

POLLUTANTS AND INSECTICIDES DRIVE LOCAL ADAPTATION IN AFRICAN  
MALARIA MOSQUITOES

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## ABSTRACT

Urbanization presents unique environmental challenges to human commensal species. The Afrotropical *Anopheles gambiae* complex contains a number of synanthropic mosquito species that are major vectors of malaria. To examine ongoing cryptic diversification within the complex, we performed reduced representation sequencing on 941 mosquitoes collected across four ecogeographic zones in Cameroon. We find evidence for clear subdivision within *An. coluzzii* and *An. gambiae* s.s. – the two most significant malaria vectors in the region. Importantly, in both species rural and urban populations of mosquitoes were genetically differentiated. Genome scans of cryptic subgroups reveal pervasive signatures of selection centered on genes involved in xenobiotic resistance. Notably, a selective sweep containing eight detoxification enzymes is unique to urban mosquitoes that exploit polluted breeding sites. Overall, our study reveals that anthropogenic environmental modification is driving population differentiation and local adaptation in African malaria mosquitoes with potentially significant consequences for malaria epidemiology.

## INTRODUCTION

Natural selection can drive local adaptation, increasing mean individual fitness and promoting biological diversification (Nosil, et al. 2005; Hereford 2009). Contemporary anthropogenic alteration of the landscape may be increasing pressure for local adaptation in diverse taxa (Gaston 2010). For example, the rise of urban centers over the past two centuries has presented unique challenges to human-commensal species, often necessitating the rapid evolution of resistance to pollutants and pesticides (Pelz, et al. 2005; Song, et al. 2011; Davies, et al. 2012). Successful local adaptation requires that selection overcome the homogenizing effect of gene flow from nearby populations (Kawecki and Ebert 2004). Theoretical simulations suggest that such divergence with gene flow can occur under a range of conditions (Berdahl, et al. 2015), although the most likely genomic distribution of the underlying adaptive variants remains unclear (Le Corre and Kremer 2012; Tiffin and Ross-Ibarra 2014). Studies of populations in the earliest stages of ecological divergence should help elucidate the conditions needed for local adaptation and relevant targets of natural selection (Feder, et al. 2013).

The Afrotropical *Anopheles gambiae* complex is a group of at least nine isomorphic mosquito species exhibiting varying degrees of geographic and reproductive isolation (White, et al. 2011; Coetzee, et al. 2013; Crawford, et al. 2014). Owing to the critical role its members play in sustaining malaria transmission, a wealth of genomic data exists on the complex including whole genome assemblies for most of the species (Holt, et al. 2002; Fontaine, et al.

2014). Because radiation of the complex began ~1.85 mya, interspecific genetic comparisons will yield little insight into the establishment of divergence with gene flow. However, both ecological and genetic evidence suggest that contemporary local adaptation and diversification is occurring within *Anopheles gambiae* s.s. (hereafter *An. gambiae*) and *Anopheles coluzzii*, two of the most widespread and important vectors of malaria within the complex (Slotman, et al. 2007; Wang-Sattler, et al. 2007; Lee, et al. 2013b; Caputo, et al. 2014). Up to now, shallow sampling and/or the use of low-resolution genetic markers limited the ability to delineate new cryptic subgroups within either species.

We genotyped 941 mosquitoes collected from diverse environments in Cameroon at >8,000 SNPs and find strong evidence for ongoing diversification within both *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii*. In total, the two species harbor seven cryptic subgroups distributed along a continuum of genomic differentiation. While *An. gambiae* exhibits relatively high levels of panmixia, we did identify an ecotype associated with intense suburban agriculture and a second subgroup that appears partially reproductively isolated but exhibits no obvious ecological/geographical distinctions. In contrast, *An. coluzzii* is separated into multiple ecotypes exploiting different regional-scale habitats, including highly urbanized landscapes. In most cryptic subgroups, selective sweeps contain an excess of detoxification enzymes and insecticide resistance genes, suggesting that human activity mediates spatially varying natural selection in both species. The extensive population structure within both species represent an additional challenge to vector control strategies. Moreover, ongoing local adaptation and

cryptic diversification of *Anopheles* species in human-dominated environments may contribute to increase malaria transmission.

## RESULTS

### *Identification of An. gambiae s.l. sibling species*

We performed extensive sampling of human-associated *Anopheles* across the main ecological zones in the central African country of Cameroon (Table S1) with the objective to collect diverse populations belonging to the four species of the *An. gambiae* complex that are present in the country (Simard et al. 2009). As recently shown (Riehle et al. 2011), certain cryptic subgroups can be overlooked when sampling is focused on the collection of only one type of population. Therefore, to maximize the chances that our samples best represent the genetic diversity within each species and to identify cryptic groups, we used several sampling methods (Service 1993) to collect both larvae and adult populations. In Addition, populations of *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* segregate along urbanization gradients, which seem to be the most important driver of ecological divergence in the forest zone (Kamdem et al. 2012). To validate this hypothesis and to investigate the genomic targets of local adaptation in urban environments, we surveyed several neighborhoods representing the urban and suburban ecotypes in the two biggest cities of the forest area: Douala and Yaoundé (Figure S1).

To investigate the genetic relatedness among individuals and to detect any cryptic populations, we subjected all 941 mosquitoes that were morphologically identified as *An. gambiae s.l.* to population genomic analysis.

Individual mosquitoes were genotyped in parallel at a dense panel of markers using double-digest restriction associated DNA sequencing (ddRADseq), which enriches for a representative and reproducible fraction of the genome that can be sequenced on the Illumina platform (Peterson, et al. 2012).

After aligning ddRADseq reads to the *An. gambiae* reference genome, we used STACKS to remove loci present in <80% of individuals, leaving 8,476 SNPs (~1 SNP every 30kb across the genome) for population structure inference (Catchen, et al. 2011; Catchen, et al. 2013). First, we performed principal component analysis (PCA) on genetic diversity across all 941 individuals (Figure 1A). The top three components explain 28.4% of the total variance and group individuals into five main clusters. Likewise, a neighbor-joining (NJ) tree, based on Euclidian distance of allele frequencies, shows five distinct clades of mosquitoes (Figure 1B). We hypothesized that these groups at least partially correspond to the four sibling species – *An. gambiae*, *An. coluzzii*, *An. arabiensis*, and *An. melas* – known to occur in Cameroon. To confirm, we typed a subset of 288 specimens using validated species ID PCRs and found that each cluster comprised a single species (Scott, et al. 1993; Santolamazza, et al. 2004). In agreement with previous surveys (Wondji, et al. 2005; Simard, et al. 2009), our collections indicate that the brackish water breeding *An. melas* is limited to coastal regions, while the arid-adapted *An. arabiensis* is restricted to the savannah. In contrast, *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* are distributed across the four eco-geographic zones of Cameroon (Figure 1D). Lee and colleagues (Lee, et al. 2013a) recently reported frequent bouts of hybridization between *An.*

*gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* in Cameroon. While both the PCA and NJ trees clearly separate the two species, the PCA does show intermixing of some rare individuals consistent with semi-permeable species boundaries.

In support of population structuring below the species level, Bayesian clustering analysis with fastSTRUCTURE (Raj, et al. 2014) finds that 7 population clusters (*k*) best explain the genetic variance present in our sample set (Figure 1C, Figure S2). Indeed, grouping of samples within *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* clades suggests that additional subdivision may exist within each species (Figure 1A, 1B). Ancestry plots further support inference from the PCA and NJ tree: at least two subgroups compose *An. coluzzii* and admixture is present within *An. gambiae*, while *An. arabiensis* and *An. melas* are panmictic (Figure 1C, Figure S2). Riehle et al. 2011 recently discovered a cryptic subgroup by comparing indoor and outdoor fauna from the same village in Burkina Faso. Visual inspections of our PCA, NJ and fastSTRUCTURE clustering results do not indicate any genetic subdivision based on the collection methods or the developmental stage. To explicitly test for the effects of the sampling methods and the geographic origin of samples on the genetic variance among individuals, we applied a hierarchical Analysis of Molecular Variance (AMOVA) (Excoffier et al. 1992). This methods partition the genetic variance among individuals in order to quantify the effects of several variables taken at different hierarchical levels on the genetic diversity. We noted that the large majority of the genetic variation was attributable to differences among individuals (86.3% ( $p < 0.001$ ) in *An. coluzzii* and 90.4% in *An. gambiae* s.s. ( $p < 0.001$ )). However, the geographic origin of

individuals retains a significant component of the genetic variation in the two species. Respectively 13.2 % ( $p < 0.001$ ) and 9.4% ( $p < 0.001$ ) of the genetic variation were partitioned across collection regions nested in sample type in *An. gambiae* s.s. and *An. coluzzii*. The amount of variance due to the types of sample was very low and not significant (less than 1%,  $p = 0.29$  for *An. gambiae* s.s. and  $p = 0.20$  for *An. coluzzii*) implying that – as suggested by PCA, NJ and fastSTRUCTURE analyses – no genetic structuring based on microhabitats or temporal segregations is apparent in both species in Cameroon.

#### *Cryptic Population Structure within An. gambiae s.s.*

To further resolve the population structure within 357 *An. gambiae* specimens, we performed population genetic analysis with a set of 9,345 filtered SNPs. Using a combination of PCA, NJ trees, and ancestry assignment, we consistently identify three distinct subgroups within *An. gambiae* (Figure 2, Figure S2). The first and largest subgroup (termed *GAM1*) comprises the vast majority of all *An. gambiae* specimens including individuals collected in all four eco-geographic regions (Table S1). A total of 17 individuals make up a second small subgroup (termed *GAM2*). Interestingly, individuals assigned to this cluster include both larvae and adults collected in 3 different villages spread across 2 eco-geographic regions. In the absence of any obvious evidence of niche differentiation between *GAM1* and *GAM2*, it is unclear what is driving and/or maintaining divergence between the two sympatric subgroups. Specimens collected from Nkolondom, a suburban neighborhood of Yaoundé where larval



sites associated with small-scale agricultural irrigation are common (Nwane, et al. 2013; Tene, et al. 2013), form a genetically distinct third subgroup (termed *Nkolondom*) that appears to be a locally-adapted ecotype.

### *Cryptic Population Structure within An. coluzzii*

To examine population structure within 521 *An. coluzzii* specimens, we utilized 9,822 SNPs that passed stringent filtration. All analyses show a clear split between individuals from the northern savannah region and the southern three forested regions of Cameroon (Coastal, Forest, Forest-Savannah) (Figure 3A-C). In principle, the north-south structuring could be caused solely by differences in chromosome 2 inversion frequencies, which form a cline from near absence in the humid south to fixation in the arid north. However, we find SNPs from all five chromosomal arms consistently separate northern and southern mosquitoes, indicating a substantial genome-wide divergence between the two populations (Figure S3).

Southern populations of *An. coluzzii* were collected from three different areas: Douala (the largest city of Cameroon), Yaoundé (the second largest city) and the rural coastal region. PCA, NJ trees, and fastSTRUCTURE show clear clustering of southern samples by collection site (Figure 3D-F). Mosquitoes from Douala, situated on the coastal border, contain a mixture of urban and coastal polymorphisms as illustrated by their intermediate position along PC3 (Figure 3D). Despite considerable geographic segregation, clusters are not fully discrete, likely owing to substantial migration between the three sites. Taken together, the

data suggest a dynamic and ongoing process of local adaptation within southern *An. coluzzii*. In contrast, no similar geographic clustering is observed in northern populations (Figure S2, S4). Light variations can occur between genetic clustering patterns suggested by different methods. We have only considered subdivisions that were consistent across the three methods we employed. For example, PCA showed that a few individuals from Yaoundé were relatively detached from the main cluster, but this putative subdivision was not supported by the NJ tree and fastSTRUCTURE analyses (Figure 3D-F). We have therefore treated the Yaoundé subgroup as a single population. All populations described as “urban” were collected from the most urbanized areas of the city, which are characterized by a high density of built environments as described in Kamdem et al. 2012.

### *Relationships Between Species and Subgroups*

Population genomic analysis identified four different *An. gambiae* s.l. species present within our samples. Within *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* we identified seven potential subgroups with apparently varying levels of isolation. To further explore the relationships between different populations, we built an unrooted NJ tree using pairwise levels of genomic divergence ( $F_{ST}$ ) between all species and subgroups (Figure 4, Table S2). As previously observed in a phylogeny based on whole genome sequencing (Fontaine, et al. 2014), we find that *An. melas* is highly divergent from all other species ( $F_{ST} \sim 0.8$ ), while *An. arabiensis* shows intermediate levels of divergence ( $F_{ST} \sim 0.4$ ) from *An. gambiae*

219 and *An. coluzzii*. As expected, the sister species *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii*  
 220 are more closely related to each other ( $F_{ST} \sim 0.2$ ) than any other species. When  
 221 examining differentiation between subgroups within *An. coluzzii*, we find that the  
 222 southern and northern subgroups are highly divergent ( $F_{ST} > 0.1$ ), while  
 223 differentiation between local ecotypes within the south is much lower ( $F_{ST} <$   
 224  $0.04$ ). The *An. gambiae* subgroups *GAM1* and *GAM2* are highly diverged ( $F_{ST} \sim$   
 225  $0.1$ ) from each other suggesting genuine barriers to gene flow despite sympatry,  
 226 while the suburban ecotype from Nkolondom shows a low level of divergence  
 227 from *GAM1* ( $F_{ST} \sim 0.05$ ), characteristic of ongoing local adaptation. In sum, we  
 228 find a gradient of differentiation between species and subgroups ranging from  
 229 complete (or nearly complete) reproductive isolation down to the initial stages of  
 230 divergence with gene flow. To further examine the degree of isolation of  
 231 subgroups within species, we assessed the reductions in observed  
 232 heterozygosity with respect to that expected under Hardy–Weinberg Equilibrium  
 233 among *An. coluzzii* and *An. gambiae* s.s. populations, by computing the average  
 234 Wright’s inbreeding coefficient,  $F_{IS}$ , across genome-wide SNPs. Values of  $F_{IS}$   
 235 close to 1 indicate a deviation from Hardy–Weinberg Equilibrium and the  
 236 existence of cryptic subdivisions while  $F_{IS}$  close to 0 suggest that there are no  
 237 barriers to gene flow. In spite of the strong population genetic structure observed  
 238 within *An. coluzzii* and *An. gambiae*, we found surprisingly low genome-wide  $F_{IS}$   
 239 values (less than 0.0003,  $p < 0.005$ ) in both species, suggesting a lack of  
 240 assortative mating. Overall, in *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii*, ongoing local

adaptation and genetic differentiation are parallel to high levels of admixture and extensive shared polymorphisms among individuals.

#### *Using genome scans to identify selective sweeps*

To find potential targets of selection within subgroups we performed scans of nucleotide diversity ( $\theta_w$ ,  $\theta_\pi$ ) and allele frequency spectrum (*Tajima's D*) using non-overlapping 150-kb windows across the genome. Scans of  $\theta_w$ ,  $\theta_\pi$ , and *Tajima's D* were conducted by importing aligned, but otherwise unfiltered, reads directly into ANGSD, which uses genotype likelihoods to calculate summary statistics (Korneliussen, et al. 2014). Natural selection can increase the frequency of an adaptive variant within a population, leading to localized reductions in genetic diversity as the haplotype containing the adaptive variant(s) sweeps towards fixation (Maynard Smith and Haigh 1974; Tajima 1989). Selective processes can also promote the coexistence of multiple alleles in the gene pool of a population (balancing selection). Thus, genomic regions harboring targets of recent selection should exhibit extreme values of diversity and allele frequency spectra relative to genome-wide averages (Storz 2005).

We also performed genome scans using both a relative ( $F_{ST}$ ) and absolute ( $d_{xy}$ ) measure of divergence calculated with STACKS and *ngsTools*, respectively. If positive selection is acting on alternative haplotypes of the same locus in two populations, values of  $F_{ST}$  and  $d_{xy}$  should increase at the target of selection. Whereas spatially varying selection that acts on one population, but not the other, should produce a spike in  $F_{ST}$  between populations and no change in  $d_{xy}$ .

Finally, parallel selection on the same haplotype in two populations should lead to a decrease in both metrics (Cruickshank and Hahn 2014). For both diversity and divergence scans we used a maximum of 40 mosquitoes per population, prioritizing individuals with the highest coverage in populations where sample size exceeded 40. In contrast to Tajima's  $D$  and  $F_{ST}$ , the genome-wide distribution of  $d_{xy}$  and nucleotide diversity in 150-kb sliding windows yielded relatively noisy patterns (Figure 5 and 6). As a result, we based the identification of signatures of selection primarily on outliers of Tajima's  $D$  and  $F_{ST}$ . Estimates of  $d_{xy}$  and nucleotide diversity were used only to confirm genomic locations that were pinpointed as candidate selective sweep on the basis of values of Tajima's  $D$  and  $F_{ST}$ . Precisely, genomic regions were considered as targets of selection if they mapped to significant peaks or depressions of diversity and  $d_{xy}$ , and their values of  $F_{ST}$  and Tajima's  $D$  were among the top 1% of the empirical distribution in at least one population. Significantly negative values of Tajima's  $D$  relative to the genome-wide average suggest an increase in low-frequency mutations due to negative or positive selection whereas significantly positive values of Tajima's  $D$  indicate a balancing selection.

### *Targets of Selection within An. gambiae subgroups*

Our estimates of genome-wide diversity levels (Table S3) within *An. gambiae* subgroups are comparable to previous estimates based on RAD sequencing of East African *An. gambiae* s.l. populations (O'Loughlin, et al. 2014). As expected, the large *GAM1* population harbors more genetic diversity than the

apparently rare *GAM2* population or the geographically restricted Nkolondom ecotype (Table S3, Figure 5A-C). *Tajima's D* is consistently negative across the entire genome of all three subgroups, indicating an excess of low-frequency variants that are likely the result of recent population expansion (Figure 5A-C) (Tajima 1989). Indeed, demographic models infer relatively recent bouts of population expansion in all three subgroups (Table S4).

Genome scans of each subgroup reveal genomic regions that show concordant dips in diversity and allele frequency spectrum consistent with recent positive selection (highlighted in Figure 5 A-C). Based on the 1% cutoff of *Tajima's D* (upper and lower bounds) and  $F_{ST}$ , we identified 4 candidate regions exhibiting strong signatures of selection. It should be noted that due to the reduced representation sequencing approach we used, our analysis is necessarily conservative, highlighting only clear instances of selection, which are likely both recent and strong (Tiffin and Ross-Ibarra 2014). An apparent selective event on the left arm of chromosome 2 near the centromere is found in all populations. This selective sweep is characterized by a prominent depression of *Tajima's D* (~1.5Mb in width) and contains ~80 genes including the pyrethroid knockdown resistance gene (*kdr*). Although it is difficult to precisely identify the specific gene that has been influenced by selection in this region, the voltage-gated sodium channel gene (*kdr*) involved in insecticide resistance in insects, which is a pervasive target of selection in *Anopheles* mosquitoes (Clarkson et al. 2014; Norris et al. 2015) represents the strongest candidate in our populations. Interestingly, the drop in *Tajima's D* in the putative *kdr* sweep is sharpest in the

Nkolondom population, which suggests that insecticide resistance is shaping the genomic differentiation and local adaptation in *An. gambiae*. Indeed, Nkolondom is a suburban neighborhood of Yaoundé where larvae can be readily collected from irrigated garden plots that likely contain elevated levels of pesticides directed at agricultural pests (Nwane, et al. 2013; Tene, et al. 2013). The *kdr* allele of *para* confers knockdown resistance to pyrethroids and selective sweeps in the same genomic location have been previously identified in many *An. gambiae* s.l. populations (Donnelly, et al. 2009; Lynd, et al. 2010; Jones, Liyanapathirana, et al. 2012; Clarkson, et al. 2014; Norris, et al. 2015). At the *kdr* sweep, we observe contrasting patterns in local values of  $d_{xy}$  and  $F_{ST}$  (Figure 5D-E). In both the *GAM1-GAM2* and *GAM1-Nkolondom* comparisons,  $d_{xy}$  dips while local values of  $F_{ST}$  actually increase. While not definitive, the significant drop in  $d_{xy}$  suggests that the same resistant haplotype is sweeping through each population. Localized increases in  $F_{ST}$  could owe to differences in *kdr* allele frequencies between populations; despite parallel selection, the sweep may be closer to fixation in certain populations relative to others, perhaps due to differences in selection intensity.

Another region exhibiting consistent signatures of selection in all populations is found around the centromere on the X chromosome. Functional analyses of gene ontology (GO) terms (Table S5) revealed a significant representation of chitin binding proteins in this region ( $p = 1.91\text{e-}4$ ). A strong genetic divergence among the three subgroups of *An. gambiae* characterized by significant  $F_{ST}$  and  $d_{xy}$  peaks is also observed at ~30 Mb and ~40 Mb on

chromosome 3R. Positive outliers of both Tajima's  $D$  and nucleotide diversity suggest that this genetic divergence is due to balancing selection on multiple alleles among populations. Functional analyses of GO terms indicate that the region at ~40 Mb on 3R is enriched in cell membrane proteins, genes involved in olfaction and epidermal growth factors (EGF) genes (Table S5). Finally, a striking depression in Tajima's  $D$  supported by a marked dip in nucleotide diversity occurs on chromosome 2L from ~33-35 Mb in the Nkolondom population exclusively (Figure 5A-C). Despite the lack of genetic differentiation, this region – enriched in six EGFs (Table S5) – is probably a recent selective sweep, which could facilitate larval development of this subgroup in pesticide-laced agricultural water.

#### *Targets of Selection within An. coluzzii subpopulations*

As above, we used diversity, allele frequency spectra and genetic differentiation metrics to scan for targets of selection in the four subgroups of *An. coluzzii*. Overall, genetic diversity is higher in the northern savannah population than either of three southern populations, which all exhibit similar levels of diversity (Table S3). Just as in *An. gambiae*, all subgroups have consistently negative Tajima's  $D$  values confirming demographic models of population expansion (Table S4). Based on the 1% threshold of Tajima's  $D$  and  $F_{ST}$ , we found 5 putative selective sweeps in *An. coluzzii* populations including the *kdr* region, the sweep on the X chromosome, and the two hot spots of balancing selection detected on the chromosome 3R in *An. gambiae* (Figure 6A-D). The



fifth putative selective sweep characterized by a sharp drop in both diversity and Tajima's  $D$  occurs on 3R from ~28.5-29.0 Mb, with the decline being more significant in urban populations. Geographical limitation of the sweep to urban mosquitoes strongly suggests it may contain variant(s) that confer adaptation to extreme levels of anthropogenic disturbance. Indeed, this genomic region harbors a cluster of both Glutathione S-transferase (*GSTE1-GSTE7*) and cytochrome P450 (*CYP4C27*, *CYP4C35*, *CYP4C36*) genes, and functional analyses of GO terms reveals an overrepresentation of terms containing "Glutathione S-transferase" (Table S5,  $p = 5.14e-10$ ). Both the *GSTE* and cytochrome P450 gene families are known to confer metabolic resistance to insecticides and pollutants in mosquitoes (Enayati, et al. 2005; David, et al. 2013; Nkya, et al. 2013). In particular, *GSTE5* and *GSTE6* are intriguing candidate targets of selection as each is up-regulated in highly insecticide resistant *An. arabiensis* populations that recently colonized urban areas of Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso (Jones et al. 2012).

As in *An. gambiae*, we also detected multiple regions that could be targets of selection, but were less well supported because only one of the metrics ( $F_{ST}$  or Tajima's  $D$ ) was above the 99th percentile of the empirical distribution. We found ~30 regions where significant  $F_{ST}$  peaks were not correlated to exceptional values of Tajima's  $D$  and vice versa. This included at least 10 hotspots of  $F_{ST}$  clustered within the 2La inversion, which segregates between forest and savannah populations (Figure 6H). Most notably, at ~25 Mb on 2L, a region centered on the resistance to dieldrin (*rdl*) locus, large dips in Tajima's  $D$  are

evident in all southern groups. In the northern savannah population, a pronounced dip in diversity occurs at this putative sweep, but Tajima's  $D$  stays constant. This region contains ~40 genes, but just as with the *kdr* gene, the *rdl* locus is arguably the prime candidate target of selection. This gene plays a key role in insensitivity to insecticides (Ffrench-Constant et al. 2004), and studies have confirmed the presence of footprints of selection around this locus in *An. gambiae* s.l. populations (Lawniczak et al. 2010; Crawford et al. 2015).

The increased use of pesticides/insecticides in agriculture and vector control imposes an unprecedented adaptive challenge to mosquito populations (Bøgh et al. 1998; Moiroux et al. 2012; Mwangangi et al. 2013; Clarkson et al. 2014; Norris et al. 2015). As a result, both selection and adaptive introgression are acting at the scale of a few decades around loci that provide selective advantage against pesticides (Clarkson et al. 2014; Norris et al. 2015). Our findings indicate that the genetic response to this challenge is also spreading across multiple loci leaving sharp signatures of selection around clusters of detoxification enzymes and major insecticide resistance genes in *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* populations. As expected, *An. coluzzii* populations that are exposed to particularly high levels of insecticides/pollutants in human-dominated environments (Kamdem et al. 2012; Fossog Tene et al. 2013; Tene Fossog et al. 2013) are more enriched in genomic regions bearing signatures of human-driven selection. Both relative and absolute divergences between populations at the three selective sweeps involved in xenobiotic resistance reflect the spatial variation of selection along gradients of anthropogenic disturbance. In particular,

the *kdr* locus exhibits minimal divergence in all pairwise comparisons, suggesting that the same resistance haplotype is under selection in each population (Figure 6E-H). In contrast, the region surrounding the *rdl* gene shows low  $F_{ST}$  and a pronounced dip in  $d_{xy}$  between all southern populations, confirming that the same haplotype is sweeping through these three populations. However, differentiation between southern and northern populations at *rdl* may be obscured by the high divergence between alternative arrangements of the 2La inversion. Finally, the urban-centric GSTE/CYP450 sweep on 3R shows a peak in  $F_{ST}$  between Yaoundé and Coastal mosquitoes and minimal change in  $d_{xy}$  – a pattern consistent with local adaptation. Comparisons between Douala and Coastal populations show a more moderate increase in  $F_{ST}$ , presumably due to high rates of mosquito migration between these nearby sites. The slight bump in  $F_{ST}$  is coupled to a large dip in  $d_{xy}$  indicative of an ongoing, shared selective sweep between the two cities.

To further explore the 3R GSTE/CYP450 sweep, we reconstructed haplotypes for all 240 *An. coluzzii* southern chromosomes across the 28 SNPs found within the sweep. In the Yaoundé population, a single haplotype is present on 44 out of 80 (55%) chromosomes (all grey SNPs), while an additional 11 haplotypes are within one mutational step of this common haplotype (Figure 7A). In Douala, the same haplotype is the most common, but present at a lower frequency (31%) than in Yaoundé (Figure 7B). Strikingly, this haplotype is found on only 6/80 (7.5%) coastal chromosomes (Figure 7C). The overall low nucleotide variation and high frequency of a single haplotype in Yaoundé is

consistent with positive selection acting on a de novo variant(s) to generate the 3R GSTE/CYP450 sweep. Less intense selection pressure in Douala, and particularly the Coast, would explain the markedly higher haplotype diversity in these two populations relative to Yaoundé. It is also possible that Douala mosquitoes experience similar selection pressures to Yaoundé mosquitoes, but frequent migrant haplotypes from the nearby rural Coast populations decrease the efficiency of local adaptation. Importantly, multiple population genomic analyses of the same 28 SNPs (Figure 7D-F) mirror results of the haplotype analysis, confirming that haplotype inference did not bias the results. In sum, we hypothesize that divergence in xenobiotic levels between urban and rural larval habitats is the main ecological force driving spatially variable selection at this locus.

## DISCUSSION

### *Population genetic structure and cryptic subdivisions within the An. gambiae complex*

The *Anopheles gambiae* complex, as a model of adaptive radiation with a puzzling evolutionary history, has been recognized as a unique portal into the genetic architecture of ecological speciation (Coluzzi et al. 2002; Ayala and Coluzzi 2005). This system has however been refractory to traditional genetic mapping methods, due mainly to the lack of observable phenotypes that segregate between populations. Recently, patterns of genomic divergence have started to be dissected thanks to the application of high-throughput sequencing and genotyping methods, and significant insights have been gained into the genomic targets of selection among populations at continental scale (Lawniczak et al. 2010; Neafsey et al. 2010; White et al. 2011). Here we have applied a population genomic approach to investigate the genomic architecture of selection at the scale of one country. We showed that reduced representation sequencing of 941 *An. gambiae* s.l. collected in or near human settlements in 33 sites scattered across Cameroon facilitated rapid identification of known sibling species and revealed multiple instances of novel cryptic diversification within *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii*. This result is opposite to that found in East Africa, where RADseq markers revealed no population genetic structure within species of the *An. gambiae* complex (O'Loughlin et al. 2014). Historically, West African populations have a greater tendency to be differentiated (Coluzzi et al. 1985; Coluzzi et al. 2002), and the presence of cryptic subdivisions within *An. coluzzii*

has already been suspected in Cameroon (Wondji et al. 2005; Slotman et al. 2007). As revealed by genome-wide SNPs, these subdivisions result in at least three genetically distinct clusters: a strongly differentiated population confined to the arid savannah area, a coastal subgroup presumably adapted to tolerate high concentrations of salt (Tene Fossog et al. 2015) and a cluster encompassing urban populations that are known to thrive in breeding sites containing high levels of organic waste and present a more complex insecticide resistance profile (Antonio-Nkondjio et al. 2011; Fossog Tene et al. 2013; Tene Fossog et al. 2013; Antonio-Nkondjio et al. 2015). The modelling of ecological niches of *An. gambiae* s.l. in Cameroon predicts that favourable habitats of *An. coluzzii* populations are fragmented and much more marginal landscapes in contrast to *An. gambiae*, which occupies a broader environmental niche across the country (Simard et al. 2009). In line with this prediction, genome-wide SNPs indicate a weak genetic differentiation and high genetic diversity in *An. gambiae* over large geographic areas. Nevertheless, despite this broad geographic connectivity and extensive gene flow among populations, ongoing local adaption results in the emergence of geographic clusters in suburban areas.

It has been hypothesized that the actual number and the diversity of malaria vector species across the African continent are largely underestimated because of the limited power of morphological and genetic markers employed so far (Stevenson et al. 2012). As a result, genome-wide studies and extensive sampling are supposed to lead to the discovery of unknown species. Among the 941 *An. gambiae* s.l. we sequenced, we instead found a clear match between the

species identified by both morphological observations and PCR of the ribosomal DNA and those suggested by thousands of SNPs scattered throughout the genome. Furthermore, the intensive use of insecticide-treated bed nets has triggered complex behavioural adaptations and changes in species distribution that may ultimately lead to splits and the creation of cryptic populations within species (Bøgh et al. 1998; Derua et al. 2012; Moiroux et al. 2012; Mwangangi et al. 2013; Sokhna et al. 2013). For example, populations that are evolving to bite outdoor or earlier at night to escape bed nets have an increased likelihood to differentiated into distinct gene pools (Bøgh et al. 1998; Riehle et al. 2011; Moiroux et al. 2012). Using a comprehensive sampling of larvae and adults at different time points during diurnal and nocturnal activities, in or near human settlements, we can conclude that no genetic clustering beyond the regional-scale subdivisions we described is apparent over the scale of our study.

### *Genomic signatures of selection*

Populations depicting increasing levels of genetic differentiation along a speciation continuum are ideal to investigate the targets of selection at early stages of ecological divergence (Savolainen et al. 2013). We have scanned genomes of more or less divergent populations of *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* using several divergence and diversity metrics in order to identify outlier regions, which likely contain factors involved in ecological divergence and/or reproductive isolation. In principle, in weakly differentiated populations such as the subgroups we described for which neutral and selective processes have yet to shape the

507 genomic architecture, signatures of selection are often clustered within a few  
508 regions of the genome (Nosil and Feder 2012; Andrew and Rieseberg 2013).  
509 Indeed, we found that footprints of natural selection in structured populations of  
510 *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* occur across a few loci enriched in genes whose  
511 functions include insecticide resistance and detoxification, epidermal growth,  
512 cuticle formation and olfaction. Although some targets of selection are likely  
513 missing because of our experimental approach (Arnold et al. 2013; Tiffin and  
514 Ross-Ibarra 2014), previous studies on ecological and phenotypic divergence in  
515 *An. gambiae* s.l. suggest that footprints of selection we identified are particularly  
516 relevant. First, the cuticle plays a major role at the interface between several  
517 biological functions in insects and cuticular proteins are extremely diverse within  
518 and among species (Vannini et al. 2014). Importantly, certain cuticular proteins  
519 are associated with resistance to insecticides by contributing to a thicker cuticle  
520 in *Anopheles* (Wood et al. 2010; Vannini et al. 2014). Olfaction also mediates a  
521 wide range of both adult and larval behaviors in blood-feeding mosquitoes  
522 (Bowen 1991; Takken and Verhulst 2013). A large family of olfactory receptors  
523 has been characterized including candidate chemosensory genes directly  
524 involved in the response to cues that are required for feeding, host preference,  
525 and mate selection in *An. gambiae* s.l (Carey et al. 2010; Liu et al. 2010; Rinker  
526 et al. 2013). Finally, malaria vectors of the *An. gambiae* complex are among the  
527 most synanthropic insects in the world, which has led to the hypothesis that  
528 human-driven selection is one of the main modulators of ecological divergence  
529 between and within species (Coluzzi et al. 2002; Kamdem et al. 2012).



Consistent with this hypothesis, we have found that genomic regions harbouring genes involved in resistance to insecticides and pollutants are the dominant targets of selection in emerging subgroups adapted to urban areas. Although more direct implications of genes within these selective sweeps will ultimately be necessary to validate the role of human mediated selection in local adaptation, our data provide a genomic perspective on the interactions between human actions and the contemporary evolution of a mosquito species.

### *Anthropogenic Mediated Selection*

Human activity has altered the evolutionary trajectory of diverse taxa. In insects, spatially varying intensity of insecticide application can drive divergence between populations, potentially leading to reproductive isolation. While a plausible scenario, scant empirical evidence supports the hypothesis (Chen, et al. 2012). Previous studies have documented significant reductions in the population size of *An. gambiae* s.l. after introduction of long lasting insecticide treated nets (LLINs), but did not determine the influence of exposure on population structuring (Bayoh, et al. 2010; Athrey, et al. 2012). Among Cameroonian populations of both *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii*, we find a pervasive signature of selection at the *para* sodium channel gene. We infer that this sweep confers globally beneficial resistance to LLINs, which are ubiquitous in Cameroon and treated with pyrethroids that target *para* (Bowen 2013). In contrast, selective sweeps centered on other insecticide resistance genes are restricted to specific geographic locations/populations. For example, a sweep at

the *rdl* locus is limited to southern populations of *An. coluzzii*. Initial selection for dieldrin resistance likely occurred during massive indoor residual spraying campaigns conducted by the WHO in southern Cameroon during the 1950s. Indeed, the spraying was so intense that it temporarily eliminated *An. gambiae* s.l. from Yaoundé (and likely other locations in the forest region) (Livadas, et al. 1958). However, due to high human toxicity, dieldrin has been banned for use in mosquito control since the mid-1970s. In the absence of insecticide exposure, resistant *rdl* mosquitoes are significantly less fit than wild type mosquitoes (Rowland 1991a, b; Platt, et al. 2015), making the continued persistence of resistant alleles in southern *An. coluzzii* populations puzzling. One plausible explanation is that other cyclodienes targeting *rdl*, such as fipronil and lindane, are still commonly used in agriculture and may frequently runoff into *An. coluzzii* larval habitats, imposing strong selection for resistant mosquitoes. A similar phenomenon was recently proposed to explain the maintenance of resistance *rdl* alleles in both *Culex* and *Aedes* mosquitoes (Tantely, et al. 2010).

Mosquitoes inhabiting Cameroon's two major cities, Yaoundé and Douala, provide a clearer example of how xenobiotic exposure can directly influence population structure. Both cities have seen exponential human population growth over the past 50 years, creating a high concentration of hosts for anthropophilic mosquitoes. Despite elevated levels of organic pollutants and insecticides in urban relative to rural larval sites, surveys show substantial year-round populations of *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* in both cities (Antonio-Nkondjio, et al. 2011; Kamdem, et al. 2012; Antonio-Nkondjio, et al. 2014). Bioassays of

insecticide resistance demonstrate that urban mosquitoes have significantly higher levels of resistance to multiple insecticides compared to rural mosquitoes (Nwane, et al. 2009; Antonio-Nkondjio, et al. 2011; Nwane, et al. 2013; Tene, et al. 2013; Antonio-Nkondjio, et al. 2015). In support of human mediated local adaptation, we find a selective sweep in urban *An. coluzzii* mosquitoes centered on a cluster of GSTE/CYP450 detoxification genes. While the specific ecological driver of the selective sweep is unknown, GSTE and P450 enzymes detoxify both organic pollutants and insecticides (Suwanchaichinda and Brattsten 2001; David, et al. 2010; Poupardin, et al. 2012). Indeed, the synergistic effects of the two types of xenobiotics could be exerting intense selection pressure for pleiotropic resistance in urban mosquitoes (Mueller, et al. 2008; David, et al. 2013; Nkya, et al. 2013). Regardless of the underlying targets of selection, it is clear that mosquitoes inhabiting highly disturbed urban and suburban landscapes are genetically differentiated from rural populations. Further analysis of specific sweeps using a combination of whole genome resequencing and emerging functional genetics approaches (e.g. CRISPR/Cas9) should help resolve the specific targets of local adaptation in urban mosquitoes, while also shedding light on the evolutionary history of the enigmatic subgroup *GAM2*.

### *Impacts on Vector Control*

Just five decades ago, there was not a single city in Sub-Saharan African with a population over 1 million; today there are more than 40. Population shifts to urban areas will only continue to increase with the United Nations estimating

that 60% of Africans will live in large cities by 2050 (United Nations 2014). When urbanization commenced, it was widely assumed that malaria transmission would be minimal because rural *Anopheles* vectors would not be able to complete development in the polluted larval habitats present in cities (Donnelly, et al. 2005). However, increasingly common reports of endemic malaria transmission in urban areas across Sub-Saharan Africa unequivocally demonstrate that anophelines are exploiting the urban niche (Robert, et al. 2003; Keiser, et al. 2004; De Silva and Marshall 2012). Specifically, our study shows that *An. gambiae* s.l. from the urban and suburban centers of southern Cameroon form genetically distinct subgroups relative to rural populations. Local adaptation to urban environments is accompanied by strong selective sweeps centered on putative xenobiotic resistance genes, which are likely driven by a combination of exposure to organic pollutants and insecticides in larval habitats. The rapid adaptation of *Anopheles* to the urban landscape poses a growing health risk as levels of resistance in these populations negate the effectiveness of almost all commonly used insecticides. Moreover, repeated instances of beneficial alleles introgressing between *An. gambiae* s.l. species make the emergence of highly resistant subgroups even more troubling (Weill, et al. 2000; Clarkson, et al. 2014; Crawford, et al. 2014; Fontaine, et al. 2014; Norris, et al. 2015). In essence, urban populations can serve as a reservoir for resistance alleles, which have the potential to rapidly move between species/populations as needed. Clearly, sustainable malaria vector control, urban or otherwise, requires not only more judicious use of insecticides, but also novel strategies not reliant on chemicals.

622 Towards this goal, various vector control methods that aim to replace or  
623 suppress wild mosquito populations using genetic drive are currently under  
624 development (e.g. (Windbichler, et al. 2011)). While promising, the complexities  
625 of ongoing cryptic diversification within African *Anopheles* must be explicitly  
626 planned for prior to the release of transgenic mosquitoes.

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## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### *Mosquito collections*

In 2013, we collected *Anopheles* from 33 locations spread across the four major ecogeographic regions of Cameroon (Table S1). Indoor resting adult mosquitoes were collected by pyrethrum spray catch, while host-seeking adults were obtained via indoor/outdoor human-baited landing catch. Larvae were collected using standard dipping procedures (Service 1993). All researchers were provided with malaria chemoprophylaxis throughout the collection period. Individual mosquitoes belonging to the *An. gambiae* s.l. complex were identified by morphology (Gillies and De Meillon 1968; Gillies and Coetzee 1987).

### *ddRADseq Library Construction*

Genomic DNA was extracted from adults using the ZR-96 Quick-gDNA kit (Zymo Research) and from larvae using the DNeasy Extraction kit (Qiagen). A subset of individuals were assigned to sibling species using PCR-RFLP assays that type fixed SNP differences in the rDNA (Fanello, et al. 2002). Preparation of ddRAD libraries largely followed (Turissini, et al. 2014). Briefly,  $\sim 1/3^{\text{rd}}$  of the DNA extracted from an individual mosquito (10 $\mu$ l) was digested with *MluC1* and *NlaIII* (New England Biolabs). Barcoded adapters (1 of 48) were ligated to overhangs and 400 bp fragments were selected using 1.5% gels on a BluePippin (Sage Science). One of six indices was added during PCR amplification. Each library

contained 288 individuals and was subjected to single end, 100 bp sequencing across one or two flow cells lanes run on an Illumina HiSeq2500.

Raw sequence reads were demultiplexed and quality filtered using the STACKS v 1.29 process\_radtags pipeline (Catchen, et al. 2011; Catchen, et al. 2013). After removal of reads with ambiguous barcodes, incorrect restriction sites, and low sequencing quality (mean Phred < 33), GSNAP was used to align reads to the *An. gambiae* PEST reference genome (AgamP4.2) allowing up to five mismatches per read. After discarding reads that perfectly aligned to more than one genomic position, we used STACKS to identify unique RAD tags and construct consensus assemblies for each. Individual SNP genotypes were called using default setting in the maximum-likelihood statistical model implemented in the STACKS genotypes pipeline.

### *Population Genomic Analysis*

Population genetic structure was assessed using the SNP dataset output by the *populations* program of STACKS. We used PLINK v 1.19 to retrieve subsets of genome-wide SNPs as needed (Purcell, et al. 2007). PCA, neighbor-joining tree analyses, and Bayesian information criterion (BIC) were implemented using the packages *adeigenet* and *ape* in R (Paradis et al. 2004; Jombart 2008; R Development Core Team 2014). Ancestry analyses were conducted in fastSTRUCTURE v 1.0 (Raj, et al. 2014) using the logistic method. The choosek.py script was used to find the appropriate number of populations (k); in cases where a range of k was suggested, the BIC-inferred number of clusters

was chosen. CLUMPP v1.1.2 (Jakobsson & Rosenberg 2007) was used to summarize assignment results across independent runs and DISTRICT v1.1 (Rosenberg 2004) was used to visualize ancestry assignment of individual mosquitoes. We used a subset of 1,000 randomly chosen SNPs to calculate average pairwise  $F_{ST}$  between populations in GENODIVE v 2.0 using up to 40 individuals – prioritized by coverage – per population (Meirmans and Van Tienderen 2004). Using this same subset of 1,000 SNPs, we conducted an AMOVA to quantify the effect of the sampling method and the geographic origin on the genetic variance among individuals in GENODIVE. We used 10,000 permutations to assess significance of  $F_{ST}$  values and AMOVA. We input pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values into the program Fitch from the Phylip (Phylogeny Information Technology) suite to create the population-level NJ tree.  $F_{IS}$  values were computed with the *populations* program in STACKS.

### *Genome Scans for Selection*

We used ANGSD v 0.612 (Korneliussen, et al. 2014) to calculate nucleotide diversity ( $\theta_w$  and  $\theta_\pi$ ) and Tajima's  $D$  in 150-kb non-overlapping windows. Unlike most genotyping algorithms, ANGSD does not perform hard SNP calls, instead taking genotyping uncertainty into account when calculating summary statistics. Similarly, absolute divergence ( $d_{xy}$ ) was calculated using *ngsTools* (Fumagalli, et al. 2014) based on genotype likelihoods generated by ANGSD. Kernel smoothed values for 150-kb windows for all four metrics ( $\theta_w$ ,  $\theta_\pi$ ,  $D$ ,  $d_{xy}$ ) were obtained with the R package *KernSmooth*.  $F_{ST}$  (based on AMOVA)



was calculated with the *populations* program in STACKS using only loci present in 80% of individuals. A Kernel smoothing procedure implemented in STACKS was used to obtain  $F_{ST}$  values across 150-kb windows. Because regions with unusually high or low read depth can yield unreliable estimates of diversity and divergence parameters due to the likelihood of repeats and local misassembly, we checked that the average per-locus sequencing coverage was consistent throughout the genome (Figure S5). To determine if selective sweeps were enriched for specific functional annotation classes, we used the program DAVID 6.7 with default settings (Huang, et al. 2008). We physically delimited the selective sweep as the region corresponding to the base of the peak or the depression of Tajima's  $D$ . Haplotypes across the GSTE/CYP450 sweep were reconstructed by PHASE v 2.1.1 using the default recombination model (Stephens, et al. 2001; Stephens and Scheet 2005).

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## FIGURE LEGENDS

**Figure 1. *Anopheles gambiae* complex sibling species are genetically distinct.** A) PCA B) NJ Tree, and C) fastSTRUCTURE analyses clearly separate the four *An. gambiae* complex species that occur in Cameroon into discrete genetic clusters. Additional subdivision below the species level is apparent within *An. coluzzii* and *An. gambiae*. D) Species composition varies strongly between eco-geographic regions. Sampling sites are denoted by black dots.

**Figure 2. *Anopheles gambiae* is divided into three cryptic subpopulations.** A) PCA, B) NJ Tree, and C) fastSTRUCTURE analyses reveal subdivisions within *An. gambiae*. We term the most abundant group *GAM1*, while a second small, but widely distributed group, is termed *GAM2*. Finally, most individuals from the village of Nkolondom are genetically distinct from other *An. gambiae* suggestive of local adaptation.

**Figure 3. *Anopheles coluzzii* is divided into four subgroups.** A) PCA, NJ Tree, and C) fastSTRUCTURE reveal major population structuring between *An. coluzzii* from the northern Savannah eco-geographic region and *An. coluzzii* from the southern three forested regions. Within the south, D) PCA, E) NJ Tree, and F) fastSTRUCTURE analyses separate mosquitoes based on geographic origin, although clustering is not fully discrete indicating a dynamic interplay between local adaptation and migration.

**Figure 4. Phylogenetic relationships between populations show recent radiation within *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* clades.** In an unrooted,  $F_{ST}$ -based NJ tree, *An. melas* is most distant from all other species, while *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* are sister species. Southern populations of *An. coluzzii* are more closely related to each other than to the northern savannah population. In contrast to geographic distance, the Douala subpopulation is genetically closer to Yaoundé rather than Coastal mosquitoes. Within *An. gambiae*, a relatively deep split is present between *GAM2* and *GAM1*, while *Nkolondom* appears to have recently diverged from *GAM1*.

**Figure 5. Genome scans reveal footprints of global and local adaptation in *An. gambiae* subpopulations.** A-C) Diversity and Tajima's  $D$  are plotted for each of the three subpopulations. Brown asterisks denote windows above the 99th percentile or below the 1st percentile of empirical distribution of Tajima's  $D$ . D-E) Both absolute ( $d_{xy}$ ) and relative ( $F_{ST}$ ) divergence between populations are plotted across 150-kb windows. Red asterisks indicate windows above the 99th percentile of empirical distribution of  $F_{ST}$ . In all populations, concordant dips in diversity and Tajima's  $D$  are evident near the pericentromeric region of 2L where the *para* sodium channel gene is located. Three other selective sweeps located on the X and 3R chromosomes are highlighted (grey boxes).

**Figure 6. Strong positive selection acts on xenobiotic resistance loci in subpopulations of *An. coluzzii*.** A-H) Grey boxes highlight five selective

sweeps characterized by extreme values of  $F_{ST}$  and Tajima's  $D$ . As in *An. gambiae*, sharp declines in diversity and allele frequency spectrum at the *para* sodium channel gene are present in all populations. A sweep encompassing a cluster of detoxification genes on 3R is limited to urban mosquitoes. The region centered on the resistance to dieldrin (*rdl*) gene also shows signs of local selection in southern subpopulations. No evidence for locally elevated divergence is observed at the *para* or *rdl* loci suggesting a shared sweep amongst populations. In contrast, urban-rural mosquitoes show extreme levels of divergence at the detoxification-enriched sweep on 3R.

**Figure 7. Spatially varying selection between urban and coastal populations.** For each of the three southern *An. coluzzii* subpopulations, 80 reconstructed haplotypes are visualized by color-coding 28 bi-allelic SNPs in the 3R GSTE/CYP450 sweep either grey or white. A single invariant haplotype -- all grey SNPs -- is common in (A) Yaoundé, less so in (B) Douala, and very rare in (C) coastal populations. D-E) Similarly, in PCA and NJ Tree analysis of the same 28 SNPs, coastal individuals (navy blue) are diffuse across genotypic space, while Yaoundé mosquitoes (purple) are tightly clustered. As expected, Douala (pink) exhibits an intermediate degree of variation. F) STRUCTURE analysis based solely on the 28 SNPs within the sweep shows clear distinctions between the three populations.

## SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE LEGENDS

**Figure S1.** Detailed map of sampling sites in Cameroon.

**Figure S2.** Bayesian information criterion was used to determine the most likely number of clusters/populations for A) all 941 samples, B) all *An. coluzzii*, C) *An. coluzzii* from the northern savannah, D) *An. arabiensis*, E) the 309 individuals used for genome scans F) all *An. gambiae*, G) southern *An. coluzzii*, and H) *An. melas*. BIC scores for 1 to 50 clusters are plotted. The lower the BIC score the better the model fits the observed genetic diversity.

**Figure S3.** Southern (pale pink) and northern populations (deep pink) of *An. coluzzii* are readily separated in PCA (top) and NJ trees (bottom) using SNPs exclusively from any of the five chromosomal arms.

**Figure S4.** No population substructure is detectable within northern *An. coluzzii* using PCA and NJ tree analysis.

**Figure S5.** Mean sequencing coverage per individual is plotted in 300kb non-overlapping windows across the genome. Only individuals used in the genome scans are included in the coverage calculation.



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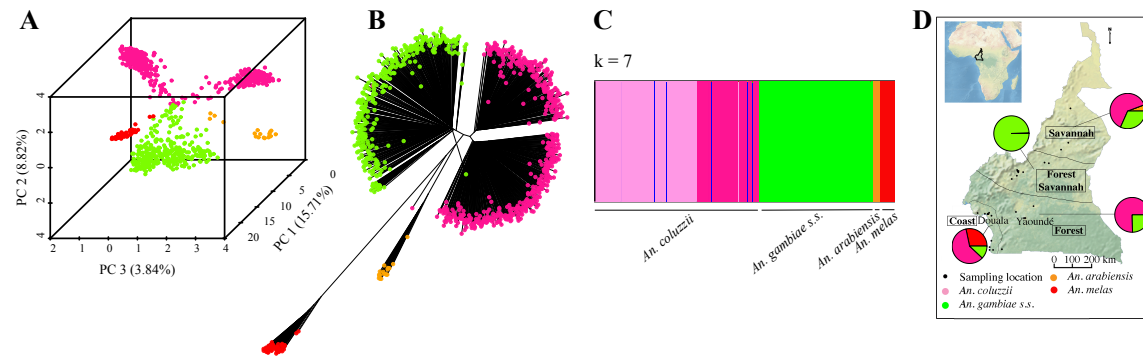


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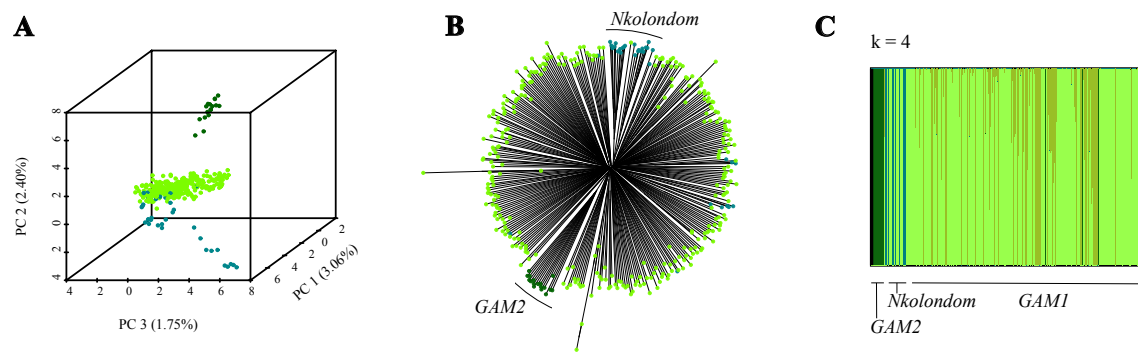


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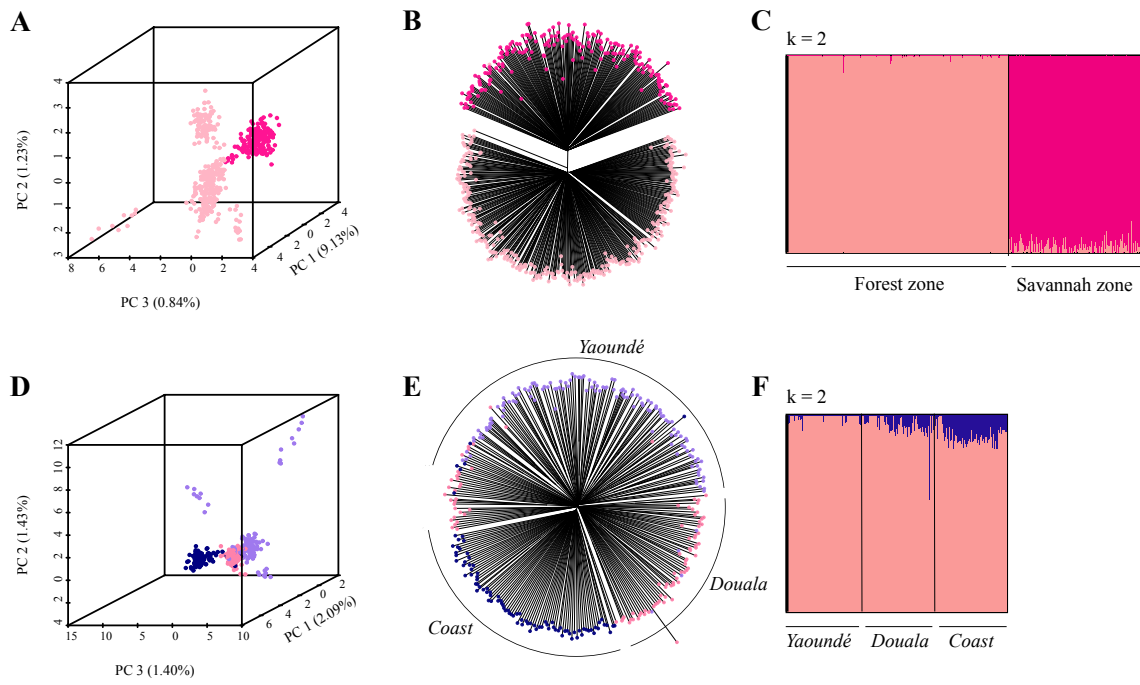


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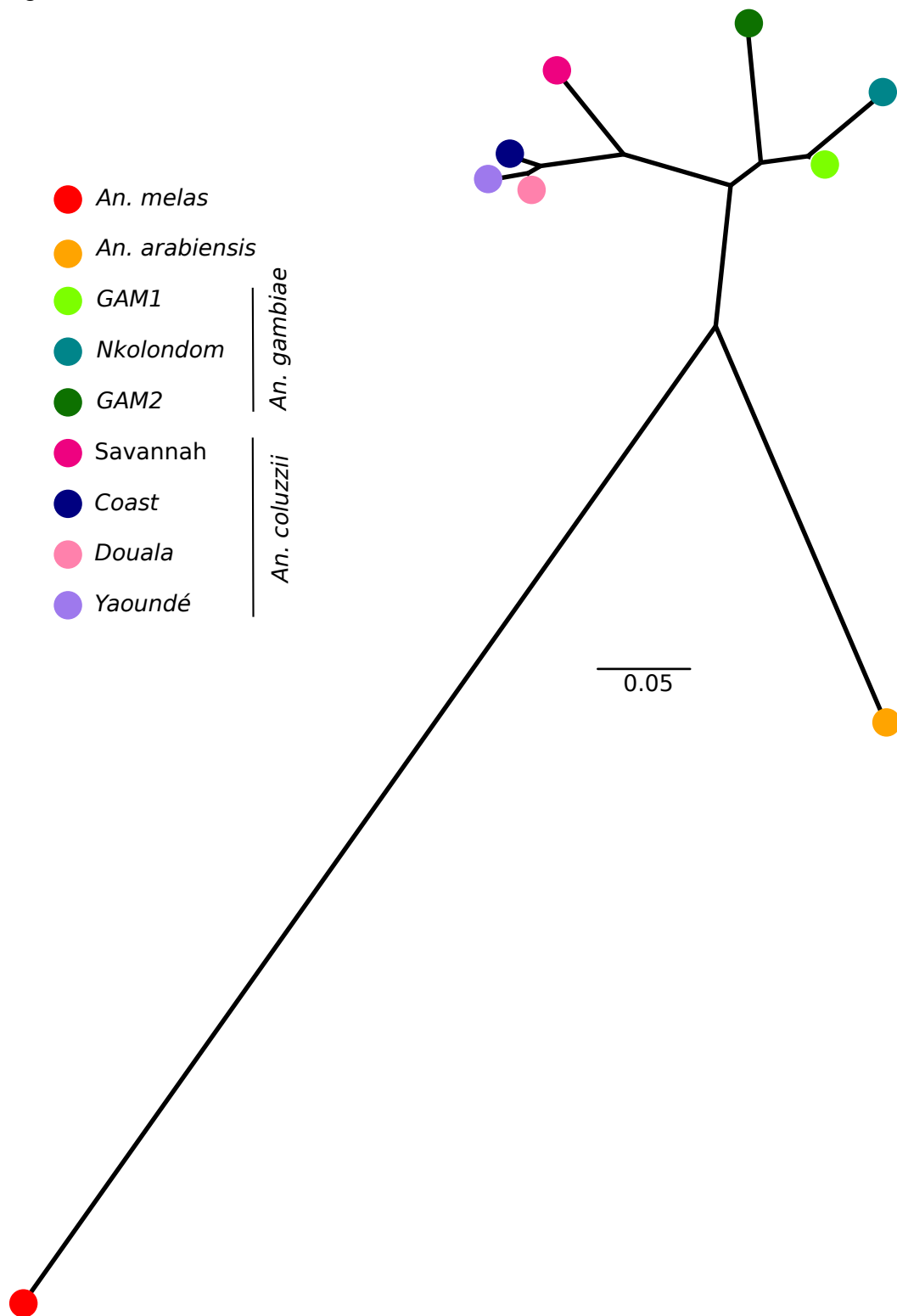


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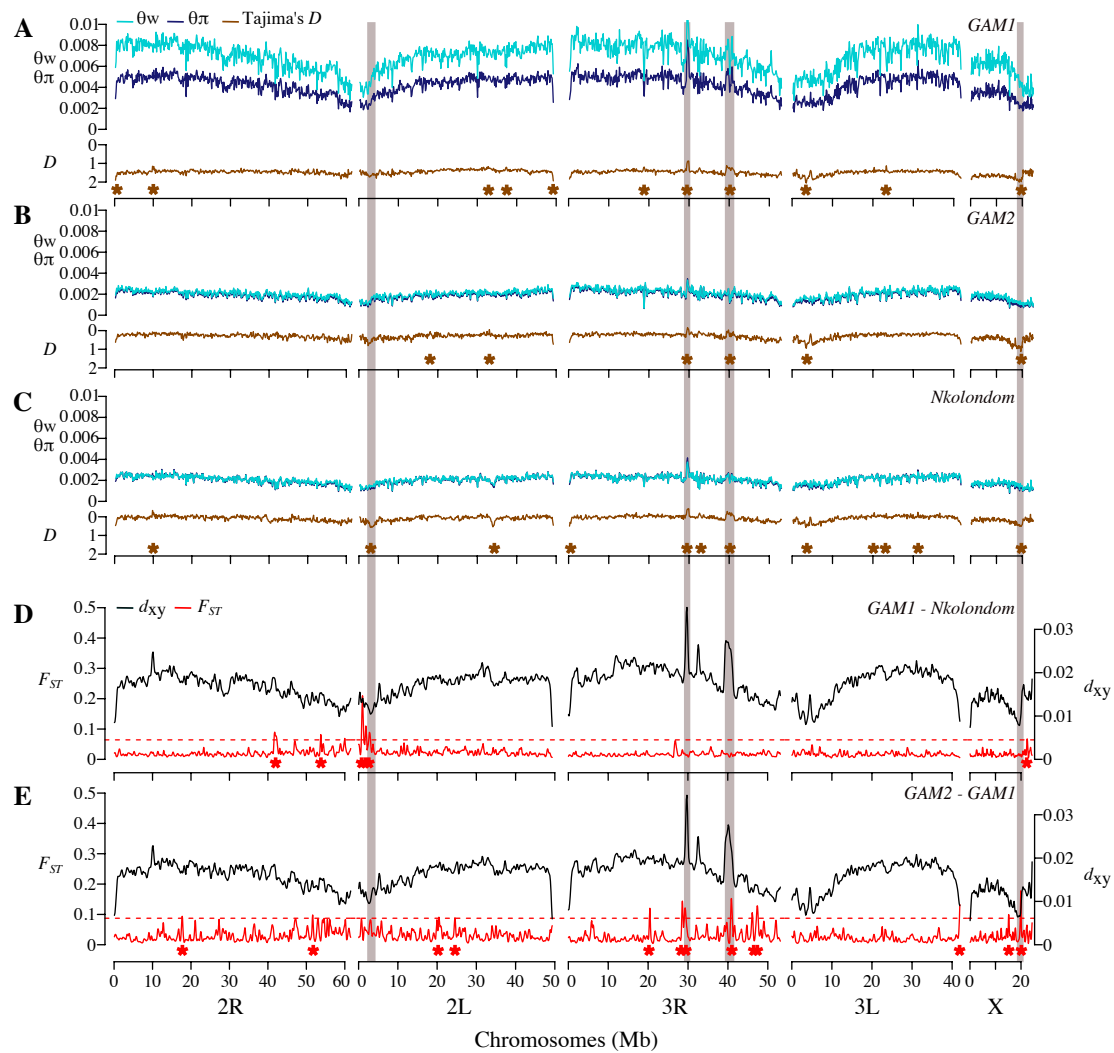


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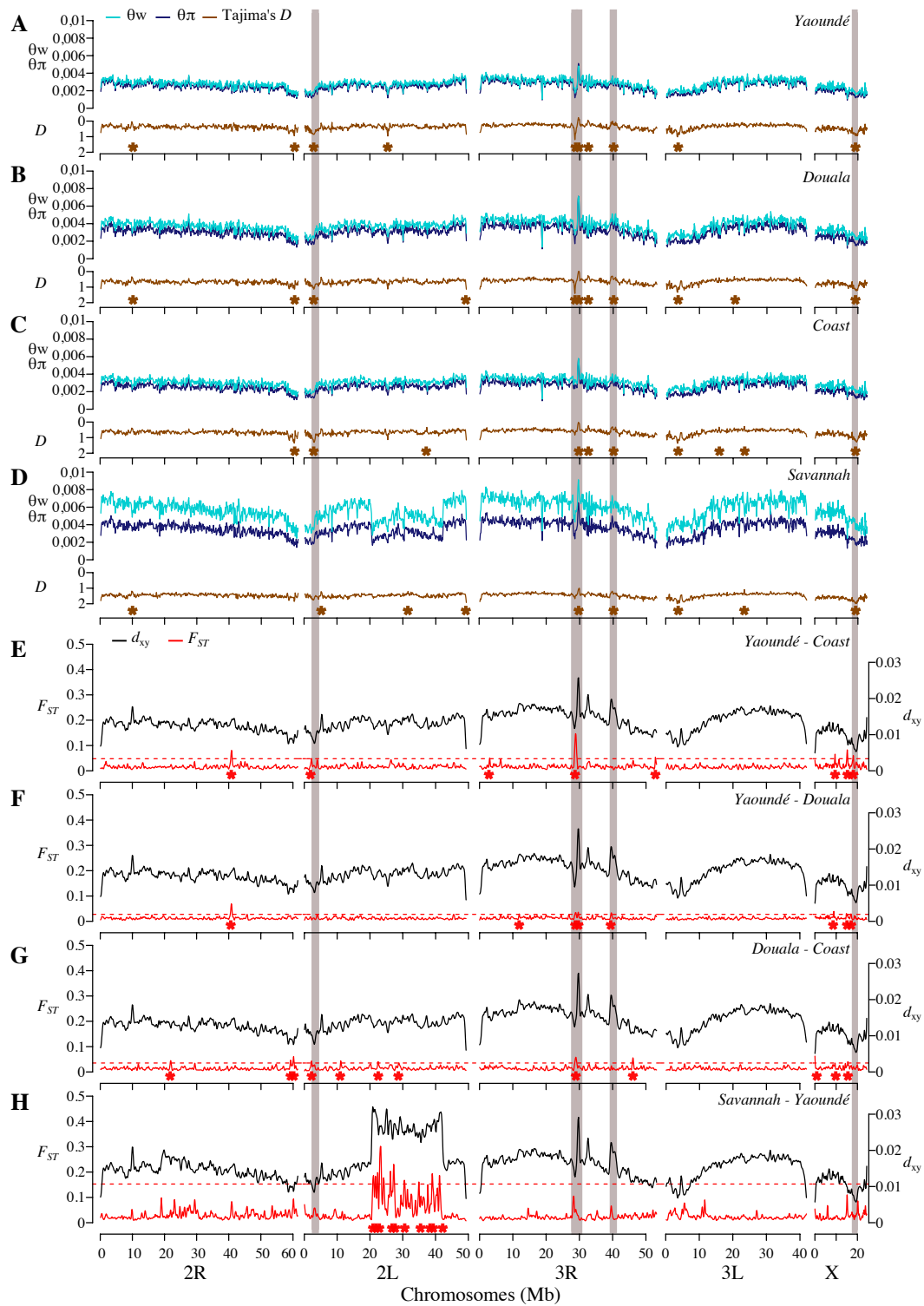


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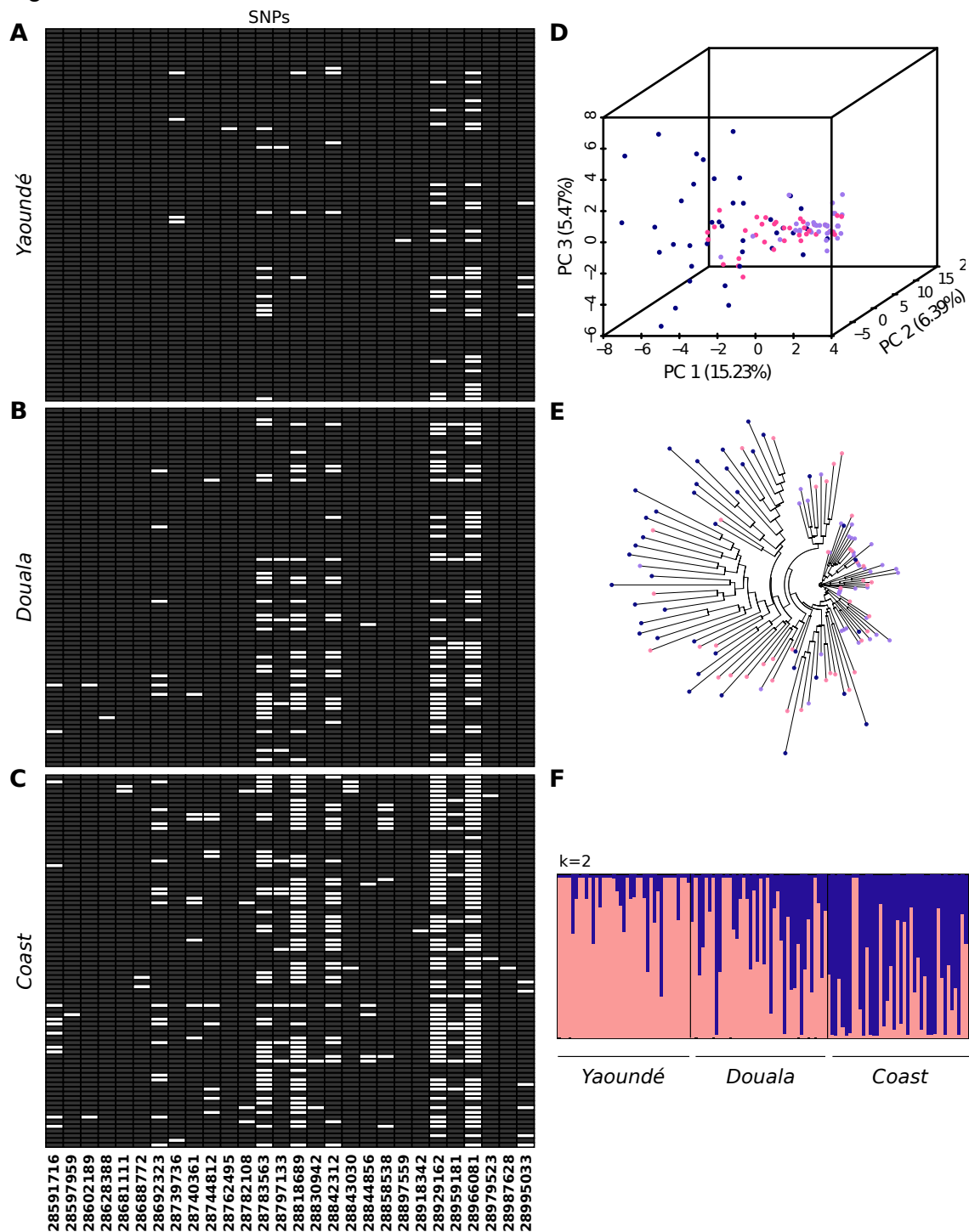


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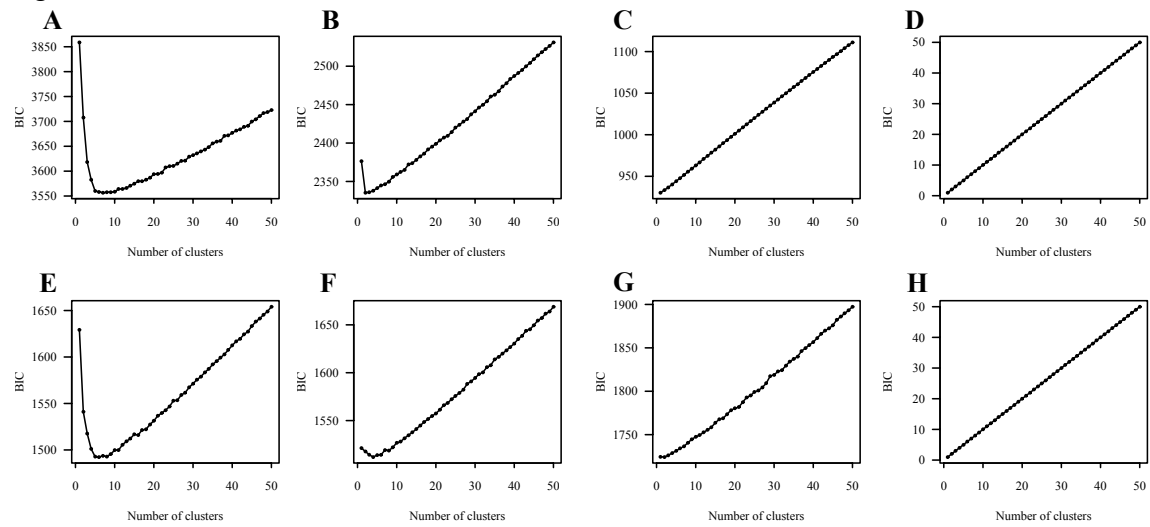


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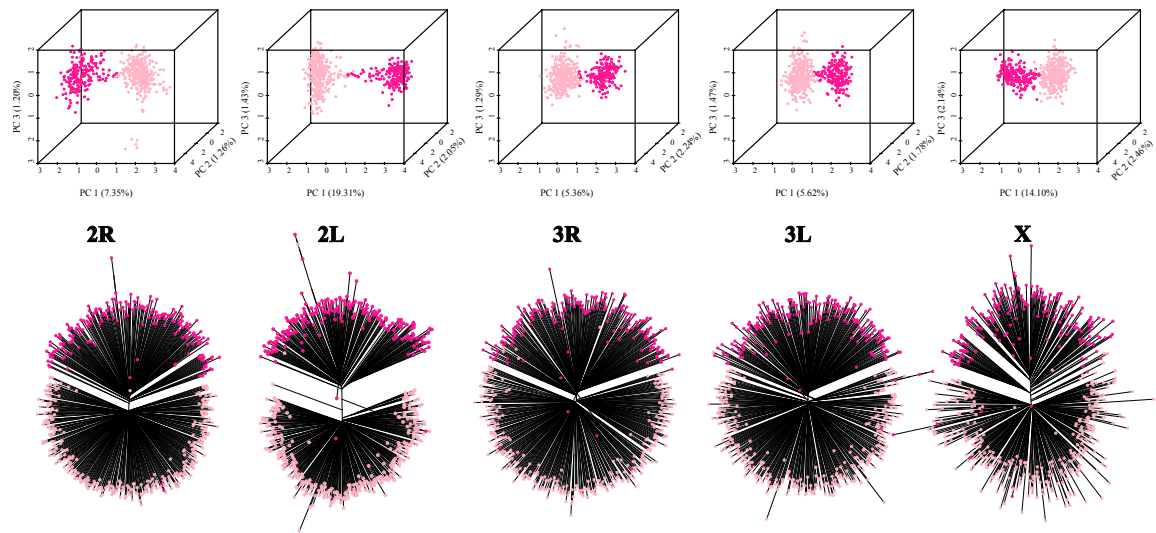


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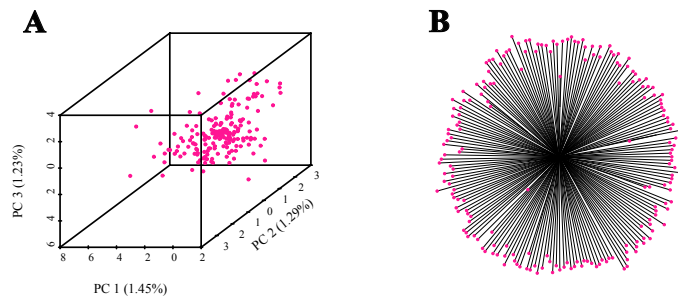
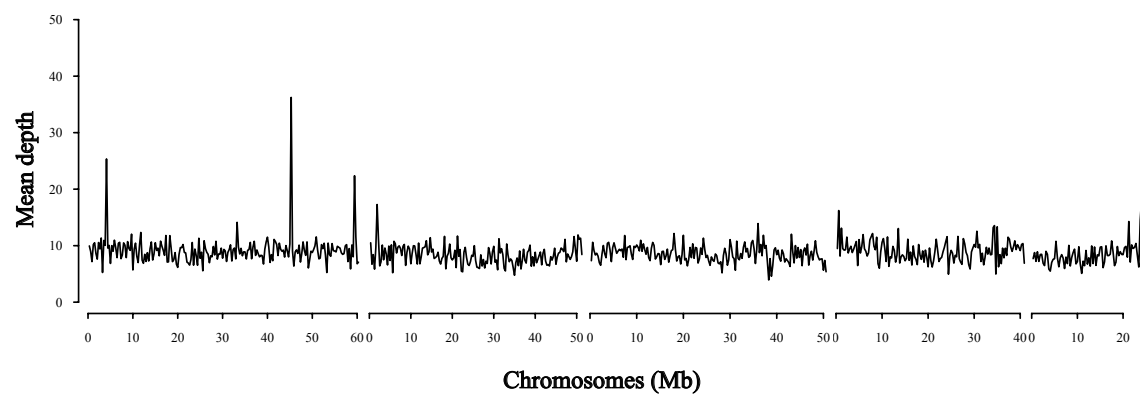


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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consistently negative Tajima's  $D$  across all subgroups may reflect recent population expansions. To further address this hypothesis we modeled the demographic history of each population using a diffusion-based approach implemented in the software package  $\partial a \partial i$  v 1.6.3 (Gutenkunst et al. 2009). We fit four alternative demographic models (*neutral*, *growth*, *two-epoch*, *bottle-growth*), without migration or recombination, to the folded allele frequency spectrum of each cryptic subgroup of *An. gambiae* s.s. and *An. coluzzii*. The best model was selected based on the highest composite log likelihood, the lowest Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), and visual inspection of residuals. As the choice of model can be challenging in recently diverged populations, we prioritized the simplest model when we found it difficult to discriminate between conflicting models. To obtain uncertainty estimates for the demographic parameters we used the built-in bootstrap function implemented in  $\partial a \partial i$  to derive 95% bootstrap confidence intervals.

Results indicate that GAM1, GAM2, and Savannah populations have experienced recent size increases. However, for the southern populations of *Yaoundé*, *Coast*, *Douala*, and *Nkolondom* the best demographic model is a *bottle-growth* (Table S4). While most classical studies report *An. gambiae* s.l. populations that are in expansion (Donnelly et al. 2001), a more recent study employing RAD markers revealed that some East African populations have more complex demographic histories, often involving several changes in effective population size ( $N_e$ ) as we observed in southern forest populations of both *An.*

1198 *coluzzii* and *An. gambiae*. It has also been shown that *Anopheles* mosquitoes  
 1199 can experience drastic declines in  $N_e$  due to insecticidal campaigns (Athrey et al.  
 1200 2012). Such events affect demographic parameters and could be a plausible  
 1201 explanation for the difficulty we encountered in distinguishing between *bottle-*  
 1202 *growth* and *two-epoch* models in some populations.  
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Table S1. Locations of *An. gambiae s.l.* mosquitoes sequenced in Cameroon

Ecogeographic regions	Sampling locations	Geographic coordinates	Sampling methods				Total	<i>Anopheles gambiae sensu lato</i> populations identified								
			HLC-OUT	HLC-IN	LC	SPRAY		YDE	DLA	CST	SAV	GAM2	NKO	GAMI	A	ME
Savannah	Lagdo	9°02'56"N, 13°39'22"E	52	27	21	43	143				116			9	18	
	Lougga Tabadi	7°06'36"N, 13°12'36"E	2				2							2		
	Malang Dang	7°26'06"N, 13°33'14"E				11	11				2			9		
	Ngao Bella	6°30'04"N, 12°25'34"E	28	17		69	114				65	14		35		
	Paniéré Tibati	6°28'08"N, 12°37'44"E	5		22	16	43				13	1		29		
	Total		87	44	43	139	313				196	15		84	18	
Forest-Savannah	Makoupa Bord	6°06'06"N, 11°11'29"E	2			16	18							18		
Transition	Makoupa Le Grand	6°02'28"N, 11°10'39"E			4	10	14							14		
	Manchoutvi	5°52'48"N, 11°06'36"E			70	70						2		68		
	Manda	5°43'32"N, 10°52'06"E	1	2		33	36							36		
	Mante Le Grand	6°03'44"N, 11°12'18"E				8	8			1				7		
	M'elap	5°43'30"N, 10°52'00"E				8	8							8		
	Mgbandji	6°05'49"N, 11°08'26"E			3	5	8							8		
	Moumkoing	6°02'56"N, 11°24'36"E				3	3							3		
	Total		3	2	77	83	165				1	2		162		
Forest (urban)	Bepanda Omnisport (Doula)	4°03'18"N, 9°43'16"E			7		7									
	Beti Maképé (Douala)	4°03'54"N, 9°45'40"E			25		25		6					19		
	Bomono Gare (Douala)	4°04'55"N, 9°35'35"E			13		13		9					4		
	PK10 (Douala)	4°02'49"N, 9°46'47"E			20		20		16					4		
	Missolé 2 (Douala)	3°59'17"N, 9°54'22"E			8		8		8							
	Ndobo Bonahéri (Douala)	4°04'39"N, 9°40'12"E			1		1		1							
	Sable (Douala)	4°04'52"N, 9°43'34"E	28		5		33		33							
	Village Petit Mobil (Douala)	4°00'16"N, 9°45'18"E	1		16		17		17							
	Nkolbisson (Yaoundé)	3°52'29"N, 11°26'58"E			9		9		9							
	Nkolondom (Yaoundé)	3°58'20"N, 11°30'56"E			48		48		12				33	3		
	Tsinga Elobi (Yaoundé)	3°52'49"N, 11°30'23"E			46		46		46							
	Combattant (Yaoundé)	3°52'36"N, 11°30'46"E	18		48		66		65				1			
	Total		47	0	246	0	293	132	97				34	30		
	Forest (rural)	Mshébé	4°10'00"N, 11°04'00"E				5	5							5	
Nyabessan Centre		2°24'00"N, 10°24'00"E	4	1			5							5		
Oveng		2°44'00"N, 11°27'00"E	1				1							1		
Total			5	1	0	5	11							11		
Coast	Afan Essokyé	2°22'01"N, 9°58'59"E	1			13	14			3				11		
	Bouanjo	2°48'00"N, 9°54'00"E			5		5		5							
	Campo	2°22'01"N, 9°49'01"E	48		16	27	91			79				1		11
	Ebodjé	2°30'00"N, 9°49'05"E	35	4		3	42			5				3		34
	Mutengéné	4°06'53"N, 9°14'51"E			7		7		1	2				4		
	Total		84	4	28	43	159		1	94				19		45
	Total		226	51	394	270	941	132	98	94	197	17	34	306	18	45

HLC-OUT, human landing catches performed outdoor; HLC-IN, human landing catches performed indoor; LC, larval collection; SPRAY, spray catches.



**Table S2.** Pairwise comparison of genetic distance ( $F_{ST}$ ) among cryptic subgroups and sibling species of *An. gambiae s.l.*

$F_{ST}$	<i>Yaoundé</i>	<i>Douala</i>	<i>Coast</i>	<i>Savannah</i>	<i>GAM2</i>	<i>Nkolondom</i>	<i>GAM1</i>	<i>An. arabiensis</i>
<i>Yaoundé</i>	-							
<i>Douala</i>	0.016	-						
<i>Coast</i>	0.035	0.023	-					
<i>Savannah</i>	0.127	0.109	0.103	-				
<i>GAM2</i>	0.244	0.199	0.230	0.168	-			
<i>Nkolondom</i>	0.197	0.201	0.200	0.247	0.161	-		
<i>GAM1</i>	0.183	0.153	0.178	0.188	0.090	0.050	-	
<i>An. arabiensis</i>	0.451	0.406	0.498	0.383	0.478	0.372	0.327	-
<i>An. melas</i>	0.851	0.836	0.830	0.792	0.841	0.818	0.781	0.872

**Table S3.** Average nucleotide diversity in seven cryptic subgroups of *An. coluzzii* and *An. gambiae* s.s.

<b>Population</b>	<b><math>\theta\pi</math> (bp<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b><math>\theta w</math> (bp<sup>-1</sup>)</b>
<i>Yaoundé</i>	0.0025	0.0028
<i>Douala</i>	0.0031	0.0037
<i>Coast</i>	0.0025	0.0031
<i>Savannah</i>	0.0035	0.0057
<i>GAM2</i>	0.0019	0.0020
<i>Nkolondom</i>	0.0020	0.0021
<i>GAM1</i>	0.0042	0.0069

**Table S4.** Parameters of demographic models inferred from folded Site Frequency Spectrum (SFS) of autosomal SNPs in seven cryptic subpopulations of *An. gambiae*

Species	Population	Best Model	Log Likelihood	Final Pop Size <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)	Bottleneck Size <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)	Time <sup>c</sup> (95% CI)
<i>Anopheles coluzzii</i>	Yaoundé	Bottle-growth	-83.45	1.18 (0.92 - 1.69)	24.85 (11.94 - 125.77)	0.58 (0.43 - 1.01)
	Douala	Bottle-growth	-84.50	2.20 (1.52 - 3.77)	5.66 (2.80 - 142.42)	0.59 (0.41 - 1.77)
	Coast	Bottle-growth	-82.95	1.72 (1.28 - 2.33)	23.83 (10.95 - 128.52)	0.67 (0.50 - 1.10)
	Savannah	Two-epoch	-102.65	6.73 (6.35 - 7.21)		0.62 (0.54 - 0.72)
<i>Anopheles gambiae</i> s.s.	GAM2	Two-epoch	-37.48	3.60 (1.74 - 7.70)		3.60 (0.56 - 9.30)
	Nkolodom	Bottle-growth	-74.92	1.08 (0.82 - 1.12)	24.95 (47.91 - 99.84)	0.63 (0.47 - 0.91)
	GAM1	Two-epoch	-103.33	6.75 (6.33 - 7.24)		0.68 (0.60 - 0.78)

<sup>a</sup> Ratio of contemporary to ancient population size.

<sup>b</sup> Ratio of population size after instantaneous change to ancient population size.

<sup>c</sup> Time in the past at which instantaneous change happened and growth began (in units of  $2*N_a$  generations).

**Table S5.** Functional analysis of gene ontology terms in candidate regions.  
Supplementary online information