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2 **praziquantel drug selection pressure within Ugandan hot-spot communities**

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4 **Short title: Genome-wide analysis of *Schistosoma mansoni* in a Ugandan hot-spot**

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45 **Abstract**

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47 Populations within schistosomiasis control areas, especially those in Africa, are recommended to
48 receive regular mass drug administration (MDA) with praziquantel (PZQ) as the main strategy for
49 controlling the disease. The impact of PZQ treatment on schistosome genetics remains poorly
50 understood, and is limited by a lack of high-resolution genetic data on the population structure
51 of parasites within these control areas. We generated whole-genome sequence data from 174
52 individual miracidia collected from both children and adults from fishing communities on islands
53 in Lake Victoria in Uganda that had received either annual or quarterly MDA with PZQ over four
54 years, including samples collected immediately before and four weeks after treatment. Genome
55 variation within and between samples was characterised and we investigated genomic signatures
56 of natural selection acting on these populations that could be due to PZQ treatment. The parasite
57 population on these islands was more diverse than found in nearby villages on the lake shore.
58 We saw little or no genetic differentiation between villages, or between the groups of villages
59 with different treatment intensity, but slightly higher genetic diversity within the pre-treatment
60 compared to post-treatment parasite populations. We identified classes of genes significantly
61 enriched within regions of the genome with evidence of recent positive selection among post-
62 treatment and intensively treated parasite populations. The differential selection observed in
63 post-treatment and pre-treatment parasite populations could be linked to any reduced
64 susceptibility of parasites to praziquantel treatment.

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67 Uganda

68 **Author summary**

69 Schistosomiasis is caused by parasitic helminths of the genus *Schistosoma*. *Schistosoma mansoni*
70 is the primary cause of intestinal schistosomiasis, a devastating and widespread parasitic
71 infection that causes morbidity, death and socio-economic impact on endemic communities
72 across the world and especially sub-Saharan Africa. Using whole-genome sequencing, we were
73 able to elucidate the parasite population within Lake Victoria island fishing communities in
74 Uganda which are among the major hotspots for schistosomiasis. We further assessed genetic
75 markers that might be linked to recent observations concerning reduced susceptibility to
76 praziquantel, the major drug used in the treatment of this disease. Whole-genome data on the
77 population genetics of *S. mansoni* in an African setting will provide a strong basis for future
78 functional genomics or transcriptomic studies that will be key to identifying drug targets,
79 improving existing drugs or developing new therapeutic interventions.

80 **Introduction**

81 Schistosomiasis – also known as Bilharzia after its discoverer Theodor Bilharz [1] – is a neglected
82 tropical disease that affects about 250 million people worldwide, most of whom live in low and
83 middle-income countries (LMICs) [2]. To treat schistosomiasis, praziquantel (PZQ) is used for
84 preventative chemotherapy by mass drug administration (MDA)[3] and has been used globally to
85 treat schistosome infections since 1979 [4]. In Uganda, the ongoing use of PZQ in MDA started
86 between 2002 and 2003 [3, 5]. The objective of MDA in these settings has historically been to
87 reduce the prevalence and intensity of infection and hence pathology; cure and elimination are
88 not expected in the absence of additional interventions such as improving sanitation and snail
89 control [6, 7]. In the World Health Organisation 2021-2030 the goal has been set of reducing the
90 proportion of people with high-intensity infections to < 1% and thereby to eliminate
91 schistosomiasis as a public health problem in all countries in sub-Saharan Africa by 2030 [8]. The
92 expectation is that this will be achieved primarily by increasing the frequency and coverage of
93 treatment with PZQ – the sole drug commonly used for schistosomiasis MDA –which could
94 inadvertently increase drug selection pressure on parasite populations.

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96 There is a growing body of evidence that MDA programmes may affect how parasite populations
97 respond to treatment, for example, through reduced efficacy of PZQ in lowering egg output in
98 communities that have received multiple rounds of PZQ MDA [9, 10], but there is little evidence
99 that this is a widespread phenomenon [11, 12]. Reduced genetic diversity of parasite populations
100 has also been associated with reduced susceptibility of the parasites to PZQ [13], with reports

101 from Senegal having earlier linked such outcomes to potential drug resistance [14]. The
102 development of drug resistance in natural populations would be a major health concern.
103 Furthermore, *in vitro* studies have shown that resistance to PZQ can be selected for in *S. mansoni*
104 [13, 15-17]. There is growing interest in understanding the impact of continued PZQ
105 monotherapy on the parasite genome in order to detect the potential development of resistance
106 to this drug as early as possible [18, 19], and understand the mechanism(s) of resistance. One
107 clue to resistance can come through understanding the mode of action of a drug. The activity of
108 PZQ has not been clearly understood, but recent findings suggest that the drug activates
109 schistosome Ca²⁺-permeable transient receptor potential (TRP) channel (Sm.TRMPZQ) [20],
110 hence making it the primary target for PZQ action on schistosomes. Recently, a genetic cross
111 involving a schistosome line experimentally selected for PZQ resistance identified this TRP
112 channel as likely responsible [21], but it is not yet clear that this locus is involved in variation in
113 PZQ efficacy in the field. Other candidate genes have been proposed, for example the *S. mansoni*
114 P-glycoprotein (*smdr2*), which shows increased protein expression in male worms following
115 exposure to sub-lethal doses of PZQ [16]. Susceptibility of the parasites to PZQ might involve
116 multiple interactions between the drug, the parasite, and the respective host.

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118 Collecting high-resolution genetic data from parasite populations under drug selection pressure
119 may lead to new insights into the mode of action of PZQ or the mechanism of potential resistance
120 to the drug. Furthermore, population genetic data from parasite populations will also give
121 insights into the population biology of the parasite. This is vital for understanding schistosomiasis
122 epidemiology, transmission, disease severity and why certain communities might respond better

123 to treatment than others, especially within regions where drug selection pressure is being
124 applied[22]. While lower-resolution markers have been extensively used (e.g.[23, 24]), much of
125 our detailed understanding of schistosome population genetics has come from studies using
126 microsatellite markers to describe the genetic structure of populations of *S. mansoni* [25-27] and
127 other schistosome species [28, 29]. This work has revealed genetic differentiation between
128 parasite populations that are geographically separated (e.g [30-33]), but panmictic populations
129 and very high within-host diversity within disease foci (e.g. [34, 35]). The population genetics of
130 African schistosomes has recently been reviewed [36]. Microsatellite markers have also been
131 employed to investigate both basic questions about parasite biology (e.g. [37]) as well as more
132 applied, operational questions about schistosome control [22]. In particular, a few studies have
133 shown changes in genetic diversity of schistosomes with praziquantel MDA [4, 38, 39], but other
134 studies have failed to find this effect [40] particularly with longer-term follow-up [41] suggesting
135 any genetic response to treatment may be only temporary [42].

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137 With their high levels of polymorphism, microsatellite loci are powerful molecular markers, but
138 inevitably represent only a small proportion of the parasite genome. There is an increasing
139 amount of genome-scale data available for schistosome populations. A number of studies have
140 used exome capture [43] to describe introgression between *Schistosoma* species [44] and to
141 study the historical demography of schistosomiasis in the Americas [45]. Restriction site-
142 associated sequencing (ddRAD-seq) has been used to demonstrate strong genetic structure in
143 remaining endemic hot-spots of *S. japonicum* transmission [46, 47]. While providing high-
144 resolution data in a cost-effective way, these reduced-representation sequencing approaches

145 have some drawbacks, for example in identifying small haplotype blocks from ancient
146 introgression [44]. Whole-genome data gives a more comprehensive picture of genetic variation,
147 including non-coding variation, and so has the potential to provide more insights into
148 understanding the population genetics of this species. While reference genome assemblies are
149 available for a number of schistosome species [48-54], large-scale genome-wide variation data is
150 only available from one *S. mansoni* population [55], with a number of other populations and
151 other species most being represented by relatively few specimens [53, 56-58]. Efforts in
152 elucidating the parasite population genetic structure have proven very helpful in understanding
153 drug resistance or transmission mechanisms in other parasite species: most notably in the
154 malaria parasite *Plasmodium falciparum* [59, 60] for which very extensive genome data is
155 available [61].

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157 Within Uganda, the Lake Victoria Island Intervention Study on Worms and Allergy-related
158 diseases (LaVIISWA) was a cluster-randomised clinical trial [62] examining the impact of intensive
159 (quarterly) versus standard (annual) PZQ treatment. While the study was primarily designed to
160 assess the impact of anthelmintic treatments on allergy-related outcomes, prevalence and
161 intensity of *S. mansoni* was a secondary outcome with results suggesting a plateauing of
162 infection, after an initial decline in intensively treated villages [63]. To assess this outcome, a pilot
163 study in the fourth year of the LaVIISWA trial investigated cure rate and Egg Reduction Rate (ERR)
164 [10]. A lower cure rate and ERR was seen among people receiving quarterly (intensive) treatment
165 (n=61; cure rate 50.8%, 95% confidence interval (CI): 37.7% to 63.9%; ERR 80.6%, 95% CI: 43.8%
166 to 93.7%) than in those receiving a single annual standard dose (n=49, cure rate 65.3%, 95% CI:

167 50.4% to 78.3%; ERR 93.7%, 95% CI: 84.9% to 97.7%) [10]. The WHO recommends an ERR of 90%
168 for effective PZQ treatment [9, 64]. While the sample size available precluded finding compelling
169 statistical evidence, these results are suggestive of the first signs of reduced efficacy of PZQ
170 treatment in the more intensively treated population, and that the plateau in reduction of
171 infection during the intervention study could be due to PZQ resistance. These islands thus
172 represent a 'hot spot' in which high baseline prevalence [62] of schistosomiasis has persisted
173 despite multiple years of treatment [10, 65].

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175 Here, we sought to establish genome-wide data on the population genetics of parasites present
176 in this study population, with the ultimate goal of assessing the effects of MDA on parasite
177 genome evolution. We take advantage of the opportunity to investigate these in the context of
178 a randomised intervention trial within a defined geographical area, allowing us to compare the
179 effects of geographical isolation and treatment intensity on genetic variation in this population.
180 By comparing samples taken immediately before and after a treatment round at the end of the
181 LaVIISWA study in the two treatment arms and for multiple villages (the level of randomisation
182 in the study), we can investigate whether the genetic impact of a single treatment dose varies
183 with history of drug exposure. Building on the evidence that there may be differences in
184 treatment efficacy between treatment arms, we investigated whether the signatures of natural
185 selection across the genome differ with previous drug exposure. We also compare these data
186 with recently published genomic data from other Ugandan *S. mansoni* populations.

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189 **Methods**

190 **Ethical considerations**

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192 This work was not expected to result in any harm to participants. Ethical approval was given by
193 the Uganda Virus Research Institute (reference number GC127), the Uganda National Council for
194 Science and Technology (reference number HS 1183) and the London School of Hygiene &
195 Tropical Medicine (reference number 6187). As previously detailed [62], written informed
196 consent was received from all adults and emancipated minors and from parents or guardians for
197 children; additional assent was obtained from children aged ≥ 8 years.

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199 **Sample selection and study site**

200 Participants were selected from four villages each from the standard and intensive treatment
201 arms from among the 27 study villages of Lake Victoria Island Intervention Study on Worms and
202 Allergy-related diseases (LaVIISWA) trial [62, 63] at the end of its fourth year. The participants
203 involved children and adults as previously described [62]. The villages in the standard arm
204 received PZQ once a year while those in the intensive arm received PZQ four times a year during
205 the LaVIISWA trial period. The standard villages sampled were Kakeeka, Kachanga, Zingoola and
206 Lugumba. The intensive villages were Busi, Kitosi, Kisu and Katooke (Fig. 1).

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209 **Fig 1. Location of sample sites within Uganda.** Villages with white dots received standard
210 (annual) intervention, those with red dots received intensive (quarterly) intervention. Outgroup
211 samples were obtained from locations marked as inland and shoreline. Map data copyright 2019
212 Google.

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215 Sample selection and collection was carried out as previously described in the parasitological
216 survey [10]. The stool samples (collected from participants who tested positive for urine CCA)
217 were processed for two Kato Katz slides as previously described [10] and miracidia hatching
218 provided suitable material for DNA extraction. Participants were then treated, under
219 observation, with a single dose of PZQ at 40 mg/kg (estimated by height pole), in accordance with
220 the trial MDA procedures. Individuals whose pre-treatment sample tested positive for

221 schistosome eggs by Kato Katz were followed up after four weeks and both Kato Katz and
222 miracidia hatching were repeated. Miracidia hatching was carried out from each of these
223 participants and the resultant miracidia were stored on Whatman FTA cards until DNA was
224 extracted.

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226 **Miracidia hatching**

227 Miracidia hatching was carried out following previously described protocols [31]. In brief, the
228 stool sample was homogenised through a metal sieve, then further washed and filtered using a
229 Pitchford funnel assembly [66] consisting of a 40 µm sieve placed inside a 200 µm outer sieve.
230 Stool samples were washed using deionised water (Rwenzori Bottling Company, Uganda). The
231 concentrated *S. mansoni* eggs were transferred to a Petri dish in clean water and exposed to
232 indirect sunlight to induce the hatching of miracidia. Hatching was performed in natural light
233 (environmental conditions) with intervals of exposure to sunlight and cover depending on
234 weather conditions. The time taken for miracidia to emerge varied between samples, so the Petri
235 dishes were intermittently checked for the presence of miracidia for a maximum of 48 hours.
236 Miracidia were picked in 1.5 – 5µl of water and then transferred to a second dish of deionised
237 water to dilute bacterial contamination before being placed on Whatman indicating FTA cards
238 (Qiagen) and left to dry. The FTA cards were wrapped in aluminium foil to keep them away from
239 continued direct light and placed in ziplock bags with silica gel in a cardboard drawer.

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241 **Whatman FTA DNA Extraction**

242 DNA was extracted using a modified CGP buffer protocol as previously described [67, 68]. The

243 individual spots containing miracidia were punched from the FTA cards using a 2 mm Harris
244 micro-punch and placed in 96-well plates. Protease buffer was prepared using Tris-HCl pH 8.0 (30
245 mM), Tween 20 (0.5%), IGEPAL CA-630 (0.5%), protease (1.25 µg/ml; Qiagen cat #19155) and
246 water. Digestion was done by adding 32 µl of the protease buffer to each of the wells on the 96-
247 well plate containing the punched spots from the FTA cards. The plate was vortexed to mix and
248 spun down before incubation at 50°C for 60 min, 75°C for 30 min. Miracidia lysates containing
249 DNA were transferred to a new labelled plate and stored at 4°C until used.

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251 **Library preparation and sequencing**

252 DNA sequencing libraries were prepared using a protocol designed for library preparation of
253 Laser Capture Microdissected Biopsy (LCMB) samples using the Ultra II FS enzyme (New England
254 Biolabs) for DNA fragmentation as previously described [68]. The LCMB library preparation
255 method is optimised for uniform, low-input samples. A total of 12 cycles of PCR were used to
256 amplify libraries and to add a unique 8-base index sequence for sample multiplexing. The LCMB
257 library preparation protocol is optimised for uniform, low input samples. A total of 174 samples
258 were sequenced on two NovaSeq lanes, 108 on one lane and 66 on another lane. These 174
259 samples were chosen as having more than 10% of reads mapping to *S. mansoni* based on
260 preliminary low-coverage genome sequencing of all 214 samples collected in the field.

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262 **Mapping and SNP calling**

263 The reads were mapped to the *S. mansoni* reference genome v7 (GCA_000237925.3) [54] using
264 the BWA-MEM algorithm in Burrows-Wheel Aligner software (BWA) (VN:0.7.15-r1140) to

265 produce SAM files which were then converted to BAM format using Samtools v1.14 . This version
266 of the reference genome was modified to remove haplotypes in order to improve mapping
267 accuracy, as previously described [55]. PCR duplicate reads were identified using Picard v1.92
268 [69] and flagged as duplicates in the BAM file.

269 SNP variants were called using the GATK Haplotype Caller (v4.1.4.1) to find sites that differ
270 from the *S. mansoni* reference genome followed by variant QC to remove low confidence SNPs
271 and regions of consistently poor calls. The SNPs were hard-filtered in GATK to remove SNP calls
272 with the following parameters: QD) < 2.0; MQ < 40; FS) > 60.0; SOR > 3.0; MQRankSum < -12.5;
273 ReadPosRankSum < -8.0. The variants were further filtered using vcftools_0.1.15 [70] to remove
274 sites with high missingness (--max-missing 0.95), low minor allele frequency (--maf 0.01) and to
275 retain only biallelic SNPs (--min-alleles 2 --max-alleles 2).

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277 **Identification of population structure**

278 The three islands on which the population structure was assessed were Koome, Damba and
279 Lugumba in the Mukono district of Uganda. An outgroup made up of inland and shoreline
280 samples was also included, consisting of 27 samples collected in a previous study [9] and for
281 which whole-genome sequence data were recently published [55] from Tororo and Mayuge
282 districts in Eastern Uganda. Tororo and Mayuge are approximately 120 km apart. Mayuge district
283 is a shoreline district located about 100 km from Mukono district. Both districts are located in
284 south eastern Uganda, with Tororo being the inland district (Fig. 1).

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286 **Test for genetic differentiation**

287 The fixation index (F_{ST}) statistic was calculated between each of the villages across the different
288 islands and treatment groups (standard, intensive, pre-treatment and post-treatment) to
289 measure population differentiation due to genetic structure. The F_{ST} was calculated using vcfTools
290 (version 0.1.15) [55] on the vcf file containing biallelic filtered SNPs. Mean F_{ST} was calculated from
291 genome-wide weighted F_{ST} values with 99% symmetric bootstrap confidence intervals calculated
292 using R version 3.5.1 (2018-07-02). We fitted a gravity model as

$$293 \log(N_m) = \log(G) + a \cdot \log(P_i \cdot P_j) - Y \cdot \log(D_{ij}) + \epsilon,$$

294 where N_m is an estimated number of migrants per generation, calculated from the F_{ST} between
295 villages as:

$$296 N_m = 0.25((1/F_{ST}) - 1)$$

297 And G is the linear distance between the villages. In $(P_i \cdot P_j)$, P_i and P_j represent the population
298 sizes of the two villages compared. Models were fitted using R version 4.02, with the MuMIn
299 package v1.43 to assess model importance. Code for these analyses is available at
300 https://github.com/jacotton/LaVIISWA_genomes.

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302 **Nucleotide diversity**

303 Nucleotide diversity (π , π) was computed from high-confidence bi-allelic filtered SNPs using
304 vcfTools 0.1.15 [70]. The genome-wide nucleotide diversity was calculated from a list of positions
305 for each of the time points (pre- and post) and treatment groups (standard and intensive) using
306 the option in vcfTools '--site-pi' respectively. The average nucleotide diversity within each of the
307 groups was calculated individually and the symmetric 99% bootstrap confidence intervals of the
308 averages were estimated using R version 3.5.1. Statistical significance of differences between

309 group means was assessed by whether the confidence interval for one mean was disjoint from
310 the mean of other groups. Effective population size (N_e) was estimated from nucleotide diversity
311 using the relationship $\pi = 4.N_e.\mu$ [71] with the mutation rate 8.1×10^{-9} [57].

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313 **Determination of rare allele sharing and kinship analysis**

314 To identify the pairwise rare allele sharing we used a Perl script from Shortt et al. [47] available
315 at <https://github.com/PollockLaboratory/Schisto>. We filtered for minor allele frequency ≤ 0.1
316 and sampled 500 SNP sites in 30 different generations. We then computed the mean value from
317 the 30 generations for each pair. Allele-sharing scores were visualised in R version 4.0.2 using
318 igraph v1.2.6 [72]. Significance of differences in mean allele sharing between groups were
319 calculated against a non-parametric null distribution for each comparison generated by randomly
320 permuting group labels 1000 times and calculating differences in mean allele sharing for each
321 permutation.

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323 **Test for selection**

324 To test for recent positive selection within the treatment arms and between pre-treatment and
325 post-treatment, the cross-population extended haplotype homozygosity (XP-EHH) test [73] was
326 performed. XP-EHH is designed to detect whether either an ancestral or derived allele is
327 undergoing selection within a given population. The XP-EHH test has the power to detect weaker
328 signals of selection as it compares two closely related populations giving a directional score. The
329 XP-EHH detects selective sweeps in which the selected allele has approached fixation in one
330 population but remained polymorphic in another population. A VCF file containing only bi-allelic

331 SNPs was subset into respective chromosomes. A genomic linkage map for each of the
332 chromosomes was computed for each individual chromosome using the adjusted map length in
333 centimorgan (cM) for the respective chromosomes [74]. The haplotypes from each of the
334 chromosomes were then phased separately with their respective genomic map using Beagle v5.0
335 [75]. The XP-EHH test was performed using Selscan v1.2.0a [76] and the output XP-EHH scores
336 were normalised for subsequent analysis using the norm program distributed with v1.2.0a of
337 Selscan. Functional enrichment was assessed using g:Profiler version (e99_eg46_p14_f929183)
338 [77] at a g:SCS threshold of 0.05 against a background of all annotated genes in *S. mansoni*,
339 revealing genes showing significant purifying selection among the intensive and post-treatment
340 parasite populations.

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342 **Estimate of per-individual egg reduction rate (ERR) and association test**

343 The posterior distribution for the ERR based on data from each individual for whom both pre-
344 and post-treatment egg count data were available was estimated using a generalised linear
345 mixed-effect model [78], incorporating nested random effects for treatment arm, village and
346 individual. Means of the marginal posterior distribution per individual were used as quantitative
347 phenotypes for an association study, testing all 6,967,554 called SNP variants. The model used was a
348 linear regression of each SNP genotype against mean ERR, using 20 principal components as covariates
349 to control for population structure, calculated using the '--linear' and '--pca' flags in plink v1.9
350 [79]. Code for these analyses is available at https://github.com/jacotton/LaVIISWA_genomes.

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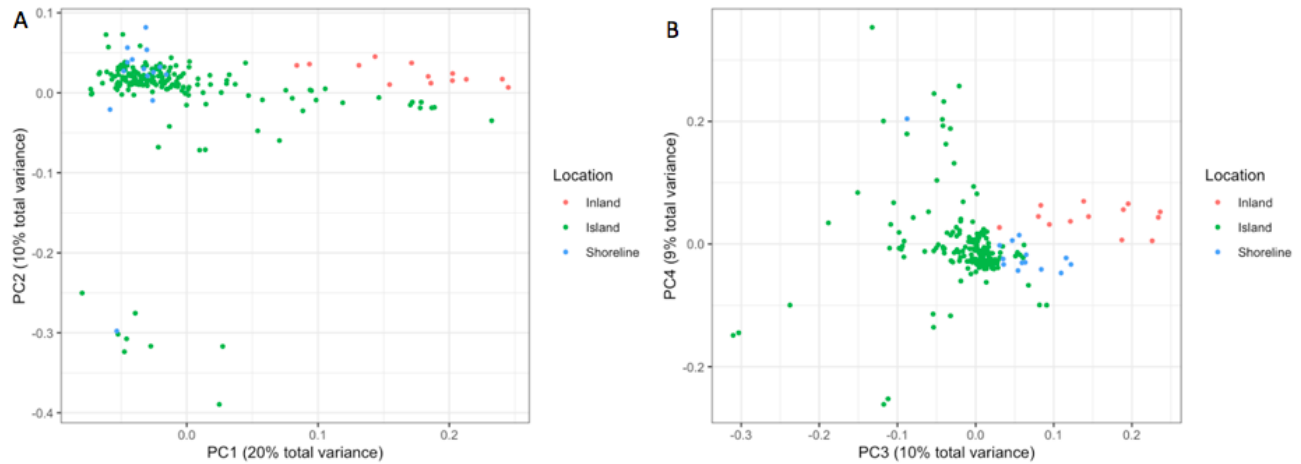
353 **Results**

354 **Population stratification**

355 After filtering, 6,967,554 high-confidence SNPs were retained (out of 18,716,072 unfiltered SNPs)
356 from 174 individual miracidia. Principal components analysis of these high confidence SNPs
357 showed little genetic structure within the island parasite populations on the first four principal
358 components, which together represent 49% of the genetic variation. In particular, we found no
359 evidence of population stratification between the standard (annual treatment) and intensive
360 arms (quarterly treatment) or between pre- and post-treatment samples from these fishing
361 communities (S2 Figure). The shoreline samples (from Mayuge district) clustered more closely
362 with the island (Mukono district) parasite populations as compared to the inland samples (from
363 Tororo district) (Fig. 2), but inland parasites were distinct from most island samples on principal
364 component 3. The large-scale geographical pattern reflects the known genetic differentiation
365 between inland and shoreline populations [55]. We also found that the island population is
366 strikingly more diverse than either of the other populations (Fig. 2). While this is partly due to
367 the larger number of samples included here, a larger sample of the shoreline and inland
368 populations studied elsewhere also did not appear as diverse as the island population [55]. A
369 number of miracidia appeared quite distinct from the main cluster of individuals on principal
370 component 2. These divergent parasites were mostly (8 out of 9) from the islands and came from
371 four different villages (Busi, Kakeeka, Zingoola, Katooke), with one from a shoreline village
372 (Bwondha; S4 figure). Although participants were all resident in the villages throughout the
373 LaVIISWA trial for at least 3 years before this study, there is a great deal of migration to the islands
374 from other parts of the shoreline of Lake Victoria, including Kenya and Tanzania; therefore, we

375 suspect these miracidia represent parasites imported from other populations that we have not
376 sampled here.

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381 **Fig 2. Principal components analysis of genetic variation within study samples and comparator**

382 **Ugandan populations.** (A) Shows the first two principal components and (B) the third and fourth

383 principal components. Each point represents a single miracidium, coloured by the population

384 from which they are sampled, with 'Shoreline' samples from Mayuge district and 'Inland' from

385 Tororo district.

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387 **Rare allele sharing and kinship analysis**

388 To investigate direct relatedness between individual parasites, we adopted an approach based

389 on determining the level of sharing of rare alleles (defined by their population frequency being

390 less than or equal to 10%) between samples [47]. This approach has recently been used to study

391 *S. japonicum* populations in China with whole-genome data [58]. By definition, most unrelated
392 individuals share very few rare alleles; here we found slightly higher average proportion of rare-
393 allele shared between pairs of miracidia isolated from the same individuals (0.1028) than in other
394 comparisons (from the same village 0.0874, between villages on the same island 0.0862, between
395 islands 0.0856). Differences between average allele sharing proportions were significant for
396 comparing intrapopulation and within village groups (observed difference 0.0154, p-value from
397 permutation test $p < 0.001$) and within-village to within-island groups (observed difference
398 0.0012, $p \sim 0.002$) but only marginally so for within-island and between-island comparisons
399 (observed difference 0.0006, $p \sim 0.011$). These data suggest an increase in relatedness within
400 populations and possibly some geographical signature of increased relatedness.

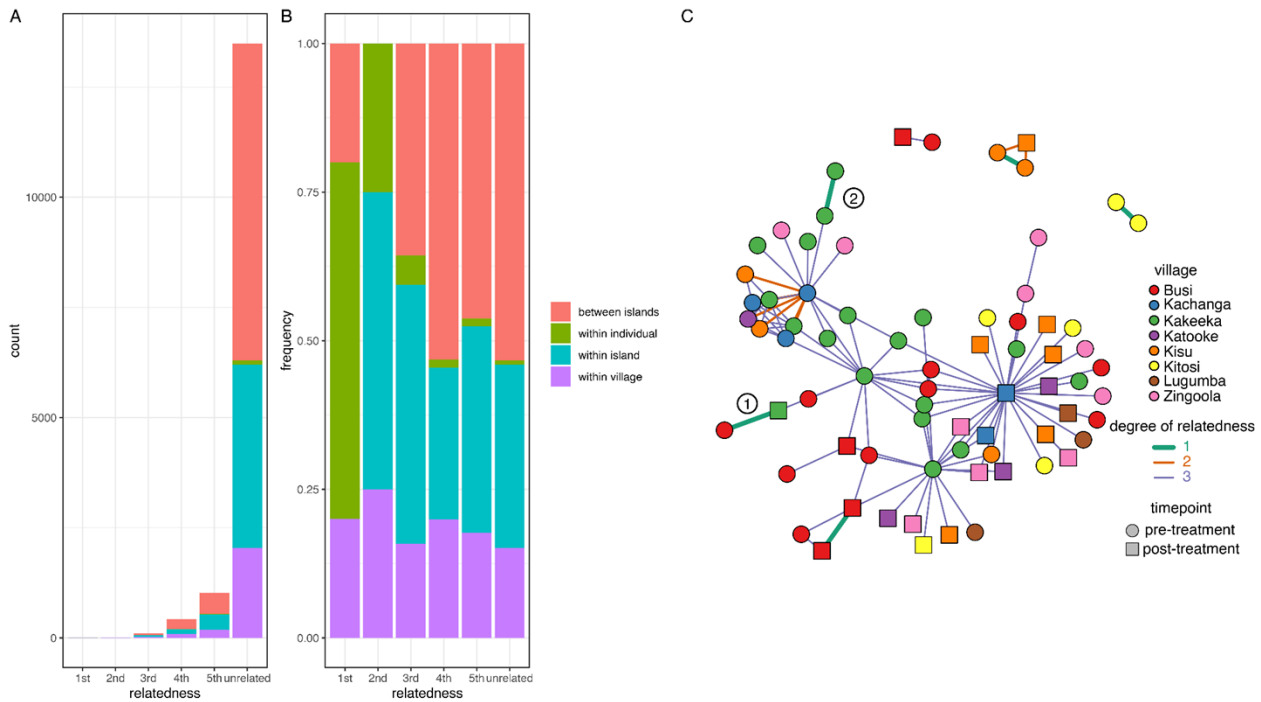
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402 We found three miracidia collected from the same infected individual at the same time with rare
403 allele sharing of at least 0.3, and used these to calculate the average allele sharing for first-degree
404 relatives (full siblings or parent-offspring) of 0.403 (actual values 0.4, 0.4014 and 0.409). This
405 value is slightly lower than the theoretically expected level of identity-by-descent of 0.5, but with
406 only three observations it is not possible to exclude that this difference is due to chance. Similarly,
407 the average rare allele sharing for pairs of miracidia from different islands was 0.086, which
408 represents our best estimate for the level of sharing in unrelated individuals. The small number
409 of miracidia available for putative first-degree relatives means the observed variance from our
410 data is very small, and so our final classification is thus deterministic. We classified miracidia pairs
411 sharing more than 0.3105 of these rare alleles as first-degree relatives, 0.1981-0.3104 as second-
412 degree relatives, 0.1419-0.1980 as third-degree relatives, 0.1138-0.1418 as fourth-degree

413 relatives and 0.0956-0.1138 as fifth-degree relative, while those with less than 0.0956 sharing
414 were classified as unrelated.

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416 While 24% of pairs of samples from the same individual were classified as being related, only 10%
417 of other comparisons appeared related (Fig. 3 A,B; $\chi^2 = 21.785$, 1 df, $p = 3.05 \times 10^{-6}$), and a similar
418 pattern held for close relatives (Fig. 3 A,B; first and second degree relatives represented 4% of
419 within-infrapopulation comparisons, but 0.05% of all comparisons; $\chi^2 = 183.37$, 1 df, $p < 2.2 \times 10^{-6}$).
420 There was no significant enrichment in related pairs of miracidia with either treatment
421 intensity or for samples collected pre- and post-treatment. We found five pairs of first-degree
422 relatives in total (Fig. 3C); but one pair were from different islands (marked 1 on Fig. 3C) and a
423 second pair were from different individuals sampled on consecutive days in Kakeeka village
424 (marked 2 on Fig. 3C). On the face of it, this would imply that the same combination of clonal
425 cercariae infected these people, which seems very unlikely – particularly for the geographically
426 separated cases. We cannot exclude the possibility that either the high level of rare allele sharing
427 is misleading in these cases, or errors in sample identification. The remaining three pairs of first-
428 degree relatives were pairs of miracidia sampled from single individuals in Busi, Kitosi and Kisu
429 villages on consecutive days. Interestingly, a miracidium sampled from the same individual in Kisu
430 was a second-degree relative of the first-degree pair, but this was collected post-treatment 37
431 days later. This is one of only 8 pairs of second-degree relatives. This suggested that either an
432 adult worm survived treatment but changed 'partners' (to produce a half-sibling or avuncular
433 relationship) during this period, or two clonal worms with genetically distinct partners were
434 present in this host at the two timepoints and produced these miracidia.

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437 **Fig 3. Patterns of relatedness inferred from pairwise rare allele sharing.** (A) Number and (B)
438 proportion of pairs of miracidia showing each degree of relatedness for miracidia sampled from
439 the same individuals, villages or islands and for those on different islands. (C) Network
440 representation of 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree relatedness. Vertices represent individual miracidia
441 sampled, coloured by village and with a circle for samples taken pre-treatment and square for
442 post-treatment samples. Edges join vertices inferred to share 1st, 2nd or 3rd degree relatedness,
443 as indicated by both the width and colour of each edge. Numerical labels indicate two 1st degree
444 relationships discussed in the text.

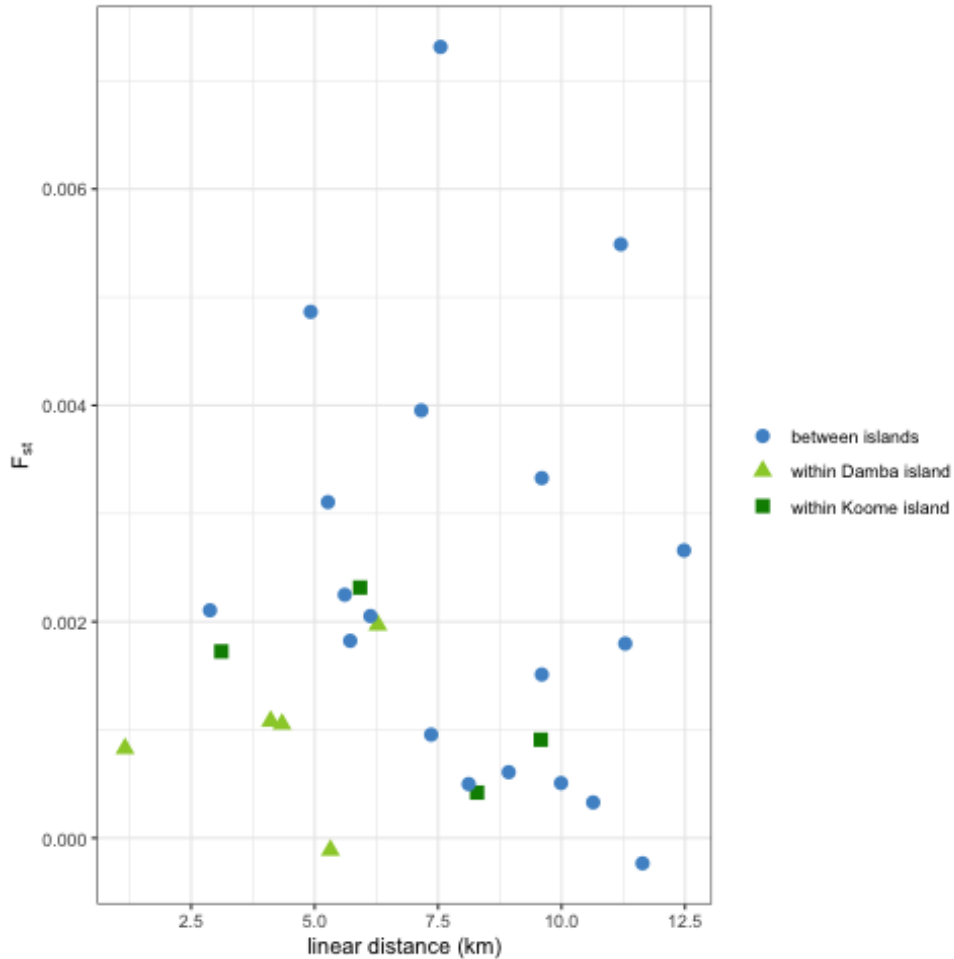
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446 **Analysis of genetic differentiation between villages**

447 To further investigate genetic structure within the island population, we calculated F_{ST} (the
448 proportion of genetic variation explained by population structure) for each pair of villages. As we

449 expected, F_{ST} between villages was very low (maximum 0.0067), indicating little or no geographic
450 structure to our data. We observed higher genetic differentiation between villages on different
451 islands compared to those within the same island, but the small number of pairwise comparisons
452 ($N = 8$ villages, 28 pairwise comparisons) meant that we did not have sufficient statistical power
453 to detect any difference ($p = 0.082$, 1-way ANOVA of between/within village vs F_{ST}). The villages
454 were between 1 and 13 km apart, but there was no significant relationship between the distance
455 between villages and F_{ST} (Fig. 4). To explore the geographical structure in these data more fully,
456 we also fitted a gravity model attempting to explain F_{ST} between each pair of villages by the
457 distance between villages, the population of each village and a factor capturing the effect of being
458 on the same island. In this model, none of the explanatory variables had a significant influence
459 on F_{ST} , but the location of villages on the same island vs different islands was the most important
460 variable with a likelihood weight in the best-fitting models of 0.48, while 0.31 for linear distance
461 between villages and 0.23 for the product of village populations.

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465 **Fig 4. Pairwise F_{ST} estimates do not vary with linear distances between villages.** Weir and
466 Cockerham F_{ST} estimates used and distance measured in kilometres. Points show results of
467 pairwise comparison between samples from different villages found on different islands or from
468 different villages with Damba or Koome islands.

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470 **Within-population genetic diversity**

471 When comparing all pre- and post-treatment samples, we observed a very small but significant
472 difference ($p < 0.01$) in genetic diversity between samples taken before and after treatment, with

473 the 99% confidence interval for the mean nucleotide diversity in pre-treatment samples not
474 overlapping with the mean post-treatment nucleotide diversity. This is consistent with a small
475 effect of a single PZQ treatment round on the parasite population (Table 1). There was also lower
476 diversity in parasites collected from villages in the intensive arm of the study than in the standard
477 arm (Table 1), possibly reflecting a longer-term effect of more frequent PZQ treatment in these
478 locations, despite the high levels of gene flow apparent between these locations implied by the
479 very small levels of genetic differentiation we report. While this trend was consistent in both pre-
480 and post-treatment samples, the difference between trial arms was most pronounced in post-
481 treatment populations (Table 1). These diversity values are very similar to those observed in a
482 recent study of the parasite populations on the lake shore and inland sites [55]. Using the
483 mutation rate estimated previously [57], this implies an effective population size of around 10^5
484 individuals from this sample collection, just outside the upper confidence limit of the estimate
485 for the East Africa population in the previous study ($3.67-9.35 \times 10^4$) [57], and much higher than
486 estimates from individual schools on the Lake Victoria shoreline ($3.30-3.69 \times 10^4$) [55],
487 highlighting the diversity of *S. mansoni* parasites present on the islands.

488 **Table 1. Genome-wide average nucleotide diversity (π)**

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Group	Average π	99% confidence interval	
Pre-treatment	3.25×10^{-3}	3.22×10^{-3}	3.29×10^{-3}
Post-treatment	3.20×10^{-3}	3.16×10^{-3}	3.23×10^{-3}
Pre-treatment standard	3.27×10^{-3}	3.23×10^{-3}	3.32×10^{-3}
Pre-treatment intensive	3.23×10^{-3}	3.20×10^{-3}	3.26×10^{-3}
Post-treatment standard	3.24×10^{-3}	3.21×10^{-3}	3.27×10^{-3}
Post-treatment intensive	3.16×10^{-3}	3.12×10^{-3}	3.19×10^{-3}

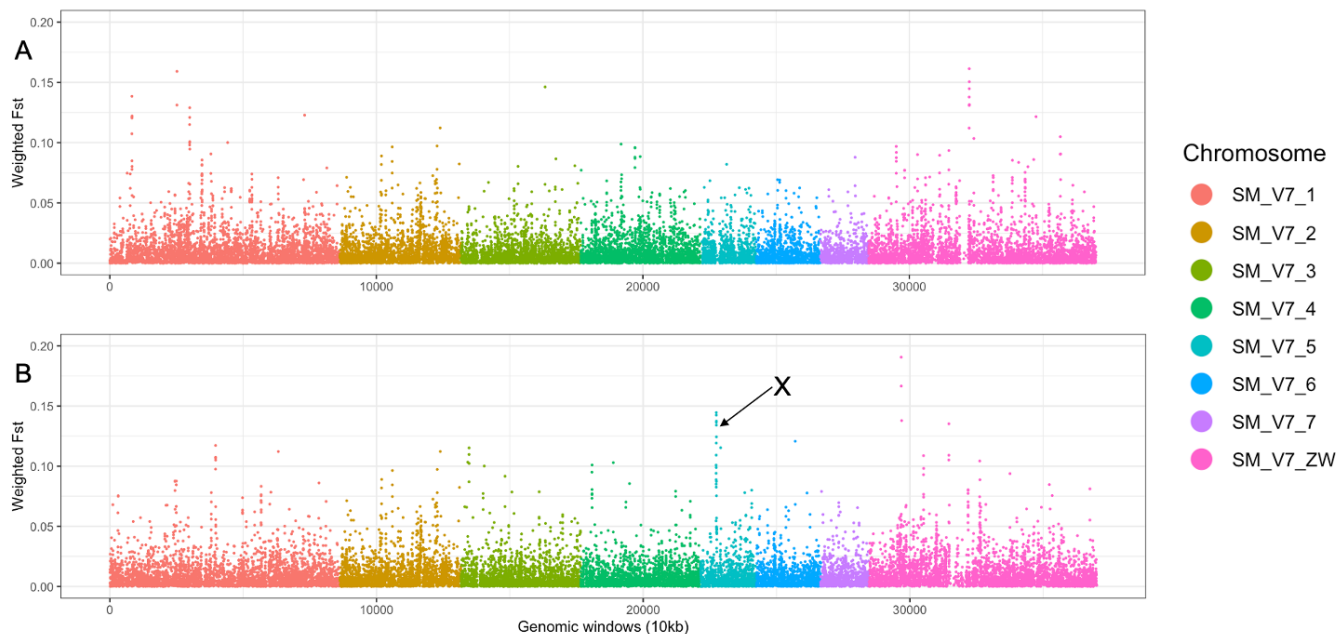
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492 **Genetic differentiation with treatment between standard and intensive arms**

493 Genome-wide average genetic differentiation was slightly higher (mean F_{ST} 3.9×10^{-4} ; bootstrap
494 99% CI: 2.5×10^{-4} - 5.3×10^{-4}) between standard and intensive treatment populations post-
495 treatment than before treatment (mean F_{ST} = 3.4×10^{-4} ; 99% CI = 1.8×10^{-4} – 5.0×10^{-4}), but these
496 values did not differ significantly. We also find very low genetic differentiation between standard
497 and intensive trial arms (mean F_{ST} 5.6×10^{-4} ; 99% CI = 5.2×10^{-4} - 6.0×10^{-4}). There was also variation
498 in these F_{ST} values across the genome. While much of this likely reflects sampling variation (Fig.
499 5A), particularly striking was a region identified on chromosome 5 (Fig. 5B) with a distinct peak
500 of divergence among post-treatment parasite populations. This window spanned 1.21 Mb of

501 genomic sequence (from SM_V7_5: 7.78-8.99 Mb) and contained 25 annotated protein-coding
502 genes (S2 table).



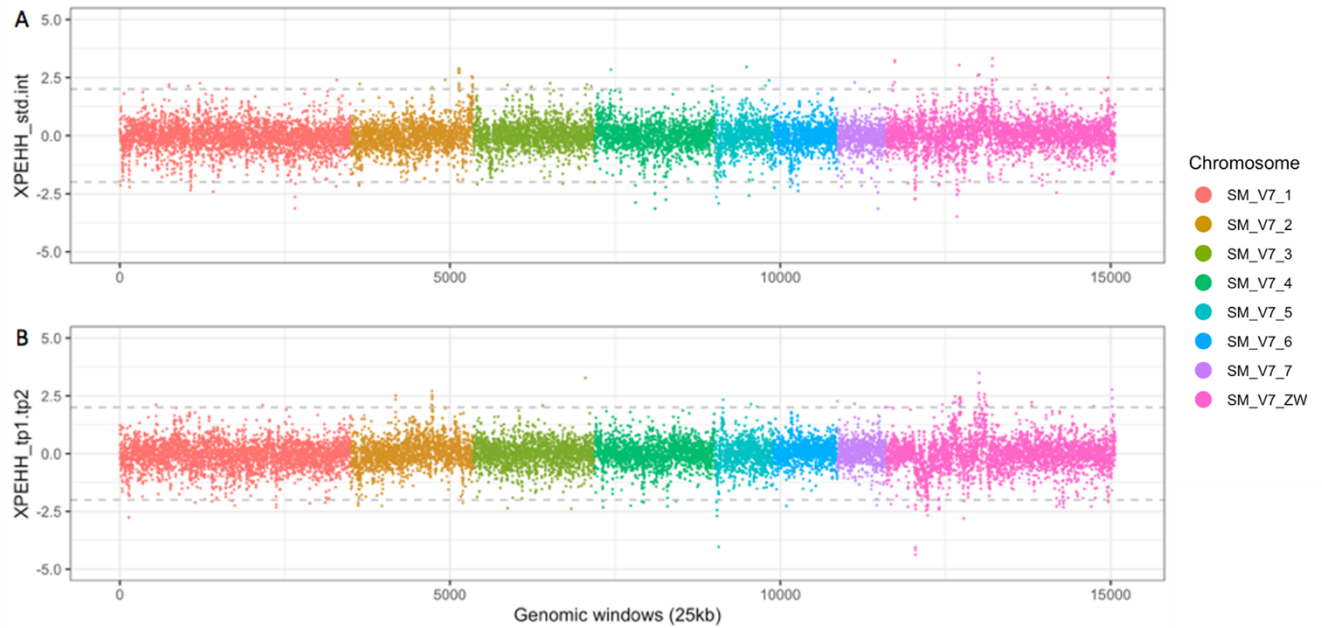
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505 **Fig 5. Genome-wide genetic differentiation between standard and intensive populations. F_{ST}**
506 **calculated using pre-treatment (A) and post-treatment (B) samples. X marks the region of high**
507 **post-treatment genetic differentiation discussed in the text. Each point represents the mean F_{ST}**
508 **between genomic windows of 10 kb for all the called SNPs, with different coloured points**
509 **representing SNPs on each chromosome.**

510 511 **Analysis of signatures of selection**

512 We used the XP-EHH test to identify genomic regions under differing selection pressures in
513 separate comparisons between standard and intensive treatment arms (Fig. 6A) and between
514 pre- and post-treatment samples (Fig. 6B). Taking extreme XP-EHH scores of < -2 or > 2 as a cutoff,

515 we identified 510 windows as outliers including 12.75 Mb or 3.1% of the genome in total and
516 representing 123 contiguous regions. None of the windows from either comparison overlap the
517 peak of differentiation between standard and intensive treatment populations on chromosome
518 5. We note that the Z chromosome was particularly enriched for windows with extreme XP-EHH
519 scores, containing almost half of those found genome-wide (5.325 Mb). This could be a technical
520 artefact caused by difficulty in mapping to a highly repetitive chromosome [54], or due to the
521 smaller average population size or a stronger effect of selection on recessive alleles when
522 hemizygous. There are also a number of reasons to expect sex-linked genes to frequently be
523 under selection [80]. An increased variance in XP-EHH scores is apparent specifically in the Z-
524 specific region (Fig. 6) of the assembly scaffold representing the Z chromosome [54]. This region
525 is not more repetitive than the autosomes or the pseudo-autosomal region shared by Z and W
526 [see table S12 of 54], but is at lower copy number in the population as it is present in a single
527 copy in female worms, so we suspect this enrichment of extreme XP-EHH scores represents a
528 population genetic effect rather than a technical artefact.

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531 **Fig 6. XP-EHH coloured by chromosome among treatment groups.** A. Comparison between standard and
532 intensive treatment groups. B. Comparison between pre-treatment and post-treatment groups. Positive
533 values in panel A represent windows under stronger selective pressure in annual vs quarterly treatment
534 arms. In panel B, positive values represent windows under stronger selection in pre-treatment than post-
535 treatment samples.

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537 There were 107 genes overlapping the outlier windows in the post-treatment samples, which
538 were enriched for genes associated with seventeen GO terms for molecular function and
539 biological processes (S3 table; <https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gplink/l/wWE3Rp-ASq>)⁵⁵. Only 53 of these
540 genes were on autosomes (leaving 54 on the Z and/or W chromosomes), and no GO terms were
541 enriched when considering just the autosomal gene subset. No statistically significant
542 enrichment for any functional category was observed among the genes undergoing stronger
543 selection in pre-treatment individuals. Functional profiling showed that the 132 genes (78
544 autosomal) under stronger selection in the intensive arm were significantly enriched for

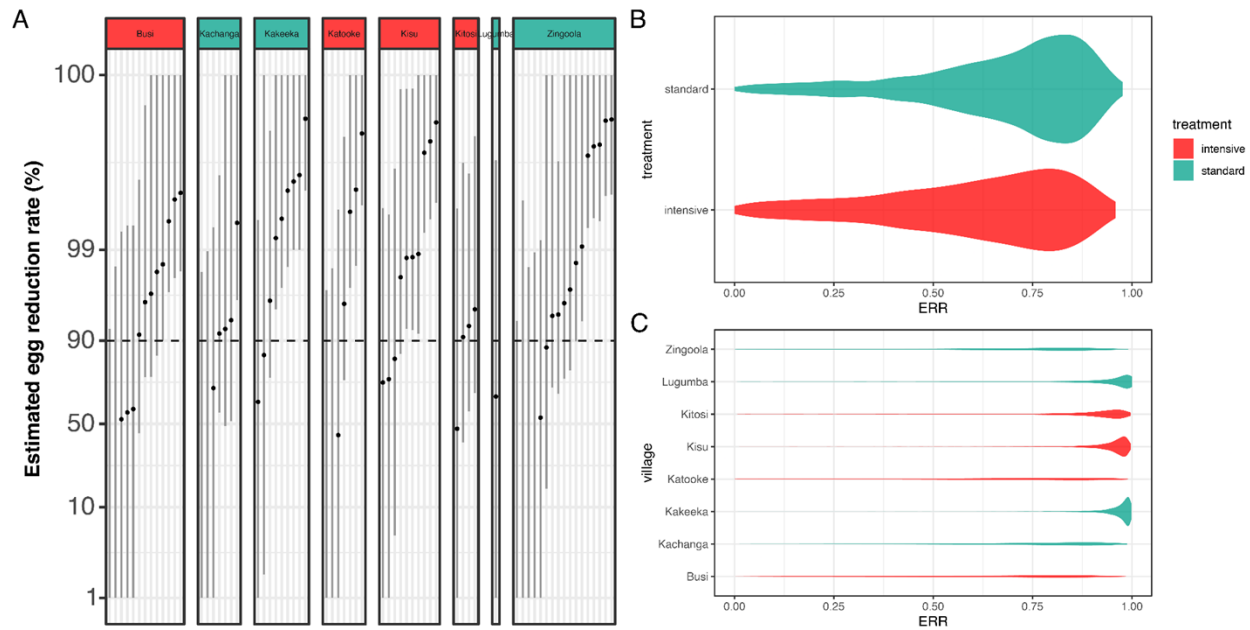
545 association with 10 GO terms (S3 table; <https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gplink/l/1VaAMWpxQK>)⁵⁵, which
546 remained enriched in the autosomal subset. 88 genes were found in 46 autosomal windows with
547 extreme XP-EHH values suggestive of stronger selection in the standard treatment arm include a
548 pair of adjacent closely related genes likely to be a recent tandem duplication and possessing
549 nucleoside deaminase activity on chromosome 4; these genes represent the only significantly
550 enriched GO terms in this comparison (S3 table; <https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gplink/l/4Fz7ZA3hTC>).

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552 **Individual egg reduction rate phenotypes**

553 In an attempt to identify a phenotype for drug efficacy, we estimated the egg reduction rate
554 (ERR) for 88 individuals for which genomic data was available and that had Kato-Katz egg counts
555 taken both before and after treatment using a Bayesian linear mixed-effect model [78] that has
556 previously been used to assess praziquantel efficacy [9, 81]. Previous analysis revealed a lower
557 but not significant ERR in the intensive arm than the standard arm [10]. Similarly, we observe
558 lower marginal ERR in samples collected in intensive than standard treatment villages, but with
559 largely overlapping posterior distributions (Fig. 7B), and while villages vary in ERR (Fig. 7C), there
560 were similar numbers of high- and low-clearance villages in the two arms. These differences were
561 largely driven by a small number of individuals in some villages with very low (even negative -
562 implying a higher egg count after treatment than before) ERR values (Fig. 7A). Unlike in a previous
563 study [9], no ERRs were significantly below the 90% threshold, probably because only duplicate
564 counts were available before and after treatment here, so there was significantly less information
565 to estimate ERR on a per-individual basis.

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568 **Fig 7. Egg reduction rate (ERR) estimates.** (A) Posterior distributions of ERR for each individual for which
569 pre- and post- egg count data were available. Lines indicate the 95% credible intervals (highest posterior
570 density intervals) for each estimate, dots are the mean of the posterior distribution. Individuals are shown
571 on an individual panel for each village, with panel headers coloured by treatment arm. Posterior
572 distribution of average ERRs stratified by (B) treatment arm and (C) school were constructed by
573 marginalizing over the fixed- and random-effects coefficients of the generalised linear mixed model.

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575 Despite the small sample size, we attempted to identify genetic variants associated with
576 differences in ERR, testing the 6.95 million high-quality SNPs found on the 7 autosomes or on the
577 shared ZW scaffold. The smallest p-value for any SNP was 2.7×10^{-9} , which after adjustment for
578 multiple testing represents an adjusted p-value of 0.01841 (S3a Fig). There was some evidence
579 that p-values are systematically biased in this analysis (S3b Fig). Correcting for population
580 structure based on PCA coordinates removed the significance of hits (lowest p-value = 2.7×10^{-8} ;
581 adjusted p-value = 0.179). The most significant hit (SM_V7_5:18325957) is intergenic, 886 bp

582 upstream of an annotated protein-coding gene (Smp_314670) about which has no annotated
583 domains or functional information are available. We thus conclude that there is no strong
584 evidence linking any individual genetic variant in these data to variation in estimated ERR.

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586 **Discussion**

587 Schistosomiasis is second only to malaria in socio-economic impact among parasitic causes of
588 morbidity and mortality [82-84]. MDA is the main method for schistosomiasis control, and there
589 is currently an effort to expand the coverage of community-wide drug treatment to improve
590 morbidity control [85] and address the persistence of schistosomiasis in some areas despite many
591 years of PZQ distribution [86]. Understanding whether intensive treatment for individuals living
592 in high transmission communities has an impact on parasite populations, potentially leading to
593 drug resistance is of high importance for public health among schistosomiasis endemic
594 communities in Africa. Determining the genetic basis of any drug resistance that does emerge is
595 also crucial for tracking the spread of resistance through schistosome populations and for future
596 drug or vaccine development designed to circumvent resistance as has been demonstrated for
597 oxamniquine resistance [87].

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599 Here, we have taken advantage of a large-scale trial in which the entire communities of 26 fishing
600 villages were regularly treated with PZQ. A number of features of the study made this an ideal
601 place to detect an effect of PZQ treatment on parasite populations. Villages were assigned
602 randomly to treatment arms, so treatment frequency was independent of morbidity, parasite
603 prevalence or intensity. Treatment was given under direct observation, avoiding issues with drug

604 compliance reported in other studies [5]. The four week follow-up interval post-treatment would
605 minimise the possibility of diagnosing newly acquired infection after treatment based on the
606 development time of *S. mansoni* [88], as a new infection would take longer than four weeks to
607 result in egg production that could be detected by Kato Katz and microscopy [89]. The exception
608 would be if, during the time of treatment, a patient had juvenile worms as these would not have
609 been cleared by treatment [90]. We expected that as the study was based on a group of islands
610 it might help isolate the parasite population and so allow us to detect drug-induced selection in
611 this population without the confounding effect of high levels of gene flow from untreated
612 populations. Only individuals who had lived in these villages for at least three years were included
613 in the study to control for absenteeism and MDA compliance although it was still not possible to
614 control for movement between villages and islands given that fishing is the main economic
615 activity within these communities.

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617 The population of parasites present on the islands is closely related to that recently described
618 from communities on the shoreline of Lake Victoria, and as expected rather divergent from that
619 inland from the lake (Figs 2A & B) [55]. This presumably reflects greater movement of people
620 between the shoreline and island than with the inland populations, as well as that the inland
621 population included here is further (approximately 160 km) from the shoreline than are the
622 islands (approximately 80 km). We see little genetic differentiation between villages on the same
623 island, as fishing villages are close to one another (1-13 km apart) and movement may be
624 frequent among fishermen and village communities. Less expected was that we see little or no
625 genetic differentiation between islands, with only a weak trend for greater genetic differentiation

626 between villages on different islands than villages on the same island, albeit this is a larger effect
627 than either the distance between villages or the size of village populations, perhaps suggesting
628 that snail vector movement around the coasts of islands may play a role in parasite movement.
629 The islands are separated by water that is deep enough [91] (primary data at
630 <http://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/LakeVicFish>) to prevent snails moving actively from one
631 island to the next, but parasites could travel through movement of infected people or through
632 infected snails being carried on fishermen's or conceivably by rafting on floating plants such as
633 water hyacinth. Geographical conditions on these islands are similar except for Lugumba Island
634 which has more rocky/stony shores compared to Koome and Damba which have more sandy
635 shores and more vegetation, so we would expect snails to be able to establish similarly at most
636 locations.

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638 Despite seeing little or no genetic structure in the island parasite population, we see some
639 evidence that PZQ treatment has had a small effect on the genetic diversity of the parasite
640 population in this area. While we do not have baseline samples from before any PZQ treatment
641 was administered as part of the LaVIISWA trial, we see very slightly higher genome-wide genetic
642 diversity in the standard treatment arm than in the intensive arm, as would be expected if
643 intensive treatment has been more effective at reducing the parasite population than the
644 standard treatment regimen [10], although the effect we observe is very small and so maybe of
645 limited biological relevance. Differences in the same direction were present when comparing
646 subsets of samples taken before and after treatment separately, and was more pronounced in
647 the post-treatment populations. As we see only very few closely related parasites, and no

648 significant enrichment in relatedness based on treatment arm or sampling time with respect to
649 treatment, it seems that this effect is unlikely to be due to differences in the number of directly
650 related miracidia. We observe little or no genetic differentiation between villages in the two
651 study arms, and only very slightly higher differentiation between the arms in post-treatment than
652 in pre-treatment samples.

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654 Evidence that PZQ treatment has some effect on the parasite population led us to investigate
655 whether particular variants might be related to exposure to PZQ and so potentially responsible
656 for any reduced susceptibility of parasites to PZQ within MDA programs [9]. We identify several
657 regions within the genome that were highly differentiated between samples from the standard
658 and intensive arms of the study, including a particularly striking region on chromosome 5 that
659 showed high differentiation between post-treatment samples from the two arms of the study.
660 This region contained a number of genes with functions that could be potentially linked to PZQ
661 drug action. These include an ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporter-associated gene
662 (Smp_136310) that has previously been linked to helminth detoxification and drug resistance
663 processes [92]. A gene with calcium dependent/modulatory functions (Smp_347070) was also
664 found in the enriched region on chromosome 5, which is of interest given that the mode of action
665 of PZQ has long been linked to increased permeability of the cell membrane to calcium ions into
666 the cells which then causes contraction, paralysis and eventual death of the worms [93]. We also
667 investigated regions of the genome under different selective regimes either with treatment
668 intensity or when comparing pre- and post-treatment samples. Among the genes under varying
669 selection were purine-nucleoside phosphorylase activity associated genes (Smp_197110 and

670 Smp_171620) which are involved in the nucleotide salvage pathway of *S. mansoni*. Given that *S.*
671 *mansoni* depends entirely on the salvage pathway for its purine metabolism [94], there is a
672 possibility that ongoing non-random selection within this gene might affect parasite metabolic
673 processes and a potential future drug target. However, we note that many biological processes
674 could be contributing to genetic variation between samples from natural populations apart from
675 variation in drug susceptibility [95]. While this study has shed some light on possible drug
676 resistance genetic markers, other approaches, such as genetic crosses between parasites [96, 97]
677 from natural populations that vary in drug efficacy or from lines selected for resistance [21, 87],
678 are likely to have more power to reveal the genetics of drug resistance and so enable more
679 focused studies of the effect on treatment on parasite populations.

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681 A limitation in this study was that we did not have parasite populations sampled several years
682 apart since it has been observed in similar studies that differentiation occurs over time in a given
683 community [38], so sampling over a longer time-span could provide stronger evidence of genetic
684 change in the population. In particular, we would ideally have access to baseline samples from
685 the same population taken prior to any large-scale PZQ treatment being administered. Despite
686 the falling cost and rising throughput of nucleic acid sequencing, we were limited in the number
687 of miracidia that we could sequence in this study. An additional limitation is the labour-intensive
688 process of hatching and washing miracidia necessary to obtain high-quality data due to the non-
689 selective nature of the whole-genome sequencing approach [67].

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691 As control programmes expand and reduce pathogen populations, we would expect the genetic

692 diversity of these populations to fall to reflect the reduced population size [13, 41, 98], and drug
693 resistance to be reflected in particular genotypes being over-represented in samples collected
694 after large-scale treatment has been applied. As in other recent studies [42, 55], we find evidence
695 of at best a very limited effect of PZQ treatment on schistosome populations either post-
696 treatment or over a longer time frame of intensive treatment. In most previous studies, extensive
697 refugia from treatment have been present in the community, as only school-age children are
698 routinely treated in most areas, so it is instructive that we find similar results in this study despite
699 community-wide treatment. While there is some evidence for reduced efficacy of PZQ in Uganda
700 [9], most studies do not find a significant effect [11], including one study based on the same
701 population as studied here [10]. Even in the absence of drug resistance emerging in natural
702 populations, high-resolution genetic surveillance of African schistosome populations is ideally
703 suited to detect changes in parasite population structure related to the impact of control
704 measures [30], and could ultimately inform approaches to eliminate schistosome morbidity in
705 remaining 'hot-spots' by helping us understand parasite transmission between hosts and
706 between foci [86].

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708 In summary, We demonstrate a small but significant effect of both short-term PZQ treatment
709 intensity and a recent treatment episode on genome wide-diversity in a schistosome. This
710 reduction in diversity does not appear to be associated with enrichment of closely related
711 parasites, but rather could reflect ongoing non-random recent selection within these fishing
712 communities in Uganda that might be under the influence of continued mass drug
713 administration. We identify genomic windows that are either particularly differentiated following

714 treatment or appear to be under differing selective regimes with different treatment intensity.

715 These regions could include genes involved in drug response, but additional data is needed to

716 prioritise candidates for further investigation.

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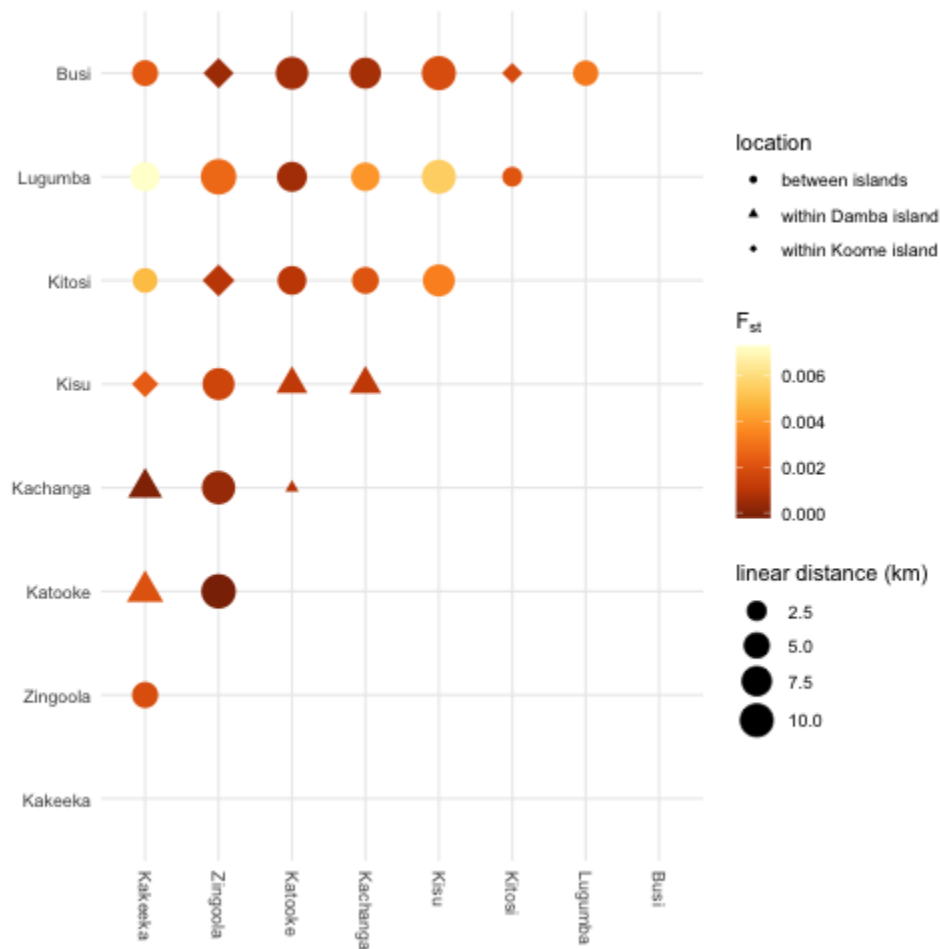
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1014 **S1 Figure.** Mean F_{ST} between all pairs of villages. Shading indicates levels of genetic
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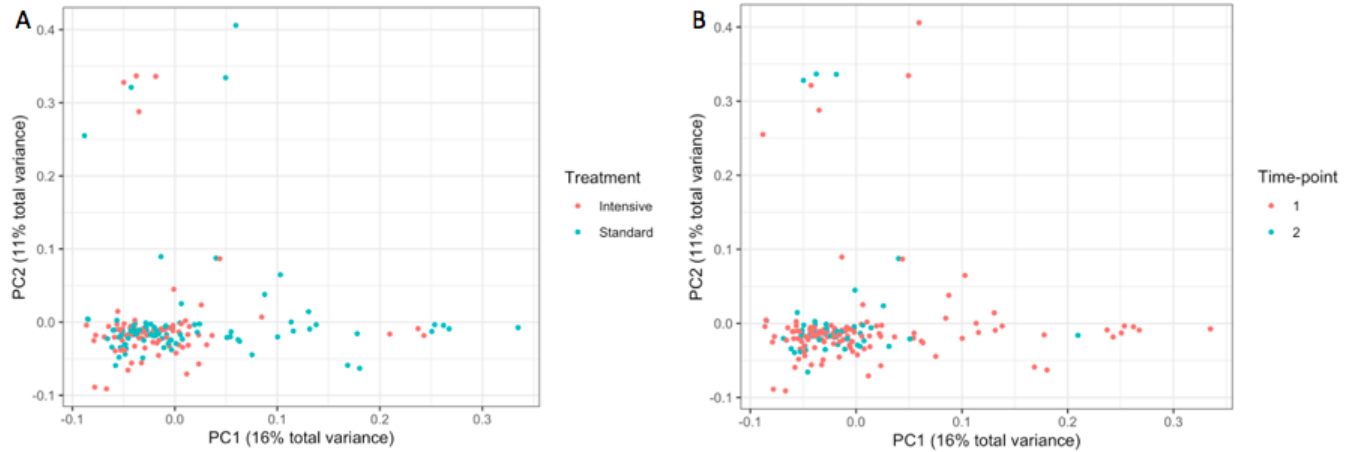
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1022 **S2 Figure.** Principal component analysis of population structure by treatment and time point.

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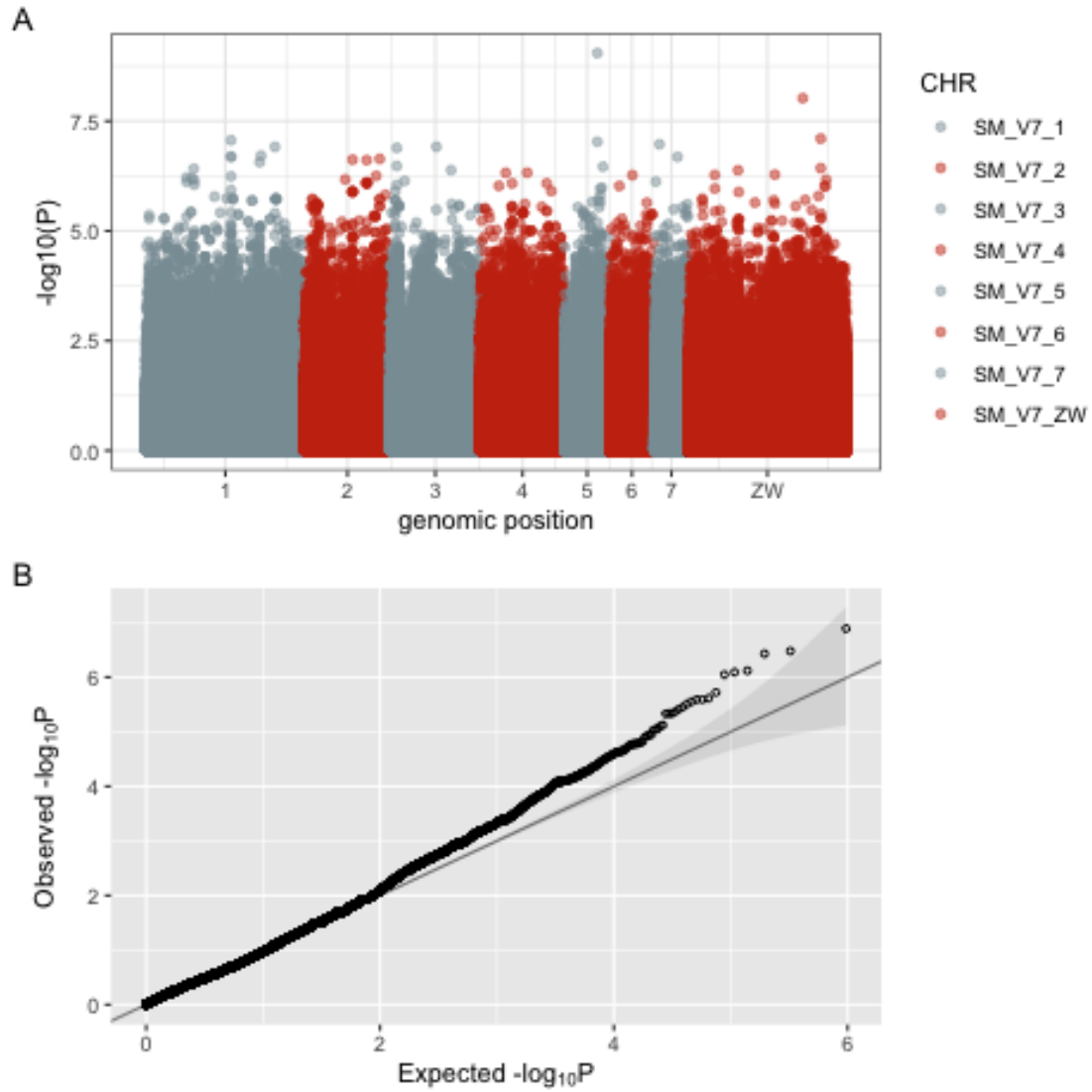
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1026 **S3 Figure.** (A) Manhattan plot of unadjusted $-\log_{10}$ p-values for association of individual SNPs with

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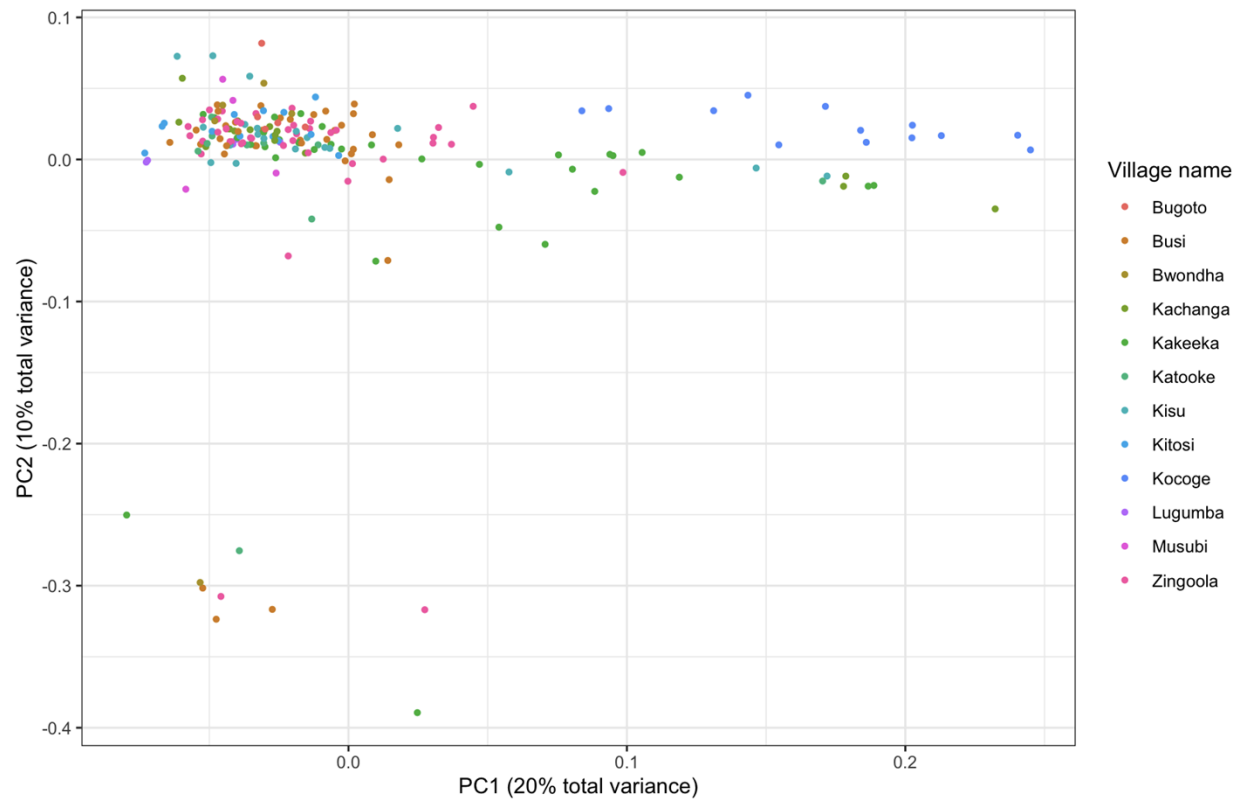
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1032 **S4 Figure.** Principal component analysis showing a cluster of nine distinct miracidia on principal
1033 component 2 in the lower left quadrant.

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1044 **S1 Table.** Accession numbers and metadata for all samples included in analyses.

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5582STDY7759916	01/11/2017	Kisu	Intensive	Damba	ERS2983583	pre_treatment
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5582STDY7724315	23/11/2017	Busi	Intensive	Koome	ERS2891577	post_treatment
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5582STDY7770975	17/10/2017	Busi	Intensive	Koome	ERS3016734	pre_treatment
5582STDY7770984	19/10/2017	Busi	Intensive	Koome	ERS3016743	pre_treatment

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1048 **S2 Table.** Protein coding genes present in the region of highest genetic differentiation on
 1049 chromosome 5. (region X on Fig. 4B).

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1051	Chromosome	GeneID	Function_name
1052	SM_V7_5	Smp_026090	Ras-related GTP-binding protein D
1053	SM_V7_5	Smp_026160	Growth hormone-inducible transmembrane protein
1054	SM_V7_5	Smp_026190	Probable U3 small nucleolar RNA-associated protein 11
1055	SM_V7_5	Smp_101230	Phenylalanine--tRNA ligase alpha subunit
1056	SM_V7_5	Smp_102040	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein subunit beta-2-like 1
1057	SM_V7_5	Smp_129950	RNA-binding protein 12
1058	SM_V7_5	Smp_129960	Nestin
1059	SM_V7_5	Smp_129970	Hypothetical protein

1060	SM_V7_5	Smp_136240	Vesicle-associated membrane protein/synaptobrevin-binding protein
1061	SM_V7_5	Smp_136260	Glutamine--fructose-6-phosphate aminotransferase [isomerizing] 2
1062	SM_V7_5	Smp_136280	Regulator of telomere elongation helicase 1
1063	SM_V7_5	Smp_136300	tyrosine kinase, TK group, Src family
1064	SM_V7_5	Smp_136310	Sodium/bile acid cotransporter
1065	SM_V7_5	Smp_178810	26S proteasome non-ATPase regulatory subunit 13
1066	SM_V7_5	Smp_242830	Prolyl 3-hydroxylase OGFOD1
1067	SM_V7_5	Smp_242860	Trafficking protein particle complex subunit 8
1068	SM_V7_5	Smp_247640	ATPase synthesis protein 25, mitochondrial
1069	SM_V7_5	Smp_247650	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3 subunit D
1070	SM_V7_5	Smp_267060	Tether containing UBX domain for GLUT4
1071	SM_V7_5	Smp_314360	Phenylalanine--tRNA ligase alpha subunit
1072	SM_V7_5	Smp_316680	Phenylalanine--tRNA ligase alpha subunit
1073	SM_V7_5	Smp_332100	40S ribosomal protein S28
1074	SM_V7_5	Smp_341690	Golgi-specific brefeldin A-resistance guanine nucleotide exchange factor 1
1075	SM_V7_5	Smp_346850	Acetyl-coenzyme A carboxylase carboxyl transferase subunit beta, chloroplastic
1076	SM_V7_5	Smp_347070	Calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase type IV
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1079 **S3 Table.** GO terms significantly over-represented among genes overlapping regions of different
 1080 natural selection. Genes are from GO hierarchies for Molecular Function (MF), Biological
 1081 Processes (BP), KEGG pathways and Cellular Component (CC) within the post-treatment (Tp2).
 1082 Standard (Std) and Intensive (Int) groups with respective adjusted p-values (P_{adj}). Asterisks mark
 1083 terms that remain enriched in autosomal gene sets.

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Gro up	GO	Term_name	GO_ID	number of genes	P_{adj}
Tp2	MF	Purine-nucleoside phosphorylase activity	GO:0004731	5	1.616×10^{-8}
Tp2	MF	Transferase activity, transferring pentosyl groups	GO:0016763	6	1.352×10^{-5}
Tp2	MF	Transferase activity, transferring glycosyl groups	GO:0016757	10	8.088×10^{-4}
Tp2	MF	S-methyl-5-thioadenosine phosphorylase activity	GO:0017061	2	1.678×10^{-2}
Tp2	MF	Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 4-phosphatase activity	GO:0034597	2	1.678×10^{-2}
Tp2	MF	Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate phosphatase activity	GO:0106019	2	1.678×10^{-2}
Tp2	MF	Phosphatidylinositol bisphosphate phosphatase activity	GO:0034593	2	4.999×10^{-2}
Tp2	MF	Phosphatidylinositol phosphate 4-phosphatase activity	GO:0034596	2	4.999×10^{-2}
Tp2	BP	Nucleoside metabolic process	GO:0009116	5	8.312×10^{-3}
Tp2	BP	Glycosyl compound metabolic process	GO:1901657	5	8.312×10^{-3}
Tp2	BP	Carbohydrate derivative metabolic process	GO:1901135	11	9.720×10^{-3}
Tp2	BP	L-methionine salvage from methylthioadenosine	GO:0019509	2	4.958×10^{-2}

Tp2	BP	Amino acid salvage	GO:0043102	2	4.958×10 ⁻²
Tp2	BP	L-methionine biosynthetic process	GO:0071265	2	4.958×10 ⁻²
Tp2	BP	L-methionine salvage	GO:0071267	2	4.958×10 ⁻²
Tp2	CC	Late endosome membrane	GO:0031902	2	4.997X10 ⁻²
Tp2	KE GG	Fatty acid Metabolism	KEGG:01212	3	1.363X10 ⁻²
Int	MF	Peroxidase activity*	GO:0004601	5	2.809×10 ⁻⁴
Int	MF	Oxidoreductase activity, acting on peroxide as acceptor*	GO:0016684	5	4.164×10 ⁻⁴
Int	MF	Antioxidant activity*	GO:0016209	5	2.627×10 ⁻³
Int	MF	Heme binding*	GO:0020037	5	4.241×10 ⁻³
Int	MF	Tetrapyrrole binding*	GO:0046906	5	4.241×10 ⁻³
Int	BP	Response to toxic substance*	GO:0009636	5	1.658X10 ⁻³
Int	BP	Cellular response to toxic substance*	GO:0097237	5	1.658X10 ⁻³
Int	BP	Detoxification*	GO:0098754	5	1.658X10 ⁻³
Int	BP	Cellular oxidant detoxification*	GO:0098869	5	1.658X10 ⁻³
Int	BP	Cellular detoxification*	GO:1990748	5	1.658X10 ⁻³
Std	MF	tRNA-specific adenosine deaminase activity*	GO:0008251	2	8.869X10 ⁻³
Std	MF	tRNA-specific adenosine-34 deaminase activity*	GO:0052717	2	8.369X10 ⁻³
Std	MF	adenosine deaminase activity*	GO:0004000	2	4.981X10 ⁻²
Std	CC	tRNA-specific adenosine-34 deaminase complex*	GO:0052718	2	5.060X10 ⁻²

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