, but similar annotations (Roda <i>et al.</i> , 2013). Flowering time genes divergent across latitudinal gradient in sunflowers (Renaut <i>et al.</i> , 2013).
Molecular assay	Functional assays of gene products using <i>in vitro</i> methods	Usually cannot be formed using study organism.	Cichlid opsin light absorbance (Terai <i>et al.</i> , 2006). Expression of Pocket mice

			Mc1r alleles in cultured cells (Hoekstra <i>et al.</i> , 2006).
Transgenics	Insertion or deletion of alleles into different genetic background and observation of phenotype	Technically difficult for most organisms	Insertion of high-plated Eda allele into low-plated genomic background (Colosimo <i>et al.</i> , 2005) and restoration of pelvic spine phenotype in sticklebacks (Chan <i>et al.</i> , 2010).
Knockout/knockdown	Deletion, disruption or suppression of genes underlying divergence traits to demonstrate phenotypic effects	Can only demonstrate loss of function. Target fidelity is difficult to control.	Knockdown of genes related to albinism in cavefish (Bilandžija <i>et al.</i> , 2013) and <i>doublesex</i> gene controlling mimicry patterns in <i>Papillo</i> butterflies (Nishikawa <i>et al.</i> , 2015)-
Genomic clines	Steep clines expected for loci under strong ecological selection across ecotones or for genes involved in reproductive isolation across hybrid zones	Recombination, mutation rate and population demography can distort clinal data	Overlap between outlier loci and steep genomic clines in bivalve subspecies (Luttikhuizen <i>et al.</i> , 2012). Loci with steep clines at genes known to be involved in RI (Trier <i>et al.</i> , 2014).
Parallel evolution	Parallel differentiation at the same locus, genomic region or gene class across multiple geographically and phylogenetically independent species/population pairs	Parallel differentiation caused by shared genomic constraints – i.e. background selection and low recombination – must be ruled out. Parallel differentiation also produced by secondary contact.	Same loci involved in marine-freshwater stickleback divergence across large geographical scales (Jones <i>et al.</i> , 2012). Increased differentiation amongst stream populations flanking genomic regions involved in phenotypic differentiation in lake-stream sticklebacks due to propagating selective sweeps (Roesti <i>et al.</i> , 2014).
Experimental crosses	Observation of segregation distortion, hybrid sterility or hybrid inviability allows for identification of	Cross designs can be complicated and often only possible in model	Crosses between <i>Drosophila</i> subspecies show male sterility and segregation distortion (Phadnis & Orr, 2009).

	intrinsic incompatibilities	organisms – particularly when inviability is present. Cannot always identify extrinsic selection against hybrids.	Evidence of ecological incompatibilities from limnetic-benthic stickleback crosses in artificial environments (Arnegard <i>et al.</i> , 2014).
Transplant experiments	Transplanting hybrids or individuals from divergent habitats into a maladaptive environment results in changes in allele frequency or a reduction in fitness and survival.	Not feasible for some species and also difficult to discount selection on other adaptive loci	Switching stick insects between host plants (Gompert <i>et al.</i> , 2014); transplant of marine sticklebacks with known lateral plate Eda genotype demonstrates reduced fitness and allele frequency shifts (Barrett <i>et al.</i> , 2008).

Primary divergence

Secondary contact









Supplementary material

In this Supplementary Material, the model used to generate Figs. 2-4 in the main text is explained.

Appendix S1. MODEL

We model two populations, each with N diploid individuals. It is assumed that the two populations exchange migrants at a rate m per generation, individual, population. All loci are assumed to be bi-allelic. The two allelic types are denoted by A and a. One locus is assumed to be under divergent selection. At this locus, one of the two alleles (A) is favoured in the first population, and the other (a) is favoured in the second population. In the first population, the fitnesses of genotypes AA, Aa, and aa are 1, 1 - s/2, and 1 - s. In the second population the corresponding fitnesses are 1 - s, 1 - s/2, and 1. When s = 0, all loci are evolving neutrally. In all simulations, during the initial 20000 generations (or longer) we set s = 0. In what follows this phase is referred to as *the neutral-evolution phase*.

In addition to the locus under selection, we assume that there are L_{linked} neutral loci at increasing recombination distances from the locus under selection. One of the neutral loci is fully linked to the selected locus. For the remaining loci, recombination occurs at a rate r between a pair of adjacent loci on the chromosome. Furthermore, there are L_{unlinked} neutral loci unlinked to the selected locus.

The lifecycle of individuals is modelled in the following order: migration of virgin adults, mating locally within each population, recombination, fecundity selection, mutation. All neutral loci are assumed to be subject to mutation at a rate μ per allele, locus, individual, population, generation. We use a symmetric two-allele mutation model: a mutation changes allele a to A, and vice versa.

Following the neutral-evolution phase (see above), we model a primary-contact divergence, or a secondary-contact divergence.

In the primary-contact divergence case we assume that divergent selection starts immediately after the neutral-evolution phase, so that s is larger than zero (and constant over time) at the locus assumed to be under selection. Here we distinguish two cases that are briefly discussed next. First, we assume that the locus under selection has no genetic variation prior to the initiation of divergent selection (all alleles are of type A), and we introduce only one mutation (allele a) in the second population, where this allele is beneficial. This corresponds to "a hard sweep". After this mutation has been introduced, we neglect any further mutations at the locus under selection. Note that the mutation can, by chance, be lost during the initial phase of divergence. In the simulation is successful. Second, we assume that, when divergent selection starts, the locus under selection has genetic variation between a hard-sweep case and a soft-sweep case, in these simulations we condition on that, when selection starts, the allele-frequencies at the locus under selection are between 0.3 and 0.7 in both populations.

By contrast to the primary-contact model, in the secondary-contact model we assume that, after the neutral-evolution phase, there is a period of complete isolation between the two populations (the migration rate is set to zero). In this period of complete isolation, it is assumed that s = 0 during the first N generations. Thereafter, we model a hard sweep while the populations are still isolated. This is modelled similarly to the case of hard sweep in a primary contact (see above), but here there is no migration while the sweep occurs. When the frequency of the locally beneficial allele becomes one in the population where the sweep occurs, we reintroduce migration between the two populations (secondary contact). The migration rate during the secondary contact is assumed to be equal to the migration rate prior to the period of complete isolation.

Note that in cases where a sweep occurs during a period of isolation between the populations, the beneficial mutant allele sweeps to fixation. This is not true for sweeps occurring during a primary contact because migration introduces locally deleterious alleles, but the frequency of the locally deleterious allele is expected to be smaller than the frequency of the locally beneficial allele. The difference in the two frequencies depends on the migration-selection-drift balance. Note also that in the secondary-contact case, the same migration-selection-drift balance is attained after migration between the two populations has been reestablished.

In the simulations, we measure in generation τ the total-population heterozygosity $\Pi_{T,\tau}$, as well as the within-population heterozygosities $\Pi_{S,\tau}^{(1)}$, and $\Pi_{S,\tau}^{(2)}$ for the first and second population, respectively. Here index "S" stands for "subpopulation", and τ denotes a generation (measured since the start of divergent selection) when the corresponding measure is taken. In a majority of the simulations we take measures every 5th generation. The within- and total-population heterozygosities allow for

computing the statistics $F_{ST,\tau}$ ad $d_{XY,\tau}$ as follows (Cruickshank and Hahn, 2014):

$$F_{\rm ST,\tau} = \frac{\Pi_{\rm T,\tau} - \frac{\Pi_{\rm S,\tau}^{(1)} + \Pi_{\rm S,\tau}^{(2)}}{2}}{\Pi_{\rm T,\tau}} ,$$

$$d_{\rm XY,\tau} = 2\Pi_{\rm T,\tau} - \frac{\Pi_{\rm S,\tau}^{(1)} + \Pi_{\rm S,\tau}^{(2)}}{2} .$$
(S1)

Note that for the model used here (symmetric two-allele mutation model), the number of differences between haplotypes sampled from the different populations at a given distance from the selected locus is either 0 or 1. Therefore, $d_{XY,\tau}$ is equal to the probability that an allele sampled randomly from one population is different from an allele sampled randomly from the opposite population.

Appendix S2. PARAMETER CHOICES

The parameter values used in the simulations are listed in Table S1. We run the model for 10^4 generations after the neutralevolution phase. We perform 5000 independent realisations for each case modelled (unless stated otherwise).

The results obtained under the model are shown and discussed in the main text.

Tables

TABLE 1 Parameters of the model, their explanations, and the values used in our computer simulations.

Parameter	Explanation	Values
N	Number of individuals in each population	500
m	Migration rate	0.004
s	Selection coefficient	0.2
r	Recombination rate between a pair of adjacent loci ^a	0,0.001,0.01, 0.5
L_{linked}	Number of loci linked to the selected locus	61
$L_{\rm unlinked}$	Number of loci unlinked to the selected locus	10

^a: One neural locus is fully linked to the selected locus (r = 0). For the next 50 neutral loci, the recombination rate between a pair of adjacent loci is set to 0.001. Then, for the next 10 neutral loci, the corresponding recombination rate is 0.01. The recombination rate between any locus and an unlinked locus is 0.5.

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