

1 **High-Throughput Sequencing of Transposable Element Insertions**
2 **Suggests Adaptive Evolution of the Invasive Asian Tiger Mosquito**
3 **Towards Temperate Environments**

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22 **Abstract**

23 Invasive species represent unique opportunities to evaluate the role of local
24 adaptation during colonization of new environments. Among these species, the
25 Asian tiger mosquito, *Aedes albopictus*, is a threatening vector of several human
26 viral diseases, including dengue and chikungunya, and raises concerns about the
27 Zika fever. Its broad presence in both temperate and tropical environments has
28 been considered the reflection of great "ecological plasticity". However, no study
29 has been conducted to assess the role of adaptive evolution in the ecological
30 success of *Ae. albopictus* at the molecular level. In the present study, we
31 performed a genomic scan to search for potential signatures of selection leading
32 to local adaptation in one-hundred-forty field-collected mosquitoes from native
33 populations of Vietnam and temperate invasive populations of Europe. High-
34 throughput genotyping of transposable element insertions led to the discovery of
35 more than 120 000 polymorphic loci, which, in their great majority, revealed a
36 virtual absence of structure between the bio-geographic areas. Nevertheless, 92
37 outlier loci showed a high level of differentiation between temperate and tropical
38 populations. The majority of these loci segregates at high insertion frequencies
39 among European populations, indicating that this pattern could have been caused
40 by recent adaptive evolution events in temperate areas. An analysis of the
41 overlapping and neighboring genes highlighted several candidates, including

42 diapause, lipid and juvenile hormone pathways.

43 **Introduction**

44 Biological invasions represent unique opportunities to study rapid evolutionary changes,
45 such as adaptive evolution. Settlement in a novel area is a biological challenge that
46 invasive species have successfully overcome. The underlying processes can be studied
47 at the molecular level, particularly to gather empirical knowledge of the genetics of
48 invasions, a field of study that has produced extensive theoretical predictions for which
49 there is still little evidence in nature (Colautti & Lau 2015). Some of the main concerns
50 are disentangling the effects of neutral processes during colonization, such as founder
51 events or allele surfing at the migration front, from adaptive evolution (i.e., local
52 adaptation, Lande 2015; Peischl & Excoffier 2015; Colautti & Lau 2015).

53 Signatures of adaptation can be tracked on genomes due to characteristic patterns of
54 reduced genetic diversity left by the appearance and spread of a new beneficial
55 mutation (Tajima 1989; Braverman *et al.* 1995; Fay & Wu 2000; Nielsen 2005; Vitti *et al.*
56 2013). Contrasting regimes of selection between populations can also leave high levels
57 of genetic differentiation in the vicinity of adaptive loci (Lewontin & Krakauer 1973;
58 Maynard Smith & Haigh 1974). The strength of such signals can be influenced by the
59 origin of the adaptive mutation, e.g., if it arises *de novo* or if it spreads from the standing
60 genetic variation (Pritchard *et al.* 2010; Messer & Petrov 2013). However, detection of
61 the footprint of natural selection is dependent on the availability of informative genetic
62 markers, which should ideally provide substantial coverage of the genome to allow
63 selection scans and be easily and confidently scored across many individuals.

64 Unfortunately, invasive organisms are rarely model species, making the development of
65 a reliable and efficient marker challenging.

66 The Asian tiger mosquito, *Aedes (Stegomyia) albopictus* (Diptera:Culicidae) is currently
67 one of the most threatening invasive species (Invasive Species Specialist Group).

68 Originating from Southeastern Asia, it is one of the primary vectors of dengue and
69 chikungunya viruses and is also involved in the transmission of other threatening
70 arboviruses (Paupy *et al.* 2009), in particular, the newly emerging Zika virus (Grard *et al.*

71 2014; Marcondes & Ximenes 2015; Chouin-Carneiro *et al.* 2016). Nowadays, *Ae.*

72 *albopictus* has settled in every continent except Antarctica and is found in both tropical

73 and temperate climates (Bonizzoni *et al.* 2013). Though this species is supposed to

74 have emerged from rain forests (Hawley 1988), the acknowledged native area of *Ae.*

75 *albopictus* encompasses contrasting environments including temperate regions of Japan

76 and China, offering a large potential of fit towards the most recently colonized

77 environments. For example, the induction of photoperiodic diapause in temperate areas,

78 which has a genetic basis in *Ae. albopictus* (Hawley *et al.* 1987; Hanson & Craig 1994;

79 Urbanski *et al.* 2010), is decisive to ensure invasive success in Europe or Northern

80 America. It allows the susceptible populations to survive through winter at the larval

81 stage into eggs. Such a trait appears to be governed by a “genetic toolkit” involving

82 numerous genes and metabolic networks for which the genetic polymorphism between

83 diapausing and non-diapausing strains remains to be elucidated (Poelchau *et al.*

84 2013a). In addition, the colonization of new areas that appear similar to the native

85 environment at first glance can still involve *de novo* adaptation; even environments that

86 share climatic variables are not necessarily similar regarding edaphic and biotic
87 interactions (Colautti & Lau 2015). This suggests that, regardless of the native and
88 settled environments, it might be possible to find evidence of adaptive evolution in
89 invasive populations of *Ae. albopictus*.

90 To better understand the invasive success of this species, we genotyped 140 field
91 individuals collected from three Vietnamese (native tropical area) and five European
92 (invasive temperate area) populations (Figure 1), aiming to identify genomic regions
93 involved in local adaptation. To do so, we developed new genetic markers based on
94 high-throughput genotyping of the insertion of transposable elements (TEs) that
95 represent at least one third of the genome of *Ae. albopictus* and include recently active
96 families that can reach thousands of copies in one genome (Goubert *et al.* 2015).

97 Amplification of TE insertions is particularly efficient to obtain many genetic markers
98 throughout one genome (Bonin *et al.* 2008), especially if few genomic resources are
99 available (Monden *et al.* 2014), which was the case for the Asian tiger mosquito until
100 recently. In addition, such markers represent an attractive alternative to other methods
101 of diversity reduction such as RAD-sequencing (Miller *et al.* 2007) that could be less
102 efficient in species with a high TE load (Davey *et al.* 2012) and did not produce
103 satisfying results in *Ae. albopictus* (Goubert *et al.* 2016). In mosquitoes, TEs have been
104 shown to be powerful markers for both population structure analysis (Biedler *et al.* 2003;
105 Boulesteix *et al.* 2007; Santolamazza *et al.* 2008; Esnault *et al.* 2008) and genome
106 scans (Bonin *et al.* 2009).

107 We hypothesized that some TE insertion sites could be located in the neighborhood of

108 targets of natural selection and thus could reach a high level of differentiation between
109 native and invasive populations if selective sweeps occurred during local adaptation. In
110 addition, some TEs could also insert near or inside coding regions and many studies
111 have shown their recurrent involvement in environmental adaptation in multiple
112 organisms (Casacuberta & González 2013), eventually contributing to the success of
113 invasive species (Schrader et al. 2014, Stapley et al. 2015).

114 To distinguish between neutral demographic effects and adaptive evolution, we first
115 performed population genetic analyses to reveal the global genetic structure of the
116 studied populations. We then performed a genomic scan for selection and identified 92
117 candidate loci under directional selection, among which several are located within or in a
118 close neighborhood of annotated genes, revealing candidate pathways to investigate in
119 forthcoming studies.

120 **Materials and Methods**

121 **Biological samples**

122 One hundred-forty flying adult female *Ae. albopictus* were collected in the field at eight
123 sampling sites in Europe and Vietnam during the summers of 2012 and 2013 (Figure 1
124 and Table S1). Individuals were sampled using either a single trap or aspirators through
125 the sampling site within a 50-meter radius. When traps were used, live mosquitoes were
126 collected after a maximum of two days.

127 **High-throughput transposon display (TD) genotyping**

128 The insertion polymorphism of the five transposable element families (I Loner Ele1 (IL1),
129 Loa Ele2B (L2B), RTE4, RTE5 and Lian 1) identified by Goubert *et al.* (2015) in *Ae.*
130 *albopictus* was characterized using transposon display (TD), a TE insertion-specific PCR
131 method, combined with Illumina sequencing of all TD amplification products (Figure S1).
132 These TE families were chosen according to high copy number estimate (from 513 to
133 4203 copies), high identity between copies, and a “copy and paste” mode of
134 transposition (all these TEs are non-LTR retrotransposons).

135 **DNA extraction and TD adapter ligation.** The total DNA was extracted from whole
136 adult bodies following the phenol-chloroform protocol described by Minard *et al.* (2015).
137 The TD was conducted combining methods from previous studies (Munroe *et al.* 1994;
138 Roy *et al.* 1999; Akkouche *et al.* 2012; Carnelossi *et al.* 2014). First, individual extracted
139 DNA (≈ 75 ng) was used for enzymatic digestion in a total volume of 20 μL , with HindIII
140 enzyme (10 U/ μL) and buffer R (Thermo Scientific) for 3 hours at 37°C. The enzyme
141 was inactivated at 80°C for 20 minutes. TD adapters were then built by hybridizing
142 Hindlink with MSEB oligonucleotides (100 μM , see Table S2) in 20X SSC and 1 M Tris
143 in a total volume of 333 μL after 5 min of initial denaturation at 92°C
144 C and 1 h at room temperature for hybridization. Once ready, the TD adapters were
145 ligated to 20 μL of the digested DNA by mixing 2 μL of TD adapter with 10 U T4 ligase
146 and 5X buffer (Fermentas) in a final volume of 50 μL for 3 hours at 23°C.

147 **Library construction.** For each individual and for each of the five TE families, the TE
148 insertions were amplified by PCR (PCR 1) in a Biorad Thermal Cycler (C1000 or S1000)
149 in a final volume of 25 μL . The mixture contained 2 μL of digested-ligated DNA with 1 μL

150 dNTPs (10 mM), 0.5 μ L TD adapter-specific primer (LNP, 10 μ M, see S3 Table) and 0.5
151 μ L of TE-specific primer (10 μ M), 1 U AccuTaq polymerase (5 U/ μ L) with 10X buffer and
152 dimethyl sulfoxide (Sigma). Amplification was performed as follows: denaturation at
153 98°C for 30 seconds then 30 cycles of 94°C for 15 seconds, hybridization at 60°C for 20
154 seconds and elongation at 68°C for 1 minute; a final elongation was performed for 5
155 minutes at 68°C. For L2B and RTE5 TEs, a nested PCR was performed to increase
156 specificity under the same PCR conditions using internal forward TE primers and LNP
157 (Table S2). The PCR 1 primers include a shared tag sequence that was used for
158 hybridization of the individual indexes by PCR 2.

159 Multiple independent PCR1 can be performed to avoid amplification bias during the
160 library preparation (Recknagel *et al.* 2015). Accordingly, three independent PCR 1 were
161 performed from the same digestion product for each TE family. The PCR 1 products (3
162 PCR * 5 TE per individual) were then purified using volume-to-volume Agencout
163 AMPure XP beads (20 μ L PCR 1 + 20 μ L beads) and eluted in 30 μ L resuspension
164 buffer. After NanoDrop quantification, equimolar pools containing the 3*5 PCR products
165 per individual were made using a Tecan EVO200 robot. Individual pools were then size
166 selected for 300 to 600 bp fragments using Agencout AMPure XP beads as follows: first,
167 the magnetic beads were diluted in H₂O at a 1:0.68 ratio then added to 0.625 X PCR
168 products to exclude long fragments. A second purification was performed using a non-
169 diluted bead:DNA ratio of 1:8.3 to exclude small fragments.

170 Multiplexing samples was performed using a homemade 6 bp index (included in SRA
171 individual name), which was added to the R primer (Table S2) during a second PCR

172 (PCR 2) with 12 cycles in an ABI 2720 Thermal Cycler. The mixture contained 15 ng
173 PCR products, 1 μ l of dNTPs (10 mM), 0.5 μ l MTP Taq DNA polymerase (5 U/ μ l,
174 Sigma), 5 μ l 10X MTP Taq buffer and 1.25 μ l of each tagged primer (20 μ M) in a final
175 volume of 50 μ l. Amplification was performed as follows: denaturation at 94°C for 60
176 seconds then 12 cycles of denaturation at 94°C for 60 seconds, hybridization at 65°C for
177 60 seconds and elongation at 72°C for 60 seconds; a final elongation was performed for
178 10 minutes at 72°C. The PCR 2 products were purified using an Agencout AMPure XP
179 bead:DNA ratio of 1:1.25 to obtain libraries. TD product purification, library preparation
180 and paired-end sequencing using an Illumina Hiseq 2000 (1 lane) was performed at the
181 GeT-PlaGe core facility (Genome and Transcriptome, Toulouse) using a TruSeq PE
182 Cluster Kit v3 (2x100 bp) and a TruSeq SBS Kit v3.

183 **Bioinformatic treatment of TD sequencing.**

184 The steps of the informatics treatment from the raw sequencing dataset to population
185 binary (1/0) matrices for the presence/absence of TE insertions per individual are
186 described in Figure S2. First (Figure S2-A), the paired-end reads of each individual were
187 quality checked and trimmed using UrQt v. 1.0.17 (Modolo & Lerat 2015) with standard
188 parameters and a *t* quality threshold of 10. The reads pairs were then checked and
189 trimmed for Illumina adapter contamination using cutadapt (Martin 2011). Specific
190 amplification of TE insertions was controlled by checking for the expected 3' TE
191 sequence on the R1 read using Blat (Kent 2002) with an identity threshold of 0.90. Only
192 reads with an alignment-length/read-length ratio ≥ 0.90 were retained. The R2 reads for
193 which the R1 mate passed this filter were then selected for insertion loci construction

194 after removal of the TD adapter on the 5' start using cutadapt and removal of reads
195 under 30 bp. Selected reads were separated in each individual according to the TE
196 families for loci construction.

197 To correct for the inter-individual coverage variations, we performed a sampling of the
198 cleaned reads (Figure S2-B). First, for each TE family, the distribution of the number of
199 reads per individual was generated and individuals with fewer reads than the first decile
200 of the distribution were removed; then, the cleaned reads of the remaining individuals
201 were randomly sampled at the value of the first decile of coverage (this value varies
202 among TE families). For each TE, the sampled reads of each retained individual were
203 clustered together using the CD-HIT-EST program (Li & Godzik 2006) to recover
204 insertion loci (Figure S2-C). In this all-to-all reads comparison, the alignments needed a
205 minimum of 90 percent identity, the shortest sequence needed to be 95% the length of
206 the longest, global identity was used and each read was assigned to its best cluster. In a
207 second step, the reference reads of each locus within an individual, given by CD-HIT-
208 EST, were clustered with all reference reads of all individuals using the same threshold
209 to build the locus catalog, including a list of loci of all individuals and the coverage for
210 each locus in each individual. After this step, the insertion loci that matched known
211 repeats of the Asian tiger mosquito (Goubert *et al.* 2015) were discarded; alignments
212 were performed with Blastn using the default parameters.

213 Since the quality control removed a substantial number of reads for the construction of
214 the TE insertions catalog, the raw R2 reads (with their TD adapter removed), that could
215 have been discarded in the first attempt were then mapped over the catalog to increase

216 the scoring sensibility (Figure S2-D). Before mapping, the raw R2 reads were also
217 sampled at the first decile of individual coverage (as described previously). At this step,
218 individuals who were removed from at least two TE families for loci construction were
219 definitively removed from the whole analysis. Mapping (Figure S2-E) was performed
220 over all the insertion loci of all TE families in a single run to prevent multiple hits. Blat
221 was used with an identity threshold of 90 percent. Visual inspection of alignment quality
222 over 30 sampled loci per TE family was performed to ensure the quality of scoring. Raw
223 matrices were then filtered out (Figure S2-F) for a minimum insertion frequency of 2.5%
224 among all individuals and aberrant loci with extreme (> 99th centile) coverage and
225 coverage standard deviations were discarded. The final datasets consisted of one matrix
226 per TE family with information for each individual concerning the presence (1) or
227 absence (0) of TE for each of the selected loci.

228 To check if the sampling procedure would affect our results, the read sampling
229 procedures and subsequent analysis were performed independently 3 times (replicates
230 M1, M2 and M3).

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232 **Genetic analyses and Genomic scan.**

233 The population structure analyses were performed independently for each TE family.
234 Principal coordinates analyses (PCoAs) were performed to identify genetic clusters
235 using the ade4 package (Dray & Dufour 2007) of R 3.2.1 (R development core team
236 2015). The S7 coefficient of Gower and Legendre (1986) was used as a genetic

237 distance because it gives more weight to shared insertions as follows: with a, b, c and d
238 taken from a contingency table such as a = 1/1 (shared presence); b = 1/0; c = 0/1 and d
239 = 0/0 (shared absence); $S7 = 2a / (2a+b+c)$. Shared absences were not used because
240 they do not provide information on the genetic distance between individuals due to the
241 “copy and paste” mode of transposition of the TE used (shared ancestral state).
242 Pairwise populations F_{ST} were computed using Arlequin 3.5 (Excoffier & Lischer 2010);
243 the significance of the index was assessed over 1,000 permutations using a significance
244 threshold of 0.05.

245 The genomic scan was performed in two steps for each of the sampling replicates of
246 each TE. First, Bayescan 2.1 (Foll & Gaggiotti 2008) was used to test for the deviation of
247 each locus from neutrality. Bayescan considers a fission/island model in which all
248 subpopulations are derived from a unique ancestral population. In this model, variance
249 in allele frequencies between subpopulations is expected to be due either to the genetic
250 drift that occurred independently in each subpopulation or to selection that is a locus-
251 specific parameter. The differentiation at each locus in each subpopulation from the
252 ancestral population is thus decomposed into a β component (shared by all loci in a
253 subpopulation) related to genetic drift and a α component (shared at a locus by all
254 subpopulations) due to selection. Using a Bayesian framework, Bayescan tests for the
255 significance of the α component at each locus. Rejection of the neutral model at one
256 locus is conducted using posterior Bayesian probabilities and controlled for multiple
257 testing using a false discovery rate. In addition, Bayescan integrates uncertainty about
258 allele frequency from dominant data such as the TD polymorphism, leaving the

259 inbreeding coefficient (F_{IS}) to vary between 0 and 1 during the Markov-Chain Monte-
260 Carlo process. Bayescan was used with default values except for the prior odds, which
261 were set to 100 (more compatible with datasets having thousands of loci, see Bayescan
262 manual) and a significance q -value threshold of 0.05 to retain outlier loci.

263 In a second step, only outliers suggesting divergent directional selection between
264 Europe and Vietnam were considered. To identify these, locus-by-locus analyses of
265 molecular variance (AMOVAs) were performed using Arlequin 3.5 for each TE family.
266 The significance of the F_{CT} (hierarchical analogue of the F_{ST} measuring the extent of
267 differentiation between groups of populations) between Vietnamese and European
268 populations was assessed by performing 10,000 permutations between individuals
269 among populations with a significance threshold of 0.05. For each dataset, Bayescan
270 outliers were cross-referenced with significant F_{CT} loci as an objective threshold to
271 restrict the number of candidate loci.

272

273 **PCR validation and Outlier analyses.**

274 Pairs of primers were designed for each outlier locus to be used in standardized
275 conditions. The forward primer was located in the TE end of the concerned family and
276 the reverse primer was set from the outlier locus (Table S2). All primer pairs were first
277 tested on a set of 10 individuals to assess their specificity using a 1/50 dilution of
278 starting DNA from the TD experiment. Validated primers were then used to check the
279 insertion polymorphisms in 47 representative individuals from the 8 populations studied
280 in the TD experiment using 1/50 dilutions of the starting DNA (not all individuals could be

281 used because of DNA limitations). All PCRs were conducted in a final volume of 25 μ L
282 using 0.5 μ L of diluted DNA, 0.5 μ L of each primer (10 μ M), 1 μ L of dNTPs (10 mM) and
283 1 U of DreamTaq Polymerase with 1X green buffer (ThermoFisher Scientific).
284 Amplification was performed as follows: denaturation at 94°C for 2 minutes then 34
285 cycles including denaturation at 94°C for 30 seconds, hybridization at 60°C for 45
286 seconds and elongation at 72°C for 45 seconds; a final elongation was performed for 10
287 minutes at 72°C. After a 45 min migration of the PCR product on a 1X electrophoresis
288 agarose gel, CG and MB assessed the insertion polymorphisms independently.

289 To identify the genomic environment of the outlier loci, their sequences (reference R2
290 read) were mapped onto the assembled genome of *Ae. albopictus* assembly AaloF1
291 strain Foshan (Chen *et al.* 2015) using Blastn. Blastn alignments were performed with
292 default parameters and sorted according to their score. Additionally, each alignment was
293 visually inspected for consistency. Outlier loci with multiple identical hits were discarded.

294 To identify genes surrounding the mapped outliers, we used annotations from
295 VectorBase ([http:// www.vectorbase.org](http://www.vectorbase.org)) for the assembly or, if the *Ae. albopictus* gene
296 was missing annotation, we used the annotation of orthologues in closely related
297 species. In addition, we questioned whether genes potentially involved in the diapause
298 pathway, a critical adaptation required in temperate environments, may be associated
299 with outliers. In a previous publication, Poelchau *et al.* (2013a) identified that
300 differentially expressed genes between diapause induced and non-diapause induced
301 samples were significantly enriched in functional categories related to diapause
302 preparation. These functional categories are defined *a priori* and tested for a more

303 significant differential expression than that expected by chance (Poelchau *et al.* 2013a).
304 Because, at the time of this previous publication, the corresponding transcripts were
305 associated to *Ae. aegypti* orthologues, we here mapped the original transcriptome data
306 (annotated eggs and embryo assembly, downloaded at
307 <http://www.albopictusexpression.org>) onto the AaloF1 genome assembly using blat with
308 default parameters. After alignment, one best hit was retained per transcript according to
309 the best alignment score. When a transcript had identical best hits, all positions for the
310 transcript were considered. After alignments, the transcript positions were intersected
311 with the AaloF1 gene set using bedtools v2.25.0 (Quinlan & Hall 2010) to identify
312 corresponding *Ae. albopictus* genes. In addition, Chen *et al.* (2015) reported 71
313 complete diapause-related genes that were merged to our initial candidate set. The
314 eventual enrichment in outliers near these diapause-related genes was assessed using
315 the following procedure: we estimated the total number of base pairs covered by
316 diapause-related genes on the genome assembly and added the longest distance that
317 we found between one outlier and its closer diapause related gene (up to the contig
318 size) to their 5' and 3'; this defined the "diapause base-pairs". We then compared the
319 ratio of the number of outliers found within these "diapause base pairs" over the total
320 number of mapped outliers and the ratio of "diapause base-pairs" over the total
321 assembly size using an exact binomial test.

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323 Results

324 **High-throughput TE insertion genotyping**

325 The presence/absence of insertions of five TE families were genotyped in an initial
326 number of 140 individuals using a combination of family-specific PCR and individually
327 labelled high-throughput sequencing. Sequencing produced a total of 102,319,300
328 paired-end reads (2x101 bp). After quality and specificity filtering, 24,332,715 reads
329 were suitable for analyses. The loss of reads was in the great majority due to specificity
330 filtering since quality only resulted in trimming. After application of the read sampling
331 procedure to control for coverage variation between individuals, an average of 128,491
332 polymorphic insertion loci were available for each of the three sampling replicates. A
333 final 120 individuals were retained per TE family (discarded individuals vary per TE
334 family). The mean number of loci per individual and per TE family ranged from $1025 \pm$
335 290 s.d. (IL1 family, mean and s.d. averaged over the three replicates) to 3266 ± 766
336 s.d. (RTE5 family). Details are given in Table S1. Although our read sampling procedure
337 could have artificially lowered the mean insertion frequency of the loci, this effect should
338 be small because in our final datasets the TE insertion frequencies (*i.e.*, the number of
339 individuals who share an insertion) are not influenced by the mean number of reads per
340 individual at the considered locus (Figure S3).

341

342 **Population structure.**

343 Principal coordinates analyses (PcoAs) were performed independently for each of the
344 five TEs (Figure 2). The shared absence of a specific insertion was not considered in the

345 distance matrices in the PCoAs: Class I retrotransposons have a “copy and paste”
346 transposition mechanism that allows us to infer the “absence” state as the ancestral
347 allele. In addition, these TE insertions segregate at very low frequencies among
348 individuals and thus a shared “absence” is likely to be non-informative with regard to an
349 individual’s co-ancestry. Among the three main principal coordinates (PCs), individuals
350 tend to be grouped according to their respective populations with little overlap between
351 groups. However, the three main PCs represent only a small fraction of the total
352 variance (< 10%), suggesting a weak genetic structuring between the populations.
353 Overall, individuals from Vietnamese populations (HCM, TA, VT) tend to be grouped
354 together in a single cluster, with the exception of 13 to 14 individuals from HCM for the
355 L2B and RTE5 TE families (S2 Figure) and six individuals of VT with the RTE4 TE family
356 (Figure 1) that cannot be clearly distinguished from European samples. BCN individuals
357 (Spain) represent the most homogeneous group, well differentiated from Vietnamese
358 and French individuals (SP, CGN, NCE and PLV).

359 In agreement with the PCoAs, the analyses of molecular variance (AMOVAs) attributed
360 little genetic variance among groups (Vietnam-Europe) and between populations within
361 groups (Table 1). In the studied populations, most of the genetic variance was
362 distributed among individuals within groups.

363 The measures of genetic differentiation among pairs of populations were consistent
364 between the PCoAs and AMOVAs (File S1): the BCN population shows the highest F_{ST}
365 with the other populations for each of the five TEs ($0.051 < F_{ST} < 0.148$) whereas
366 Vietnamese populations were the most closely related ($0.011 < F_{ST} < 0.032$). Although

367 VT is located 100 km away from TA and HCM (both sampled in the same city, Hô Chi
368 Minh, Vietnam), the F_{ST} values are very similar between the three Vietnamese
369 populations, suggesting no influence of geography at this scale. CGN and NCE,
370 sampled in the same urban area (Nice agglomeration), also differentiated little or were
371 not significantly differentiated, depending on the TE family. The previously identified
372 intermediate pattern of HCM with some European populations at the L2B and RTE5 loci
373 (PCoAs) is also found at the F_{ST} level, especially for the low differentiation with the PLV
374 population for these markers ($0.011 < F_{ST} < 0.020$).

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376 **Genomic scan.**

377 Outlier loci for selection signature were searched using Bayescan (non-hierarchical
378 island model) and then sorted for a significant F_{CT} (between Europe-Vietnam group
379 differentiation) to retain only candidate loci compatible with a differential selection
380 between continents. To reduce false positive risks due to uneven mutation rates
381 between TE families, outlier scans were also performed independently for each TE
382 family (Narum & Hess 2011; de Villemereuil *et al.* 2014). We identified 92 candidate
383 insertion loci (Figure 3). Most of these insertions are found in both areas (no private
384 allele), except for RTE4_1638 and RTE4_1898 that were not found in Vietnam. In
385 addition, 74% of the outliers correspond to high-frequency insertions in Europe, which is
386 significantly more than expected for a 50-50 chance (Chi-squared test, $X=20.098$, $P <$
387 0.01) whereas this 50-50 pattern is observed comparing 92 randomly chosen loci with

388 the same overall insertion frequency (≥ 20 individuals/locus, Chi-squared test, $X=1.837$,
389 $P = 0.175$) between Europe and Vietnam (Figure 4).

390 PCR amplification of the outlier loci was carried out on a representative panel of 47
391 individuals to validate the insertion pattern detected using TD (see Materials and
392 Method). For loci where the amplification was successful, the insertion pattern observed
393 using PCR always confirmed the TD pattern (Figure S5).

394 From 92 outlier loci, 21 could be attributed to a unique position on the *Ae. albopictus*
395 genome. Annotation and distance to surrounding genes are reported in the S2 File.
396 Fifteen outliers mapped within contigs with identified genes. We found that 4 outliers (S2
397 File, sheet 2, highlighted) loci are located on contigs that harbor diapause-related genes.
398 Two of them (Lian1_5902 and RTE4_17015) are located in the direct vicinity, either
399 inside or within 5654 bp, of these genes, which is significantly closer than expected by
400 chance (exact binomial test, $P = 0.014$). Lian1_5902 is located in an intron of *lac1*
401 (longevity assurance factor 1; AALF000670) and RTE4_17015 neighbors the
402 AALF004790 a lipophorin-coding gene. Both genes are known to be involved in lipid
403 metabolic pathways. Although the other diapause related genes are not the closest
404 genes of the two other outliers, they represent two singular groups of genes located in
405 tandem: AALF020842 and AALF00843 located 71.05 kb from RTE5_10123 and
406 AALF020959, AALF020960, AALF020961, AALF020962, AALF020963 and
407 AALF020965 located 216.6 kb from Lian1_11252.

408 Three other outliers are located within other genes (outliers Lian1_10005, Lian1_9293
409 and RTE4_34941), including a hemolymph juvenile hormone-binding protein

410 (RTE4_34941/ AALF012643). The 10 remaining outliers were located 21.1 kb to 85.2 kb
411 from their closest gene.

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413 **Discussion**

414 The goal of our study was to identify genomic regions involved in adaptive evolution of
415 *Ae. albopictus* thanks to the development of new genetic markers. Through high-
416 throughput genotyping of the insertion polymorphisms of five TE families, we identified
417 up to 128,617 polymorphic loci among more than a hundred of individuals from eight
418 sampling sites. The estimated genome size of *Ae. albopictus* exceeds one billion base-
419 pairs (Goubert *et al.* 2015; Dritsou *et al.* 2015; Chen *et al.* 2015). Accordingly, the
420 number of markers scored in this study offers a comfortable genomic density of one
421 marker every 10 kb.

422 TE-based methods have been successfully used to perform population genetic analyses
423 within a repetitive genomic environment, such as in the human genome (Watkins *et al.*
424 2003; Witherspoon *et al.* 2013; Rishishwar *et al.* 2015). Similar high-throughput
425 genotyping methods have been developed for a large panel of organisms (Witherspoon
426 *et al.* 2010; Iskow *et al.* 2010; Sabot *et al.* 2011; Bridier-Nahmias *et al.* 2015; Monden &
427 Tahara 2015) but relied on well-established reference genomes (human, rice,
428 strawberry, yeast). Monden *et al.* (2014) recently completed such an analyses without a
429 reference genome, to score 2024 loci from two TE families in sweet potato. Because of
430 the number of available loci, and being the first of its kind in animals, our study

431 represents a large improvement. We provide a cost-efficient method to quickly generate
432 many polymorphic markers without extensive knowledge of a species' genome.
433 Specifically, this strategy appears extremely valuable for species with a large genome
434 size in which the TE density could severely compromise the development of more
435 classical approaches such as the very popular RAD sequencing.

436 The genetic structure of the studied populations showed strong consistency between
437 sampling replicates of individual's reads, demonstrating the robustness of the method
438 despite an initial substantial coverage variation among individuals. Population genetics
439 analyses revealed a very low level of genetic structuring between European and
440 Vietnamese populations. Among the studied populations, AMOVAs showed that most of
441 the genetic variation is distributed between individuals within populations (> 90%), and
442 as suggested by pairwise F_{ST} and PCoAs, only a small part (< 10%) of the genetic
443 variance is due to differentiation between populations. The genetic differentiation we
444 measured is as high among European populations as it is between populations from
445 Europe and Vietnam.

446 This singular population structure is in agreement with previous results gathered in *Ae.*
447 *albopictus* using different collections of allozymes, mtDNA or microsatellite markers
448 (Black *et al.* 1988; Kambhampati *et al.* 1991; Zhong *et al.* 2013; Gupta & Preet 2014;
449 Manni *et al.* 2015). Moreover, a recent analysis performed with a set of 11
450 microsatellites on individuals from the same populations (with the exception of BCN)
451 showed a similar distribution of genetic variation among hierarchical levels (Minard *et al.*
452 2015). These results demonstrate the reliability of our markers and confirm that a non-

453 hierarchical island model can likely fit the global genetic structure. The genetic diversity
454 observed in Europe is compatible with a scenario of multiple and independent
455 introductions, as already suggested for *Ae. albopictus* (Urbanelli *et al.* 2000; Birungi &
456 Munstermann 2002; Takumi *et al.* 2009; Becker *et al.* 2013). However, as previously
457 suggested, this pattern could also be the result of founder events that may occur during
458 colonization and/or a restriction of gene flow between populations after their
459 introduction. Answering such a question would require extended sampling over the
460 entire native area.

461 The outlier analysis revealed 92 loci with high posterior probabilities of being under
462 positive selection between European and Vietnamese populations. When possible, the
463 PCR amplification of the outlier loci using a set of representative individuals confirmed a
464 shift of insertion frequencies toward either the European or the Vietnamese sampling
465 sites. This suggests that, despite reduced coverage, introduced by sampling in the
466 dataset, the scored insertion polymorphisms are reliable. In addition, our method of
467 analysis is likely to be conservative: indeed, the Bayescan outliers were selected for
468 their consistency with a significant F_{CT} between European temperate and Vietnamese
469 tropical populations, which avoids retaining outliers that we were not looking for, for
470 example those due to a population-specific event.

471 Interestingly, we found significantly more outlier loci with a high frequency in Europe and
472 low frequency in Vietnam. This was unexpected under our initial assumptions as follows:
473 a favored allele selected in one or another environment has *a priori* no reason to be
474 more often associated with the presence or the absence of a TE insertion at linked sites.

475 A possible explanation is that the majority of the sequenced TE insertions segregate at
476 low frequencies (approximately 10% of all individuals). When considering the linked
477 region of one polymorphic TE insertion, if a favorable mutation appears in an individual
478 in which the insertion is absent, the increase of frequency of this “absence” haplotype
479 will thus, most of the time, have a modest effect on the genetic differentiation at this
480 marker because it is already segregating at high frequency. In contrast, if a favorable
481 mutation appears in a TE “presence” haplotype, the increase in frequency of the linked
482 TE insertion would lead to high differentiation (F_{CT}). In absence of an alternative
483 explanation, our outlier loci could thus indicate in which subset of populations the
484 adaptive mutation occurred and in the present case this would have occurred more
485 frequently in the temperate populations. Additionally, the observation of such a low
486 global insertion frequency is expected to reduce the risk of false positive outliers due to
487 negative selection acting on potentially deleterious polymorphic insertions.

488 Two scenarios that are not mutually exclusive could be invoked in light of our data. A
489 simple case would be a direct adaptive evolution in European invasive population that
490 originated from tropical regions of the native area. A second hypothesis could be that
491 invasive temperate populations came from the northernmost territories of the native area
492 such as northern China or Japan where *Ae. albopictus* populations are already cold-
493 adapted. It would be thus interesting to know whether the observed signature of
494 selection results from more “ancient” adaptations in the native area or if it originates
495 from more recent fine tuning of cold-related traits in the invasive areas. A recent study
496 (Porretta *et al.* 2012) using new variable *COI* mtDNA sequences and historical species

497 range modeling suggested that northern territories of the native area of *Ae. albopictus*
498 would be the latest to have been colonized after a range expansion from Southern
499 refugia after the last glacial approximately 21,000 years ago. The authors suggested
500 that *Ae. albopictus* may have followed the human populations during their expansion
501 from South to North in this area that began approximately 15,000 years ago. Thus,
502 regardless of the origin of the invasive individuals sampled in Europe, it is likely that they
503 are representatives of populations that had recently undergone a shift of selective
504 pressure from tropical to temperate climatic conditions. This could explain why so many
505 outliers are associated with high insertion frequency in Europe and why some candidate
506 genes in the diapause pathway are found in the neighborhood of some of these outliers.
507 An easy method to distinguish between these possibilities would be to search if the
508 same outlier insertions are present in several temperate populations from the native
509 area.

510 We were able to assign a unique position for 21 of the outlier loci on the *Ae. albopictus*
511 genome. Sixteen outliers were found inside or in the close vicinity of annotated genes,
512 which may allow speculation on potential targets of selection. These genes encompass
513 functions related to cell structure and organization, lipid metabolism, or signal
514 transduction. A main challenge faced by temperate populations is overwintering (Mori *et al.*
515 *al.* 1981; Hawley 1988; Takumi *et al.* 2009; Denlinger & Armbruster 2016). Previous
516 studies have shown that the cell cycle and lipid metabolism are specifically solicited at
517 multiple stage of the diapause preparation and maintenance (Urbanski *et al.* 2010;
518 Poelchau *et al.* 2013a; b; Huang *et al.* 2015) to allow temperate populations to go

519 through winter within cold-resistant eggs. Although the genes found in our genome scan
520 have not been functionally associated with diapause, two of them *laf1* (AALF000670)
521 and a lipophorin-coding (AALF004790) are a differentially expressed between induced
522 and non-induced samples during diapause preparation (Poelchau et al., 2013a) and are
523 located closer than expected by chance from two of our outlier loci. These genes are
524 both involved in lipid metabolism and could be thus strong candidates for adaptive
525 evolution. Another notable candidate is AALF012643, a hemolymphatic carrier of the
526 juvenile hormone (JH). JH appears to be critical in the maintenance of the diapause *in*
527 *Ae. albopictus* but its exact function remains to be elucidated (Poelchau *et al.* 2013b).
528 Although appropriate caution should be taken regarding the sole candidate status of
529 these genes, it is worth mentioning that the diapause pathway has already been shown
530 to benefit from rapid adjustments due to local adaptation in *Ae. albopictus*. For instance,
531 Urbanski *et al.* (2012) showed that invasive American populations originating from
532 Japan have rapidly evolved a new adaptive clinal response to diapause induction,
533 independent from that observed in the native area. Thus, adaption in the temperate
534 regions may have led to several selective sweeps on gene or regulatory sequences
535 involved in this critical pathway, allowing the settlement of the mosquito in new
536 temperate areas. Further experiments, including fine-scale study of the genetic diversity
537 of these candidates among populations, are needed to assess their potential implication
538 in the adaptation of *Ae. albopictus* toward temperate environments. Specifically,
539 targeted resequencing of the candidate regions, including outliers, genes and their
540 flanking regions across several individuals and populations should help to determine
541 evidence of selective sweep, the precise extent and location of such events, and

542 eventually designate the causative selected mutations.

543 It is also important to note that the results presented here are only restricted to a subset
544 of the Asian tiger mosquito populations located in temperate and tropical environments.
545 Thus, it is probable that some of the outliers detected could be specific to this particular
546 comparison and do not reflect the global pattern of differentiation between tropical and
547 temperate populations. Research on the same outliers between other tropical and
548 temperate populations from native and non-native areas would be extremely valuable to
549 extrapolate our results at a larger scale and refute possible false positive. Should the
550 same outlier insertions be found at high frequencies in temperate locations – such as in
551 USA, Japan or China –, extended investigations about the origin of invasive populations
552 would help clarify if those similarities are due to an ancestral sweep or parallel sweeps
553 that occurred independently in several populations. This study already provides a set of
554 functional primers for some candidate loci that could be directly used to answer this
555 question in *Ae. albopictus* DNA samples. As with every novel method, our study may be
556 susceptible to unforeseen or underrated bias; though we attempted to remove these
557 issues (such as controlling the relationship between loci coverage and insertion
558 frequency), we identified several points that must be taken into account for interpretation
559 of the results. First, unlike random SNPs, TE insertions can be potential targets of
560 purifying selection, which can sometimes mimic the diversity pattern of a selective
561 sweep (Charlesworth *et al.* 1993; Stephan 2010). However, as reported earlier,
562 insertions are found at low frequencies and negative selection for the “presence” of TE
563 is likely to produce a slight change in the allele frequency spectrum. Another issue may

564 be the uncertainty related to the null model used in the genome scan; even if we did not
565 explicitly evaluate the fit of our data to a specific population model, we did not find
566 evidence to reject an island model such as that implemented in Bayescan. This software
567 is also the best suited to handle our dominant data but is indeed restricted to mainly
568 detect recent, strong and monogenic positive selection (Pérez-Figueroa *et al.* 2010;
569 Narum & Hess 2011; de Villemereuil *et al.* 2014); additionally, it should be insightful to
570 compare our results with more diverse genome-scan models and we would like to
571 emphasize that our results were produced under the specific hypothesis of the model
572 used.

573 Here, we report the first information supporting adaptive evolution at the molecular level
574 in the Asian tiger mosquito. Progress in the annotation of published genomes and the
575 looming availability of supplementary genomic resources will allow the most gain from
576 these results. We hope that this work will contribute to unraveling the implications of
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814 **Data Accessibility**

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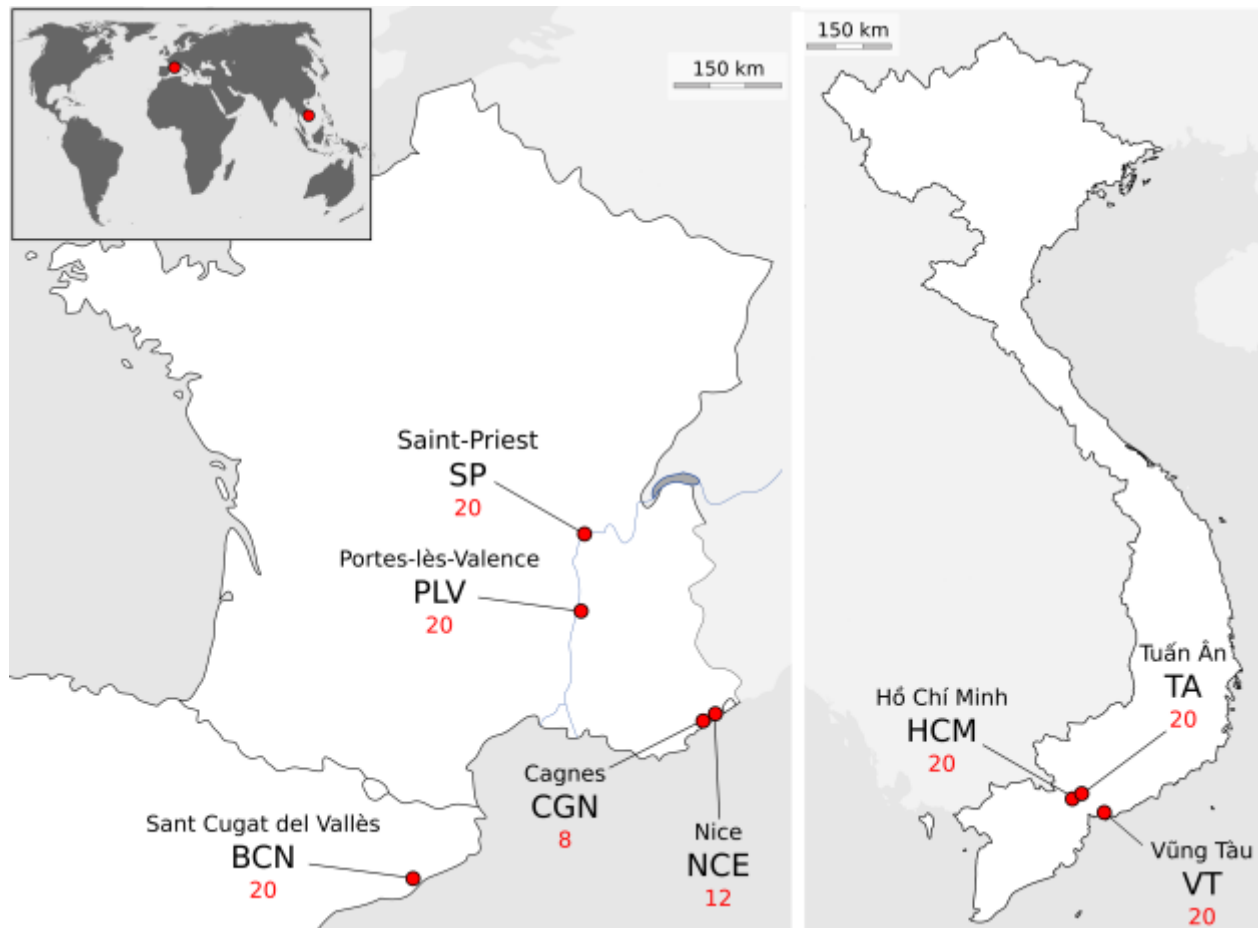
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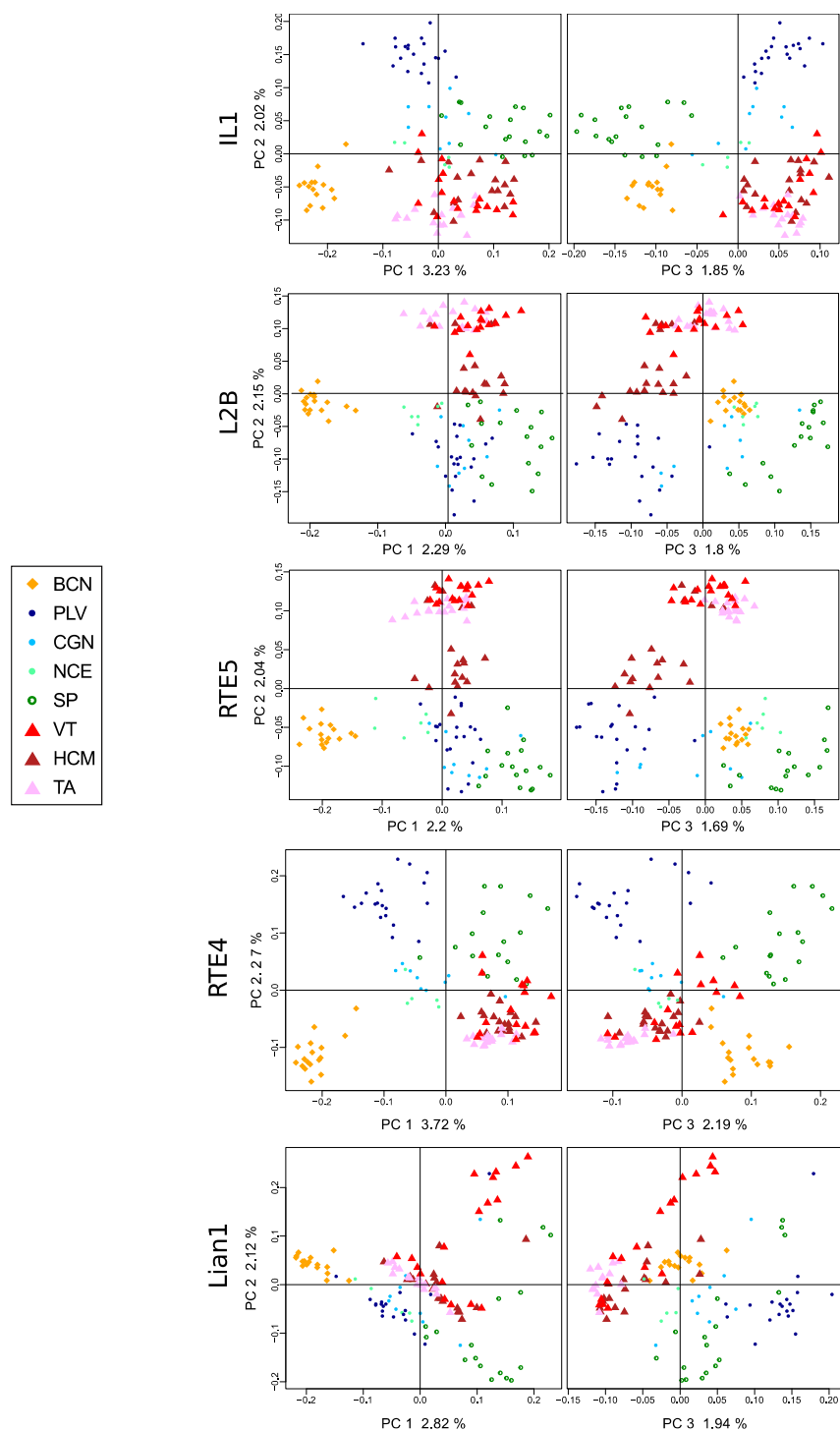
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821 developed and performed the molecular experiments. GM, CVM and PM conducted the
822 sampling in France and Vietnam. All authors contributed to the final version of the
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824 **Tables and Figures**



826 **Figure 1.** Sampling sites (with abbreviations) of *Ae. albopictus* in Europe and Vietnam.
827 Red numbers correspond to the total number of individuals sampled. Supporting
828 information on samples is available in Table S1.



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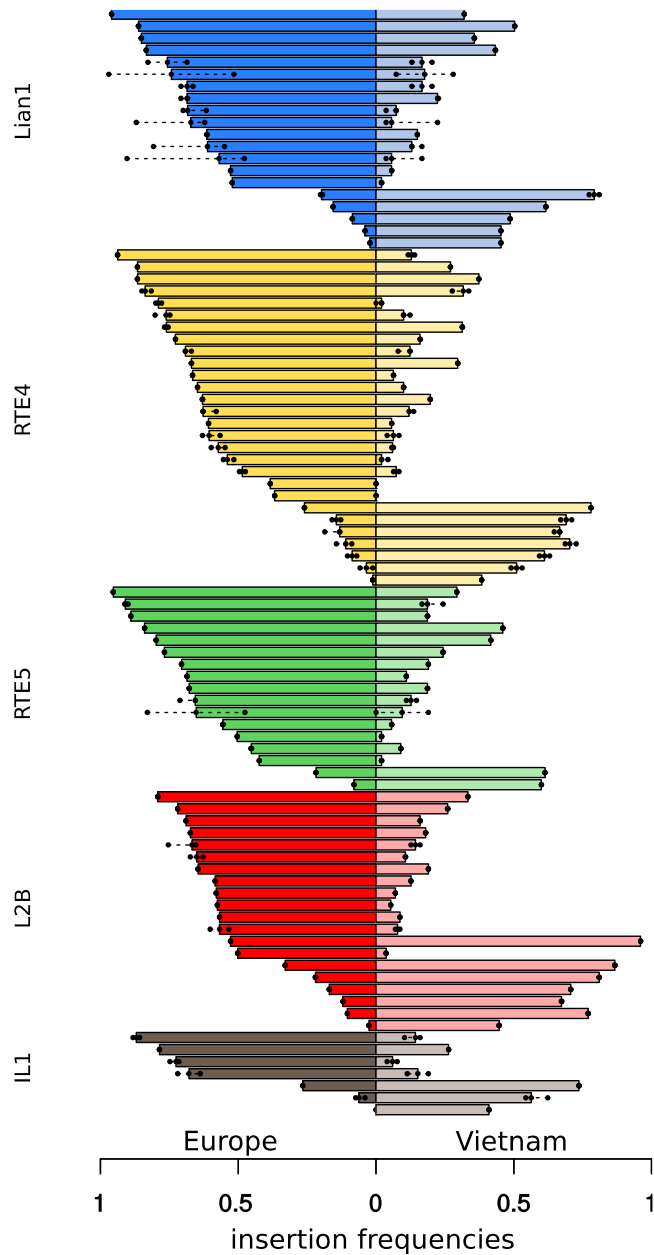
830 **Figure 2. Principal coordinates analyses (PCoAs).** Projection of individuals over the
831 three first principal coordinates (PC) of PCoAs for each of the 5 TE families and for the
832 first replicate (M1, see Materials and Methods). The proportion of inertia represented by
833 each axes is noted in %. Circles: European populations; triangles: Vietnamese
834 populations. The results for other sampling replicates can be found in Figure S4.

835 **Table 1. Analyses of molecular variance (AMOVAs). The results** for the three
836 replicates (M1, M2, M3) of read sampling for the five TE families (IL1, L2B, RTE5, RTE4,
837 Lian1). Values are given in percentage of the total genetic variance.

	IL1	L2B	RTE5	RTE4	Lian1
Among groups	[0.59-0.70]	[1.22-1.29]	[1.08-1.10]	[1.97-2.04]	[0.67-0.74]
Among populations within groups	[5.15-5.37]	[3.58-3.63]	[3.36-3.40]	[6.67-6.78]	[4.47-4.56]
Within populations	[94.04-94.16]	[95.08-95.18]	[95.51-95.55]	[91.18-91.30]	[94.77-94.81]

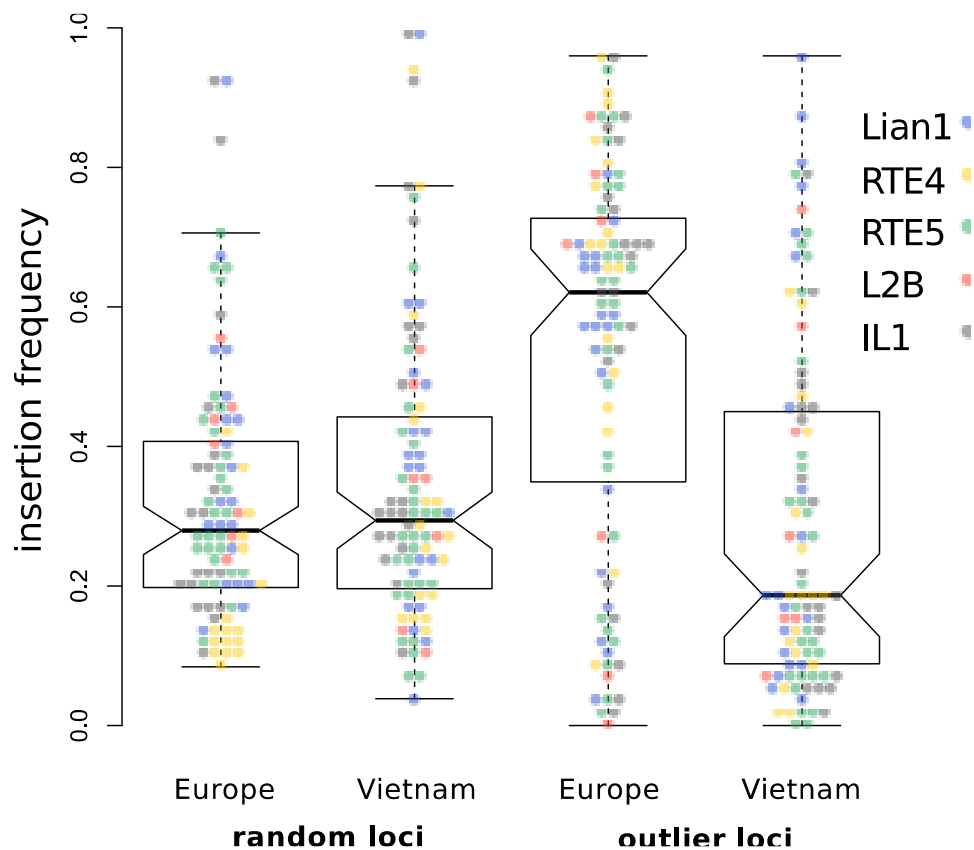
Intervals report min and max values among the 3 sampling replicates

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840 **Figure 3. Insertion frequencies in Europe and Vietnam for 92 outlier loci.** Bars
841 represent the median value from the three reads sampling replicates and dots represent
842 the values from the other replicates (if outlier(s) found in replicates). Colors correspond
843 to each of the 5 TE families.



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845 **Figure 4. Comparison of outlier frequencies with randomly selected loci.** Insertion
846 frequencies of 92 randomly chosen loci among those with the same minimum insertion
847 frequency (≥ 20 individuals) as outliers compared with 92 outlier loci. The random loci
848 were taken from the first replicate (M1) and values for outliers are median values
849 obtained from the three replicates. Non-overlapping notches indicate a significant
850 difference between the true medians (dark horizontal bars).