

Childhood location correlates with epigenetic age and methylation stability in British-Bangladeshi migrants

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1 **Abstract**

2 **Background**

3 Migration from one environment to another often causes marked changes in developmental
4 conditions. Here we compare epigenetic ageing and stability of the epigenetic maintenance
5 system among British-Bangladeshi women who grew up in Bangladesh (adult migrants),
6 where there are higher pathogen loads and poorer health care, to second-generation
7 Bangladeshis who grew up in the UK. In our previous studies of these migrants, those who
8 spent their childhoods in Bangladesh also had lower levels of reproductive hormones and a
9 shorter reproductive lifespan compared to those who grew up in the UK, suggesting life
10 history trade-offs during development. In the present study, we hypothesised that women
11 who grew up in Bangladesh would have *i*) an older epigenetic/biological age compared to
12 the women with a childhood in the UK and *ii*) that differences in the pace of epigenetic
13 ageing might also be reflected by altered stability of DNA methylation marks.

14 **Results**

15 Illumina EPIC array methylation data from buccal tissue was used to establish epigenetic
16 age estimates from 15 adult migrants and 11 second-generation migrants, aged 18-35
17 years. Using residuals from linear regression of DNA methylation-based biological age
18 (DNAm age) on the chronological age, the results showed significant differences ($p=0.016$)
19 in epigenetic age estimates: women whose childhood was in Bangladesh are on average
20 6.02 (± 2.34) years older, than those who grew up in London. We further investigated the
21 efficiency of the epigenetic maintenance system which purportedly is reflected by epigenetic
22 clocks. Methylation states of CpGs at the *LHCGR/LHR* locus, which contributes to Horvath's
23 multi tissue epigenetic clock were evaluated. Based on the Ratio of Concordance
24 Preference (RCP) approach that uses double-stranded methylation data, we find that
25 maintenance of epigenetic information is more stable in women who grew up in Bangladesh.

26 **Conclusions**

27 The work supports earlier findings that adverse childhood environments lead to phenotypic
28 life history trade-offs. The data indicate that childhood environments can induce subtle
29 changes to the epigenetic maintenance system that are detectable long after exposure
30 occurred. The implication of such a finding warrants further investigation as it implies that a
31 less flexible epigenetic memory system established early in life could reduce the capacity to
32 respond to different environmental conditions in adult life.

33 **Keywords**

34 Childhood, migrants, epigenetic age, RCP values, epigenetic stability, DNA methylation,
35 accelerated ageing, Bangladesh, UK.

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37 **Background**

38 Reproductive lifespans vary among individuals. Genetic variants associated with these
39 complex traits, which include timing of puberty, age at first birth and age at menopause are
40 closely related to fitness and undergo purifying selection [1,2]. The genetic architecture of
41 reproductive ageing has been investigated largely in women of European ancestry.
42 However, a limited number of studies in other populations suggests shared genetic
43 underpinnings of these reproductive phenotypes, albeit with noticeable variations in effect
44 allele frequencies and effect estimates in women of different ethnic groups [3–5].
45 Environmental exposures likely contribute to variations in heritability estimates and the
46 phenotypic heterogeneity detected within and across different ethnic populations [6,7].

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48 Our earlier work identified strong correlations between childhood environmental conditions
49 and adult reproductive function [8–10]. In particular, Bangladeshi women who migrated as
50 young adults to London, have lower levels of reproductive steroids when compared to
51 British-Bangladeshi women who moved to the UK prior to the age of eight and women who
52 were born in London to first-generation Bangladeshi immigrants [7,9–11]. An upbringing in
53 Bangladesh is generally associated with a shortened reproductive lifespan, while its duration
54 is longer for women with Bangladeshi ancestry, whose childhoods were spent in London [9].
55 Timing of reproductive functions across the life course correlates with the rate of ageing in
56 other body systems [12].

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58 Geographically and culturally the British-Bangladeshis women in these studies have a
59 comparable background. They are all ethnic Bengalis and originally stem from a relatively
60 affluent middle-class population in the northeast of Bangladesh and now live in East London.
61 A possible environmental factor that distinguishes between the two childhood locations is the
62 exposure to higher and recurrent infectious disease loads in Bangladesh [13–15]. Indeed, by
63 mimicking early-life immune challenges in a mouse model, we replicated some of the distinct
64 reproductive phenotypes characteristic of women with a childhood in Bangladesh, in
65 including delayed onset of puberty lower ovarian reserve [16].

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67 At the cellular level, environmental factors influence the chromatin state of the genome [17].
68 Stored as epigenetic information, cells have the capacity to retain some memory of past
69 developmental and environmental conditions [18]. Methylation of genomic DNA is part of the
70 epigenetic information storage system in mammalian cells where it is primarily confined to
71 cytosines of CpG dinucleotides [19]. Methylation levels of discrete CpG sites have been

72 used to develop remarkably accurate estimators of age. Such ‘epigenetic clocks’ link
73 developmental and maintenance processes to biological ageing [reviewed in [20]]. Pace of
74 ageing can vary and result in a mismatch between chronological and biological age of an
75 individual [21].

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77 Here, we explore the possible association between chronological age, biological ageing and
78 an epigenetic maintenance system in Bangladeshi women of prime reproductive age (18-35
79 years old). The women of this study live within the same ethnic community in London but
80 can be divided into two groups: those with a childhood in the UK, and those with a childhood
81 in Sylhet, a city in the northeast region of Bangladesh. Using buccal cell DNA from these
82 London-based Bangladeshi women, we recently identified genome-wide, altered DNA
83 methylation levels between the two groups [16]. Since these DNA methylation
84 measurements were generated on the MethylationEpic array platform, we re-examined the
85 data using ‘Horvath’s clock’, a multi-tissue age-estimator with a robust relationship between
86 chronological age and DNA methylation-based (DNAm) age [22].

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88 **Results and Discussion**

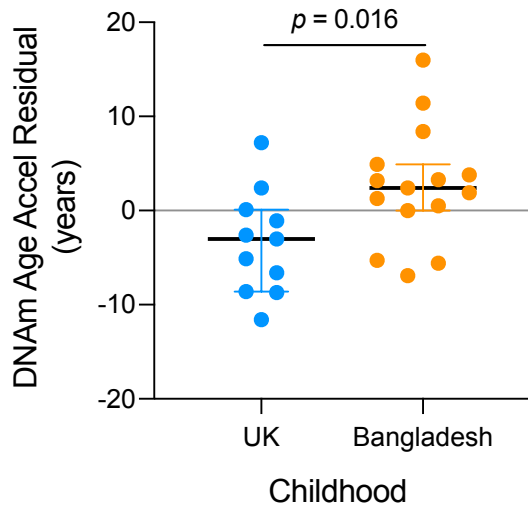
89 **Accelerated DNAm Age measured with Horvath’s epigenetic clock**

90 We find that the correlation between chronological age and DNAm age does not differ
91 significantly between women who grew up the UK (‘UK’ group; n=11) and women who grew
92 up in Bangladesh (‘Bangladesh’ group; n=15). That is, chronological age affects DNAm age
93 in a similar way in both groups (Additional file 1). However, regression analysis showed that
94 the y-intercepts of the UK and Bangladeshi groups differ significantly ($p=0.0083$) / Additional
95 file 1). This suggested that a childhood in Bangladesh correlates with DNAm Age predictions
96 that differ noticeable when compared with epigenetic age estimates for women of the UK
97 group.

98 The tick rate of epigenetic clocks is increased by many different environmental factors,
99 including psychological traumas, smoking, asthma, alcohol, infections and hormonal
100 changes following menopause [23–26]. Such acceleration of epigenetic age is best
101 measured by residuals obtained from regressing DNAm age on chronological age [22].

102 Indeed, the pace of epigenetic ageing is accelerated in women with a childhood in
103 Bangladesh and overall differs significantly from the UK group ($p=0.016$) (Figure 1). This
104 altered pace of biological ageing is consistent with our previous observations that women
105 who grow up in Bangladesh have a shorter reproductive lifespan and chronically lower levels
106 of reproductive hormones [9,13,15]; reviewed in [7]. Although our finding of accelerated

107 epigenetic ageing rests on a small number of sampled individuals, it highlights the limited
108 utility of epigenetic clocks as a tool to determine the age – and consequently eligibility
109 considerations - of asylum-seekers [27].
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Fig. 1 Differences in pace of epigenetic ageing

114 Plot of DNAm Age Accel Residuals, with each data point representing an individual. The
115 colour indicates the corresponding dataset: blue = childhood in UK, orange = childhood in
116 Bangladesh. The median is indicated by a horizontal line with upper and lower hinges
117 representing the 25th and 75th percentiles. A positive or negative value indicates that the
118 estimated epigenetic/biological age of the sample is higher or lower, respectively, than
119 expected based on chronological age.

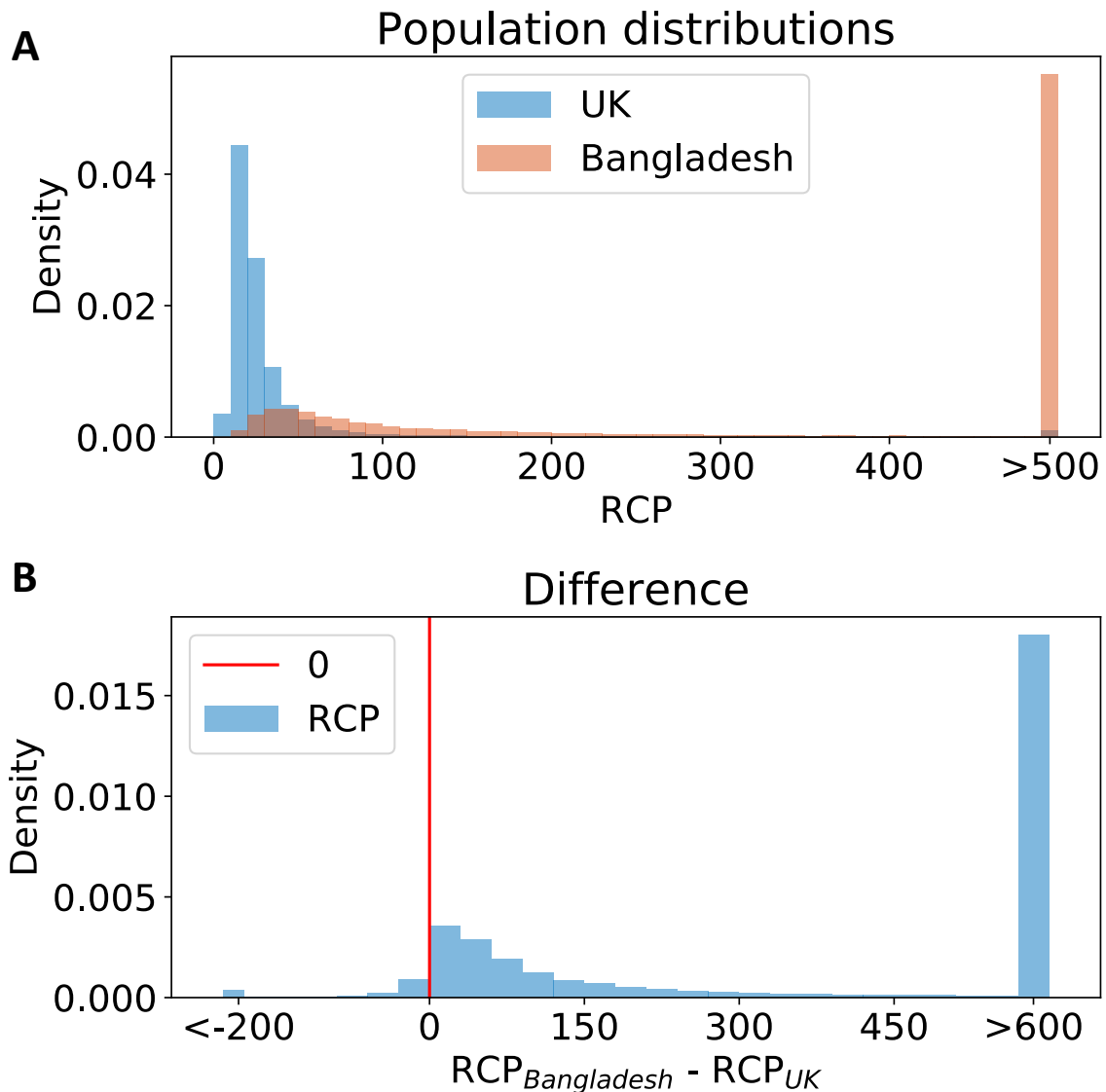
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Epigenetic stability of a clock locus

122 The tick rate of Horvath's epigenetic clock is thought to reflect the rate at which work is done
123 to maintain epigenetic stability [20,22]. It is possible to infer epigenetic stability by analysing
124 double-stranded DNA methylation data with a new metric, Ratio of Concordance Preference
125 (RCP) [28]. We used the RCP metric to estimate epigenetic stability at the *Luteinizing*
126 *Hormone/Choriogonadotropin Receptor (LHCGR/LHR)* gene, which plays an important role
127 in reproductive function. The *LHCGR* locus contains a CpG site, which contributes to
128 Horvath's DNAm Age clock [22].

129 We find that RCP estimates are generally higher for the 'Bangladeshi' group of women
130 (Figure 2). Higher RCP estimates indicate higher levels of epigenetic stability [28]. That is,
131 the methylation states of CpGs at *LHCGR* locus are more often identical on the two strands

132 of individual DNA molecules of ‘Bangladeshi’ individuals when compared to ‘UK’ individuals.
133 We note that the RCP estimates are based on a relatively small number of data points
134 (Additional file 1), yet they are sufficient to indicate subtle differences in the workings of the
135 epigenetic maintenance system between two groups of women who appear to age at
136 different rates.



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138 **Fig. 2 Inferences of DNA methylation stability differ between UK and Bangladeshi**
139 **samples at the epigenetic-clock associated *LHCGR/LHR* locus.**

140 **A)** Ratio of Concordance Preference (RCP) is a metric that infers stability/flexibility of
141 methylation states at matching CpG sites (CpG dyads) on the parent and daughter strand of
142 individual DNA molecules, without assuming any specific enzymatic mechanisms of DNA
143 methylation. Flexibility, indicated by RCP values near 1, indicates that the methylation
144 system has no preference for either concordance or discordance of the methylation state at

145 a CpG dyad and follows the random model. High RCP values - with the extreme
146 approaching infinity - indicate high stability, where epigenetic maintenance systems have
147 complete preference for concordant methylation states of CpG dyads (they are either
148 methylated or unmethylated); none, or very few CpG dyads are hemi-methylated. Shown are
149 the RCP distributions taken from bootstrap samples, weighing each individual evenly within
150 each group (UK = blue, Bangladesh = orange). The sampled population of double-stranded
151 DNA molecules – and the corresponding methylation states of CpG dyads - revealed a clear
152 preference for a more stable epigenetic maintenance system in operation at the *LHR* locus
153 in women with a childhood in Bangladesh, when compared to inferred RCP values for the
154 samples from women with a childhood in London. **B)** Testing if the bootstrap samples of
155 RCP differences (Bangladesh vs UK childhood) are significantly different. The red line is set
156 at 0. The p-value is derived from this as the proportion of samples to the left of 0 (a one-
157 tailed test to examine whether Bangladesh RCPs are significantly greater than UK RCP
158 values). Two-tailed p-value is the double of that amount. $p = 0.026$ (one tailed); $p = 0.052$ (two
159 tailed)

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162 **Conclusions**

163 The results of our study support a large body of work demonstrating phenotypic plasticity in
164 response to environments encountered during early life. A childhood in Bangladesh
165 measurably accelerates epigenetic/biological ageing in women, when compared to women
166 of same chronological age (18 -35 yrs) and ethnicity, who were born and brought up in
167 London, UK. The multi tissue epigenetic clock is thought to register the workings of
168 developmental and epigenetic maintenance systems linking these processes with the life
169 course [20,22]. Our study is one of the first to test if differences in function of the epigenetic
170 maintenance system can be linked with epigenetic age estimators. The findings indicate that
171 subtle differences in the stability of epigenetic states are indeed associated with biological
172 ageing and opens a new line of investigation.

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174 **Methods**

175 **DNA methylation data and establishment of DNAm Age**

176 Genome-wide cytosine methylation levels were established using the Illumina
177 HumanMethylationEPIC BeadChip Array following isolation of genomic DNA from buccal
178 cells DNA (DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit (Qiagen)). Multidimensional scaling (MDS) plots

179 indicated that no significant batch effects were skewing the MethylationEPIC BeadChip data
180 sets. The data were processed with the Bioconductor/minfi package. CpG probes associated
181 with known SNPs were removed, as were those with a detection probability of <0.01. Probes
182 on both X and Y chromosomes were retained. Methylation beta values (0-1) were
183 normalized by SWAN. The methylation data set (GSE133355 study) is accessible on the
184 Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) data platform at:
185 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE133355>

186 **Determination of DNAm Age and age acceleration**

187 A file with the beta values obtained from the Illumina HumanMethylationEPIC BeadChip
188 Array work (see above) was used to establish the epigenetic age (DNAm age and
189 AgeAccelerationResiduals) with Horvath's method [22]. The underlying algorithms are
190 available through the online DNA methylation calculator (<http://dnamage.genetics.ucla.edu/>).

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192 **Generation of bisulfite hairpin data / methylation states of CpG dyads at the** 193 ***LHGR/LHR* locus**

194 We have previously described in detail the concept and procedure of generating
195 authenticated, non-redundant double-stranded DNA methylation data [19,29,30]. In brief,
196 genomic sequence information surrounding the *LHR* clock-CpG site [one of the 353 CpG
197 sites contributing to Horvath's clock [22]; Illumina cluster ID cg12351433 / chr2:48982957-
198 48982957 / UCSC Genome Browser (GRCh37/hg19)] was used to identify suitable
199 restriction recognition sites to generate 3', or 5'-overhangs, respectively, for the ligation of
200 UMI-barcoded hairpin linkers. Specifically, restriction enzymes Styl or BstXI (New England
201 Biolabs) were used. Combinations of the following primers were used to amplify hairpin-
202 linked, bisulfite converted DNA:

203 bsLHR-R1 5'-RCAAATCAAACAAAACAAACTC-3';

204 bsLHR-R2 5'-CACTAAACACTATCRCAAATCAAAC-3';

205 bsLHR-F1 5'-TAGTAGGAAGGAGGTTATTGG-3';

206 bsLHR-F2 5'-GTAGGTTAAGGTAGAGTAGATTTAG-3';

207 bsLHR-F3 5'-GAATTGGGTTTTTGCGGTTTGTAG-3'.

208 Further information of the hairpin-concept and of the barcoded and batch-stamped hairpin
209 linkers (Eurofins Genomics) are provided in Additional file 1.

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211 **Processing of the sequencing data:** Fold is a web application for the analysis of the output
212 of hairpin-bisulphite sequencing data. Specifically, the programme reconstructs, visualises,

213 and generates statistics on the double-stranded CpG methylation patterns of the original
214 cohort of DNA molecules. This is achieved by first 'realigning' the top and bottom strand of
215 the molecule about the hairpin, in which the programme attempts to manage 'PCR slippage',
216 and other sequencing errors. Then algorithm then identifies and categorises CpG dyads,
217 which is possible due to the previous bisulphite conversion of unmethylated cytosine to
218 uracil (and so recognised as tyrosine when sequenced). For example, fully methylated
219 dyads are those regions in where the reconstructed top strand is C-G and the bottom is G-C.
220 Similarly, fully unmethylated dyads are those where the top is T-G and the bottom is G-T. In
221 addition, the programme calculates a metric: 'Ratio of Concordance Principle' which
222 quantifies the concordance of methylation between the top and bottom strands of the DNA
223 molecule (0=complete discordance, 1=random concordance, inf=complete concordance).
224 This metric represents the preference of the summation of epigenetic mechanisms of the cell
225 to either maintain or obscure methylation patterns of the DNA in the cells at the time the
226 sample was taken. The functions of Fold was written in R and the web application is written
227 in PHP. The live web application can be found at <http://www.gregoryleeman.com/fold>, and
228 the repository can be found at <https://github.com/gregoryleeman/fold>.

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230 **Analysis and comparison of RCPs at the *LHCGR/LHR* locus**

231 RCP values are based on double-stranded DNA methylation data derived from sequences of
232 individual hairpin bisulfite PCR products. RCP analyses were done following the
233 procedures described in [28] with the small addition of bootstrapping individuals within each
234 population. The additional step in the procedure helps to address the possibility of uneven
235 sampling from a larger population. The analysis procedures in brief are described below.
236 Each population RCP distribution was drawn through hierarchical bootstrap sampling. For
237 each of 20,000 bootstrap samples, individuals in each population were sampled with
238 replacement, and double stranded DNA sequences of each of the sampled individuals were
239 in turn sampled with replacement. Dyad counts were then normalised such that each
240 individual had the same number of dyads. The normalised dyad counts were then summed,
241 corrected for failed bisulfite conversions (rate of 0.0039, measured empirically) and
242 inappropriate conversions (rate of 0.017, estimated as described in [31] [Genereux et al.,
243 2008]), and used to compute the RCP value. A bootstrap sample of the RCP difference was
244 computed by taking the difference of the RCP values sampled for the two populations.

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246 For one-tailed comparison tests, with which we examine directional differences, we
247 determined the p-value as the proportion of bootstrap-difference samples to the left of 0. For

248 two-tailed tests, with which we can detect differences in any direction, we determined the p-
249 value as twice the smaller proportion of the bootstrap difference samples on either side of 0.

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251 **Availability of data and materials**

252 The datasets generated and/or analysed during the current study are available in the Gene
253 Expression Omnibus (GEO) data platform

254 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE133355>

255 All data generated or analysed during this study are included in this published article and its
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259 The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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Additional file 1: Chronological age vs DNAm Age

Estimates of DNA methylation age (DNAm Age)

The online calculator (<https://dnamage.genetics.ucla.edu/>) was used to generate estimates of DNAm Age, AgeAccelerationDiff (= DNAmAge-Age), and AgeAccelerationResidual (= the recommended age acceleration measure based on Horvath's linear regression model [Horvath S (2013) DNA methylation age of human tissues and cell types. *Genome Biol* 14(10):R115 PMID: 24138928]).

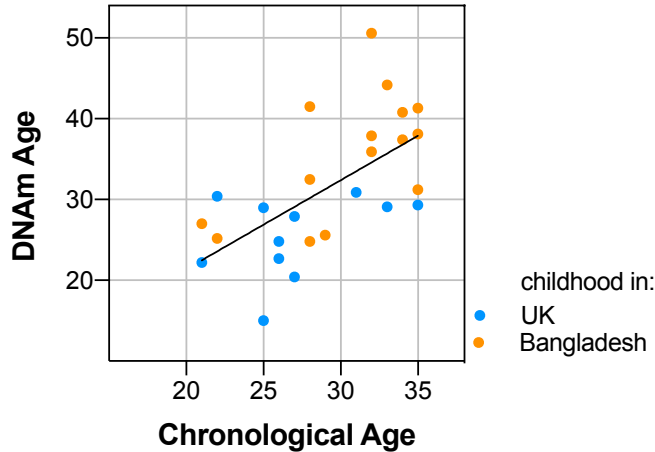
id	Sample ID	Childhood location	Age at time of sample collection	DNAmAge	AgeAcceleration Diff	AgeAcceleration Residual
1	X201247480032_R01C01	uk	22	30.4	8.4	7.2
5	X201247480032_R04C01	uk	25	29.0	4.0	2.4
8	X201247480032_R07C01	uk	27	27.9	0.9	-1.1
14	X201247480031_R03C01	uk	31	30.9	-0.1	-2.6
15	X201247480031_R04C01	uk	33	29.1	-3.9	-6.6
22	X201247480036_R03C01	uk	35	29.3	-5.7	-8.7
23	X201247480036_R04C01	uk	26	24.8	-1.2	-3.0
24	X201247480036_R05C01	uk	27	20.4	-6.6	-8.6
25	X201247480036_R06C01	uk	25	15.0	-10.0	-11.6
30	X201247480034_R03C01	uk	21	22.2	1.2	0.1
31	X201247480034_R04C01	uk	26	22.7	-3.3	-5.1
2	X201247480032_R02C01	bangladesh	34	37.4	3.4	0.5
4	X201247480032_R03C01	bangladesh	32	50.6	18.6	16.0
12	X201247480031_R01C01	bangladesh	35	41.3	6.3	3.2
13	X201247480031_R02C01	bangladesh	21	27.0	6.0	4.9
16	X201247480031_R05C01	bangladesh	33	44.2	11.2	8.4
17	X201247480031_R06C01	bangladesh	28	41.5	13.5	11.4
18	X201247480031_R07C01	bangladesh	35	31.2	-3.8	-6.9
19	X201247480031_R08C01	bangladesh	29	25.6	-3.4	-5.6
20	X201247480036_R01C01	bangladesh	32	35.9	3.9	1.3
21	X201247480036_R02C01	bangladesh	28	24.8	-3.2	-5.3
26	X201247480036_R07C01	bangladesh	32	37.9	5.9	3.3
27	X201247480036_R08C01	bangladesh	35	38.1	3.1	0.0
28	X201247480034_R01C01	bangladesh	34	40.8	6.8	3.8
32	X201247480034_R05C01	bangladesh	28	32.5	4.5	2.4
36	X201247480034_R07C01	bangladesh	22	25.2	3.2	1.9

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389 **Prism GraphPad 8 analysis / Chronological age vs DNAm Age:**

390 The slopes of the regression lines between the 'UK' group (n=11) and the 'Bangladesh' group (n=15)
 391 are not significantly different ($F = 1.136$; $DFn = 1$, $DFd = 22$ $p=0.29$). Therefore, a single slope for data
 392 of the entire cohort can be established: the pooled slope equals 0.8128 (Additional Fig 1a). However,
 393 the intercepts are significantly different ($F = 8.341$. $DFn = 1$, $DFd = 23$, $p=0.0083$)
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Additional Fig 1a



395 **Additional Fig 1a:** Plot of predicted methylation age (Horvath clock) against chronological age.
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397 The scatter plot shows DNA methylation age vs. chronological age vs. and the line in which DNA
 398 methylation age was regressed on chronological age using both, the 'UK' and the 'Bangladesh' data
 399 sets. 'UK' = Bangladeshi women who grew up in London, UK (blue); 'Bangladesh' = Bangladeshi
 400 women who grew up in Sylhet, Bangladesh. Each data point represents an individual, with the colour
 401 indicating the corresponding dataset.
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403 **Genstat analysis / Chronological age vs DNAm Age:**

404 Genstat analysis of covariance yielded similar results to those obtained by Prism GraphPad 8
 405 analysis, in that Bangladeshi women with a childhood in the UK and Bangladeshi women with a
 406 childhood in Bangladesh are affected by chronological age the same way - the two slopes are the
 407 same based on a minimal adequate mode (Additional Fig 1b). Parameters needed to reconstruct the
 408 lines are indicated in yellow:

409 **Estimates of parameters**

Parameter	estimate	s.e.	t(23)	t pr.
Constant	10.78	8.35	1.29	0.209
Country UK	-7.19	2.49	-2.89	0.008
chronological_age	0.813	0.269	3.02	0.00

415 Parameters for factors are differences compared with the reference level:

Factor	Reference level
Country	Bangladesh

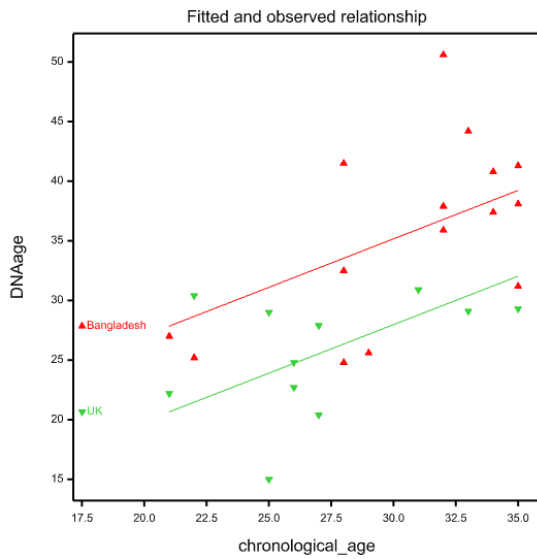
419 **Accumulated analysis of variance**

Change	d.f.	s.s.	m.s.	v.r.	F pr.
+ chronological_age	1	660.09	660.09	19.57	<.001
+ Country	1	282.95	282.95	8.39	0.008
+ chronological_age.Country	1	38.32	38.32	1.14	0.298
Residual	22	741.94	33.72		
- chronological_age.Country	-1	-38.32	38.32	1.14	0.298 interaction not significant
- Country	-1	-282.95	282.95	8.39	0.008 country significant
+ Country	1	282.95	282.95	8.39	0.008 country put back into model
- chronological_age	-1	-309.57	309.57	9.18	0.006 age significant
+ chronological_age	1	309.57	309.57	9.18	0.006 age put back into model, so that the final model can be plotted.
Total	25	1723.29	68.93		

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433 Additional Fig 1b: The minimal adequate model (Genstat analysis):
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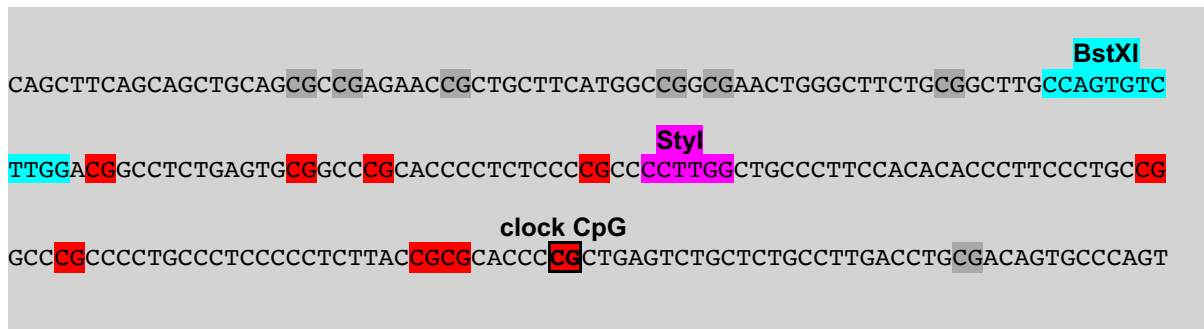
Additional Fig 1 b



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DNA sequence surrounding the LHR-clock CpG site analysed by hairpin bisulfite PCR

The CpG site [clock CpG] at the *Luteinizing Hormone/Choriogonadotropin Receptor (LHCGR/LHR)* locus, which contributes to 'Horvath's clock' (Horvath, 2013) was PCR-amplified following hairpin linker-ligation and sodium bisulfite conversion. The hairpin PCR products also captured methylation information of flanking CpGs (highlighted in red): four CpGs with the **Styl**-hairpin linker approach and eight CpGs with the **BstXI**-hairpin linker approach, respectively:



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447 **BstXI- and Styl-hairpin linkers used in this study**

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Name:	Sequence:	individual	converted
hLHR-hp-III	ACAGTGCADDDDDDDTGCACGTgtc	#12	ATAGTGTADDDDDDDTGTATTgtt
hLHR-hp-1	ACATGGCADDDDDDTGCACGTgtc	#16	ATATGGTADDDDDDDTGTATTgtt
hLHR-hp-2	ATCGTGCADDDDDDDTGCACGAtgtc	#17	ATTGTGTADDDDDDDTGTATGAtgtt
hLHR-hp-3	AAGGTGCADDDDDDDTGCACCTTgtc	#19	AAGGTGTADDDDDDDTGTATTTgtt
hLHR-hp-4	AACCTGCADDDDDDDTGCAGGTTgtc	#22	AATTTGTADDDDDDDTGTAGGTTgtt
hLHR-hp-5	TAGCACGTDDDDDDACGTGCTAtgtc	#13	TAGTATGTDDDDDDATGTGTTAtgtt
hLHR-hp-6	TTACACGTDDDDDDACGTGTAAtgtc	#15	TTATATGTDDDDDDATGTGTAAtgtt
hLHR-hp-7	TTCACGTDDDDDDACGTGGAAtgtc	#23	TTTATGTDDDDDDATGTGGAAtgtt
hLHR-hp-8	TTTCACGTDDDDDDACGTGAAAtgtc	#29	TTTATGTDDDDDDATGTGAAAtgtt
hLHR-hp-9	TTGAACGTDDDDDDACGTTCAAAtgtc	#30	TTGAATGTDDDDDDATGTAAAtgtt
hLHR-hp-10	TTGTACGTDDDDDDACGTACAAAtgtc	#31	TTGTATGTDDDDDDATGTATAAtgtt
Styl			
hLHR-hp-11	caagACATGGCADDDDDDTGCCATGT	#5/6	taagATATGGTADDDDDDTGTTATGT
hLHR-hp-12	caagATCGTGCADDDDDDTGCCACGAT	#7	taagATTGTGTADDDDDDTGTATGAT
hLHR-hp-13	caagAAGGTGCADDDDDDTGCCACCTT	#8	taagAAGGTGTADDDDDDTGTATTTT
hLHR-hp-14	caagAACCTGCADDDDDDTGCCAGGTT	#10	taagAATTTGTADDDDDDTGTAGGTT
hLHR-hp-15	caagTAGCACGTDDDDDDACGTGCTA	#25	taagTAGTATGTDDDDDDATGTGTTA
hLHR-hp-16	caagTTACACGTDDDDDDACGTGTA	#16	taagTTATATGTDDDDDDATGTGTAA
hLHR-hp-17	caagTTCCACGTDDDDDDACGTGGAA	#17	taagTTTATGTDDDDDDATGTGGAA
hLHR-hp-18	caagTTTCACGTDDDDDDACGTGAAA	#18 / #27	taagTTTATGTDDDDDDATGTGAAA
hLHR-hp-19	caagTTGAACGTDDDDDDACGTTCAA	#20 / #28	taagTTGAATGTDDDDDDATGTTTAA
hLHR-hp-20	caagTTGTACGTDDDDDDACGTACAA	#36 / #32	taagTTGTATGTDDDDDDATGTATAA

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Double-stranded methylation data of individual DNA molecules derived from buccal cells

The data shown on page 5 are processed, in that the methylation status of matching CpG sites of the top- and bottom strands (CpG dyads) are indicated as methylated (=1), or unmethylated (=0).

Information of individual, double-stranded DNA molecules is displayed as follows:

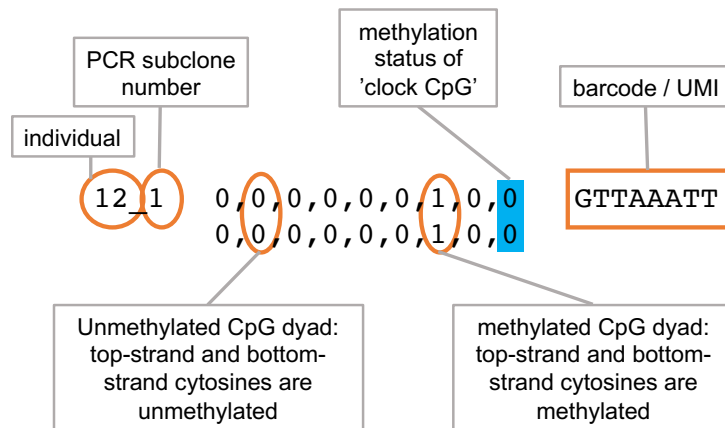
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464	12_1	0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0	GTTAAATT
465		0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0	
466	12_2	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1	GTATTATT
467		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1	
468	12_3	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1	TGGTTTAA
469		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1	
470	12_4	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	GGTTGAGG
471		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
472	12_5	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	ATTTGTTG
473		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
474	12_6	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TAGGAGTG
475		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
476	12_7	0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0	GGTTTGAA
477		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
478	12_8	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	GGTGTGTT
479		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
480	12_9	0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0	AGATGTAA
481		0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0	
482	12_10	0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0	TTGGAGGG
483		0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0	
484	12_11	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	ATTTAGTT
485		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
486	12_12	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TGTAAAGA
487		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
488	12_13	0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0	TGTTTTTT
489		0,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0	
490	12_14	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	ATTTTAGG
491		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0	
492	12_15	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TTGGATTT
493		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
494	12_16	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TTGAAAGG
495		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
496	12_17	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	GGGTTAAG
497		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
498	13_1	0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0	AAGAGAGT
499		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
500	13_2	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TTGTTATA
501		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
502	13_3	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TAAATGTA
503		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
504	13_4	0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1	TTAGATGG
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506	13_5	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TGATATAA
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526	13_15	0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TTTATTGT
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530	13_17	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	ATGTTAGT
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532	13_18	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	ATGAGGGG
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534	13_19	0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0	GTTTGAAG
535		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
536	19_1	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	GTGAATAT
537		0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
538	19_2	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TAGGGAAT
539		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	

540	19_3	0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1	GTGGGGTG
541		0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1	
542	19_4	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	GAAATAGT
543		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
544	19_5	0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1	GTGTGTAT
545		0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1	
546	19_6	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TGATGTGA
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552	19_9	1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	AGTTGAGG
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576	19_21	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TAGATTTG
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616	36_1	0,1,0,1,0	GGAGAAGT
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626	36_6	0,0,0,0,0	AGGGAGGA
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638	36_12	0,0,0,0,1	AAGGGGTA
639		0,0,0,0,1	
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645	5_1	0,0,0,0,0	AGTTGTTT
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647	5_2	0,0,1,0,0	GGATGATA
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677	15_12	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	GTGTGGGG
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679	15_13	0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TAGTTGGA
680		0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
681	15_14	1,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,1	AATGTAAA
682		1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,1	
683	15_15	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TTGGTAGG
684		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
685	15_16	0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1	GTATTATG
686		0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,1	
687	30_1	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	ATAAGGGA
688		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
689	30_2	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1	TTTTTAGA
690		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
691	30_3	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1	TTGTGATA
692		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1	
693	30_4	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TATAATTA
694		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	

695	30_5	0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0	GAGTAATT
696		0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0	
697	30_6	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TGAGTGAG
698		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
699	30_7	0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0	GGTGAATG
700		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
701	30_8	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TGGAATA
702		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
703	30_9	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TTTTTGGA
704		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
705	30_10	0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1	GGTAAGTA
706		0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,1	
707	30_11	0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1	GATAAAAG
708		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1	
709	30_12	0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0	TTAATAGG
710		0,1,0,1,0,0,0,1,0	
711	30_13	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	AAGGTTTG
712		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
713	30_14	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	AGTTGGAG
714		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
715	30_15	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TAAAGTAG
716		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
717	30_16	0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1	TTTTTAGA
718		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
719	30_17	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TTAATTGA
720		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
721	30_18	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TGGTTAAT
722		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
723	30_19	0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0	ATGTTGTG
724		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
725	30_20	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TGAAAGAT
726		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
727	30_21	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	AGTAAGTG
728		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
729	30_22	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TTTTTAGA
730		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
731	30_23	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1	AAATGGGT
732		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
733	31_1	0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0	GGATTAGA
734		0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0	
735	31_2	0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1	TGAGTAAA
736		0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1	
737	31_3	0,0,0,1,0,0,1,1,1	TAGAGAGA
738		0,0,0,1,0,0,1,1,1	
739	31_4	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	TTTATAAT
740		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
741	31_5	1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0	AGATATAG
742		1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0	
743	31_6	0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	AAATAAAA
744		0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	
745	6_1	0,0,0,0,0	ATTGTTGA
746		0,0,0,0,0	
747	6_2	0,0,1,0,0	TTGGGAAT
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749	6_3	0,0,0,0,0	TTAAGATG
750		0,0,0,0,0	
751	6_4	0,1,0,1,1	GTAGGGGG
752		0,1,0,1,1	
753	6_5	0,0,0,0,0	GGTAGGAT
754		0,0,0,0,0	
755	8_1	0,0,1,1,0	TATTGGAG
756		0,0,1,1,0	
757	8_2	0,0,0,0,0	GTTTGTAT
758		0,0,0,0,0	
759	8_3	0,0,0,0,0	GTGTTGT
760		0,0,0,0,0	
761	8_4	0,0,0,0,0	TAGGGGAT
762		0,0,0,0,0	
763	8_5	0,0,1,0,1	TATTAAAG
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765	8_6	0,0,0,0,0	GTAGGTGG
766		0,0,0,1,0	
767	8_7	1,0,1,1,1	GTAGAGGG
768		1,0,1,1,1	
769	8_8	0,0,0,0,0	AAAATATA
770		0,0,0,0,0	
771	8_9	0,0,0,0,0	GTTTTTGT
772		0,0,0,0,0	

773	8_10	0,0,0,0,0	GAGGTTAT
774		0,0,0,0,1	
775	8_11	0,0,0,0,0	TGTAGGAA
776		0,0,0,0,0	
777	8_12	0,0,1,1,1	AATTFGTT
778		0,0,1,1,1	
779	8_13	0,0,0,0,0	AAGTTTAT
780		0,0,0,0,0	
781	8_14	0,0,0,0,0	TGGATTTG
782		0,0,0,0,0	
783	8_15	0,0,0,0,0	TATTAGGT
784		0,0,1,1,1	
785	8_16	0,0,0,0,0	TATTGGAT
786		0,0,0,0,0	
787	8_17	0,0,0,0,0	AATTGGGT
788		0,0,0,0,0	
789	8_18	0,0,0,0,0	TGTTGTAA
790		0,0,0,0,0	
791	8_19	0,0,1,0,1	AGGATATA
792		0,0,1,0,1	
793	8_20	0,0,1,0,0	AGTTAGGT
794		0,0,1,0,0	
795	8_21	0,0,0,0,0	TTAGTAAG
796		0,0,0,0,0	
797	8_22	0,0,1,1,1	GAATTTGT
798		0,0,1,1,1	
799	8_23	0,0,0,0,0	GAAATGGA
800		0,0,0,0,0	
801	8_24	0,0,0,0,0	GTTGTTAA
802		0,0,0,0,0	
803	8_25	1,0,1,1,1	TTTTGGGT
804		0,0,0,0,0	
805	8_26	0,0,0,0,0	GATAAGGG
806		0,0,0,0,0	
807	8_27	0,0,0,0,0	GGAAGTTG
808		0,0,0,0,0	
809	8_28	0,1,1,1,1	AGTAATGT
810		0,1,1,1,1	
811	8_29	0,0,0,0,0	AAATGGGT
812		0,0,0,0,0	
813	8_30	0,0,0,0,0	AGTTFGGT
814		0,0,0,0,0	
815	8_31	0,0,0,0,0	GAGATTTT
816		0,0,0,0,0	
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