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2 **Evidence for multiple colonisations and *Wolbachia* infections shaping the**
3 **genetic structure of the widespread butterfly *Polyommatus icarus* in the**
4 **British Isles**

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30 **Abstract**

31 The paradigm of isolation in southern refugia during glacial periods followed by expansions during
32 interglacials, producing limited genetic differentiation in northern areas, dominates European
33 phylogeography. However, the existence of complex structured populations in formerly glaciated
34 areas, and islands connected to mainland areas during glacial maxima, call for alternative
35 explanations. We reconstructed the mtDNA phylogeography of the widespread *Polyommatus icarus*
36 butterfly with an emphasis on the formerly glaciated and connected British Isles. We found distinct
37 geographical structuring of CO1 haplogroups, with an ancient lineage restricted to the marginal
38 European areas, including Northern Scotland and Outer Hebrides. Population genomic analyses,
39 using ddRADSeq genomic markers, also reveal substantial genetic structuring within Britain.
40 However, there is negligible mito-nuclear concordance consistent with independent demographic
41 histories of mitochondrial vs. nuclear DNA. While mtDNA-*Wolbachia* associations in northern Britain
42 could account for the geographic structuring of mtDNA across most of the British Isles, for nuclear
43 DNA markers (derived from ddRADseq data) butterflies from France cluster between northern and
44 southern British populations – an observation consistent with a scenario of multiple recolonisation.
45 Taken together our results suggest that contemporary mtDNA structuring in the British Isles (and
46 potentially elsewhere in Europe) largely results from *Wolbachia* infections, however, nuclear genomic
47 structuring suggests a history of at least two distinct colonisations. This two-stage colonisation
48 scenario has previously been put forth to explain genetic diversity and structuring in other British flora
49 and fauna. Additionally, we also present preliminary evidence for potential *Wolbachia*-induced
50 feminization in the Outer Hebrides.

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60 **Introduction**

61 Genetic differentiation among populations is the basis of evolution and speciation. Genetic
62 differentiation typically emerges among allopatric populations after long-term geographic isolation
63 (Coyne & Orr, 2004). The Pleistocene period (2.6 mya (million years ago) – 11.7 kya (thousand years
64 ago)) is characterised by a series of glacial/interglacial events. From the Last Glacial Maximum (22
65 kya) to c. 11.7 kya most of northern and central Europe was covered by ice caps, as well as the Alps
66 and Pyrenees (Ehlers, Ehlers, Gibbard, & Hughes, 2011) and lowered sea levels connected many
67 islands to the mainland and to each other (Hewitt, 1999). The end of the Pleistocene was
68 characterised by a short period of rapid warming (17.5-12.8 kya) followed by cooling and glacial re-
69 advance in the Younger Dryas (12.8–11.5 kya) before the current (but variable) warm period. Most
70 European phylogeography is rooted in events during and following the last glacial period and there
71 are many studies showing how diversification has emerged among the three southern European
72 peninsulas and islands (Petit *et al.*, 2003; Dapporto *et al.*, 2019; Schmitt, 2007; Seddon, Santucci,
73 Reeve, & Hewitt, 2001; Michaux, Libois, & Filippucci, 2005; Fiera, Habel, Kunz, & Ulrich, 2016) most
74 likely from restriction and differentiation within southern isolated refugia in long cold periods followed
75 by northward expansion during warm periods, resulting in lower genetic diversity in colonised than
76 refugial areas. In particular many species in northern European areas, such the British Isles, are
77 hypothesized to have been colonized via a single post-glacial colonisation event and are expected to
78 exhibit lower genetic diversity and lack of complex genetic structuring other than that resulting from
79 serial founder events (Dincă *et al.*, 2021; Hewitt, 1999; Mutanen *et al.*, 2012). However, the increasing
80 availability of DNA sequences, mostly based on mitochondrial markers, has, in some cases, revealed
81 significant genetic structuring in northern European areas. Where this has been observed, it has been
82 explained as the product of post-glacial colonisation from different populations having persisted in
83 reduced cryptic refugia in central Europe (e.g. Provan & Bennett, 2008; Schmitt & Varga, 2012) or by
84 bottleneck events followed by recent local adaptation accentuated by reduced dispersal in the
85 presence of short sea straits (Tison *et al.*, 2014). Many islands which were connected to the mainland
86 and to each other or covered by ice during the last glacial maxima also show genetically divergent
87 populations (Cesaroni, Lucarelli, Allori, Russo, & Sbordoni, 1994; Dapporto *et al.*, 2017; Scalercio *et*
88 *al.*, 2020 Tison *et al.*, 2014). In these cases, successive post-glacial waves of colonisation, likely
89 driven by selective sweeps, and hampered by narrow sea straits have been hypothesized and

90 reconstructed (Dapporto & Bruschini, 2012; Dapporto, Bruschini, Dincă, Vila, & Dennis, 2012, Tison *et*
91 *al.*, 2014).

92 A major drawback of many phylogeography studies is that they rely solely on mitochondrial DNA
93 markers - usually a 650 base pair (bp) fragment of the mitochondrial *CO1* gene (e.g. Dapporto *et al.*,
94 2017, 2019; Dincă *et al.*, 2015; Hebert, Penton, Burns, Janzen, & Hallwachs, 2004; Lohman *et al.*,
95 2010; Mendoza *et al.*, 2016; Smith, Woodley, Janzen, Hallwachs, & Hebert, 2006; Scalercio *et al.*
96 2020). Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) markers can follow an evolutionary trajectory independent of the
97 nuclear DNA. Due to the haploid nature and largely uniparental inheritance of the mtDNA, it has a
98 fourfold lower effective population size compared to the nuclear genome. This lower effective
99 population size means mtDNA loses genetic diversity *via* genetic drift at a faster rate than the nuclear
100 genome (Charlesworth, 2009). Hence, mtDNA usually differentiates faster than the nuclear genome
101 (Allio, Donega, Galtier, & Nabholz, 2017) during periods of isolation and will complete the process of
102 lineage sorting more rapidly than the nuclear counterpart (Funk & Omland, 2003).

103 During range expansions (e.g. during interglacial periods) genetically differentiated lineages can
104 meet, and in the absence of reproductive isolation, nuclear genomes can recombine and homogenize
105 (e.g. Hinojosa *et al.*, 2019). Discordance between mtDNA and nuclear genomic variation can result
106 from introgression of mtDNA or sex-biased asymmetries, such as sex-biased dispersal (Toews &
107 Brelsford, 2012; Dinca et al 2021). Insects in particular are also prone to infections by reproduction
108 manipulating endosymbionts (e.g. *Wolbachia*) that can lead to cytoplasmic incompatibilities allowing
109 mtDNA haplotypes (or mitotypes) to hitchhike to fixation without concomitant nuclear differentiation
110 (Hurst & Jiggins, 2005). Hence, mtDNA variation by itself may provide an incomplete demographic
111 history and should be complemented with nuclear genetic markers in order to more accurately
112 describe key demographic events, facilitate phylogeographic interpretations and delineate
113 independent evolutionary lineages (Edwards, Potter, Schmitt, Bragg, & Moritz, 2016; Galtier, Nabholz,
114 Glémin, & Hurst, 2009).

115 Endosymbionts like *Wolbachia* are well known for their ability to induce cytoplasmic incompatibility
116 (CI) but may also alter host reproduction in other ways including male-killing (MK) and physiological
117 feminization of genetic males (Makepeace & Gill, 2016). Although MK has been recorded in several
118 instances in Lepidoptera and other insect groups, feminization has been observed much less
119 frequently. Such reproduction manipulation strategies can have profound influence on host ecology

120 and evolution (Drew, Frost, & Hurst, 2019). For example, bidirectional CI which leads to break down
121 in reproduction between hosts harbouring different strains is expected to promote genetic divergence
122 and potentially even speciation (Brucker & Bordenstein, 2012).

123 To understand how genetic structuring can emerge in formerly connected and glaciated areas, we
124 focused on the British Isles, the largest European island system, which were connected to the
125 European mainland until c. 8.0 kya but were covered by an ice cap up to 18.0 kya to the latitude of
126 51-53N degrees (Gibbard & Clark, 2011) with tundra and permafrost during the Younger Dryas
127 period. The colonisation of British islands by insects has been mostly dated from c. 13-10 kya
128 (Atkinson, Briffa, & Coope, 1987; Coard & Chamberlain, 2016). We selected the Palaearctic butterfly
129 *Polyommatus icarus* as a model species because of its abundance and widespread distribution. This
130 species occupies a range of open biotopes including grasslands, sand dune systems and waste sites
131 over a range of elevational gradients but is a host-plant specialist, with larvae feeding on low growing
132 Fabaceae (chiefly *Lotus corniculatus*).

133 Phylogeographic analysis of this species across continental Europe and Asia recovered five divergent
134 CO1 lineages (Palaearctic, Iberia-Italy, Sierra Nevada, Alicante-Provence and Crete), most likely the
135 result of multiple expansion/contraction cycles during the Pleistocene (Dincă, Dapporto, & Vila, 2011).
136 More specifically, Bayesian divergence dating and ancestral range reconstruction suggests the
137 existence of Palaearctic and southern European lineages ca. 1.8 mya. More recently (ca. 0.5 mya)
138 there was an expansion of the Palaearctic lineage into southern European refugia followed by
139 divergence into a northern (Palaearctic) and southern European (Iberia-Italy) lineage. The expansion
140 of the latter is concomitant with the range contraction and continued divergence of the ancient
141 southern lineage into highly endemic and isolated lineages in the Sierra Nevada, Alicante-Provence
142 and Crete.

143 The phylogeography of this species in the UK remains unknown since no specimens from British
144 islands were analysed by Dincă *et al.* (2011). However, Dincă *et al.*'s (2011) dating and range
145 reconstruction on continental Europe suggests that the colonisation of the British Isles likely consisted
146 of a single or potentially two lineages (Palaearctic and/or Iberia-Italy). Additionally, an allozyme
147 analysis suggested populations in the British Isles may have undergone a bottleneck (de Keyser,
148 Shreeve, Breuker, Hails, & Schmitt, 2012), likely during the Younger Dryas period following
149 colonisation in the early Holocene. However, it has also been suggested that the colonisation of the

150 British Isles by *P. icarus* could have involved more than one period of establishment following the Last
151 Glacial Maximum (Dennis, 1977). Physiological differences (Howe, Bryant, & Shreeve, 2007) have
152 been identified between populations in different parts of the British Isles, with Outer Hebrides
153 populations flying with lower thoracic temperatures than southern populations. Additionally, modelling
154 flight activity responses under climate change scenarios predicts differences in response to climate
155 change between Outer Hebridean and mainland populations (Howe *et al.*, 2007). Differences in life-
156 history strategies also exist, with northern populations being (potentially obligate) univoltine (one
157 brood of offspring annually) whilst southern ones are facultative polyvoltine (> two to three broods of
158 offspring annually)(de Keyser, 2012). There is thus potential for the British Isles to host genetically
159 structured populations of *P. icarus* despite the relatively recent colonisation.

160 Here, we aim to infer the phylogeographic and possible colonisation history of the British Isles and the
161 potential contribution of *Wolbachia* to this process. In particular we focus on i) describing
162 comprehensively *P. icarus* mtDNA diversity and distribution in the British Isles and across the species'
163 entire native range; ii) utilizing genome-wide ddRADseq to determine concordance of genome wide
164 markers with mtDNA data to infer the potential colonisation history of the British Isles; and iii)
165 leveraging the ddRADseq data to conduct a survey of *Wolbachia* infection in *P. icarus*, in the British
166 Isles and integrating any influence of *Wolbachia* sweeps on our phylogeographic interpretations. We
167 compare British Isles with European mtDNA data to infer possible invasion sequences into the British
168 Isles. We compare our findings with existing interpretations of the phylogeography of *P. icarus*
169 throughout Europe and demonstrate that combining mtDNA sequence data with nuclear genetic
170 markers derived from genome-wide ddRADseq data and *Wolbachia* sequence data can allow for
171 comprehensive phylogeographic inferences.

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173 **Materials and Methods**

174 ***Sample collection and CO1 sequencing***

175 We sampled 190 butterflies from 14 sites spread across the British Isles together with a single site in
176 central-southern France (Table S1, Figure S1) to serve as a reference out-group. Numbers of
177 individuals collected per site varied between 6-15, with an average of 13. We aimed to collect similar
178 numbers of males and females from each site, but our samples are male biased, due to cryptic female

179 behaviour. Butterflies were sexed based on wing colouring and pattern dimorphism and abdominal tip
180 morphology. We removed heads and legs of individuals anesthetized on ice and stored these in 95%
181 ethanol for DNA extraction. Wings and bodies were dried and stored separately as specimen
182 vouchers.

183 We sequenced a 655 bp fragment of *cytochrome c oxidase subunit 1 (CO1)* for a subset of 140
184 individuals (Table S2). The fragment was amplified by PCR using primers piLepF1 (5'-
185 TCTACAAATCATAAAGATATTGGAAC-3') and LepR1 (5'-TAAACTTCTGGATGTCCAAAAAATCA-
186 3') (Hebert *et al.*, 2004) using OneTaq Mastermix with standard buffer (New England Biolabs) under
187 standard cycling conditions. The resulting sequences were trimmed for primers and quality and then
188 aligned using AliView (Larsson, 2014).

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190 ***Reconstruction of CO1 haplogroups in Europe and the British Isles***

191 To determine the phylogenetic relationships of British *P. icarus* with those elsewhere in Europe (Dincă
192 *et al.*, 2011) we used our newly generated *CO1* sequences and publicly available *P. icarus CO1* DNA
193 sequences from Europe and Eurasia archived in the Barcode of Life Data Systems (Ratnasingham &
194 Herbert, 2007) and NCBI's GenBank database. A final alignment of 582 specimens (Table S2) with
195 length between 610-658 bp were used for constructing mitochondrial haplotype networks using TCS
196 networks as implemented in *TCS 1.21* (Clement, Posada, & Crandall, 2000) by imposing a 95%
197 connection limit (11 steps). Different haplogroups have been identified by creating a UPGMA
198 dendrogram based on p-distances and calculated with the "dist.dna" function of the "ape" package
199 (Paradis & Schliep, 2019). Hierarchical clustering was performed using the hclust function in R v.3.6.2
200 (R Core Team, 2019). Following the Dinca *et al.* (2011) assessment, we cut the tree at the depth of
201 the fourth node using the "cutree" function to obtain 5 groups (based on Dincă *et al.*, (2011)). The
202 geographic distributions of these groups are visualised on a map using pie charts, with each group
203 assigned a specific colour.

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207 **ddRADseq library construction, sequencing, and SNP filtering**

208 DNA was extracted from head and legs of all 190 individual butterflies using a salt extraction protocol
209 (Miller, Dykes, & Polesky, 1988) and eluted in 60 μ l of dH₂O. DNA was quantified using a Qubit 2.0
210 flourometer (Life Technologies) using a Qubit dsDNA high sensitivity assay kit (Life Technologies)
211 and individual DNA samples for ddRADseq libraries were normalized to 10 ng/ μ l. Library preparation
212 was performed at Floragenex (Portland, Oregon) following a protocol similar to Han *et al.* (2018) using
213 a digestion with PstI/MseI along with a SBG 100-Kit v2.0 (Keygene N.V., Wageningen, the
214 Netherlands). Barcoded samples were sequenced over two lanes at the University of Oregon
215 Genomics and Cell Characterization Facility (Eugene, Oregon) on a HiSeq4000 with single-end
216 100bp chemistry.

217 We used Stacks 2.4 (Catchen, Hohenlohe, Bassham, Amores, & Cresko, 2013) to assemble RAD loci
218 and call SNP genotypes from the raw ddRADseq data. Raw reads were demultiplexed using the
219 process_radtags.pl script while discarding low quality reads (< 10 average Phred score) and removing
220 any restriction site tags. After demultiplexing and discarding low quality reads, three individuals were
221 removed from the final assembly due to low number of reads (<500,000; Table S3). We initially used
222 a subset of 24 individuals to determine optimal combinations of the major parameters (m : minimum
223 number of raw reads required to call a stack, M : number of mismatches allowed between stacks, n :
224 number of mismatches allowed between loci of different individuals) involved in assembling RAD loci
225 with Stacks following guidelines in Paris, Stevens, and Catchen (2017) and Rochette and Catchen
226 (2017). We varied values of m from 2-12, while holding M and n constant at 2, and evaluated how the
227 number of RAD loci and number of polymorphic loci present in 80% of the samples (r80 rule; Paris *et*
228 *al.*, 2017) stabilized as a function of m . After, obtaining a suitable value for m , we varied M and n from
229 1-8, with the constraint that $M=n$ (Rochette & Catchen, 2017), and used the r80 rule and checked for
230 stability of the proportion of loci with 1-5 SNPs to determine suitable values for M and n . The number
231 of total and polymorphic RAD loci begin to stabilize around a value of 4 for all three major parameters
232 (m , M , and n ; Figure S2). The value of $M=n=4$ at $m=4$ was sufficient to stabilize the distribution of loci
233 with 1-5 SNPS (Figure S3) and was used to assemble the final set of RAD loci. The average number
234 of reads per individual was 2.95 million (standard deviation (sd): 1.09 million; Table S3). The average
235 coverage per locus after assembling stacks was 45.8x (sd: 14.57x). SNP markers with minimum allele
236 frequencies of < 0.05 and a maximum observed heterozygosity > 0.65 (to exclude potential

237 paralogues) were further excluded. To obtain a set of widely available loci for downstream population
238 genomic analysis, we only retained SNPs that were present in at least 50% ($r=50$) of the individuals
239 within the 15 sampled localities ($p=15$) which yielded 4852 loci, 1915 of which were monomorphic.

240 To remove any contamination of our ddRADseq markers with mitochondrial DNA we used Centrifuge
241 v.1.0.4 (Kim, Song, Breitwieser, & Salzberg, 2016) to search all RAD loci against NCBI's database of
242 mitochondrial RefSeq Genomes (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/organelle/>), which includes
243 complete mitogenomes of several Lepidopteran species. We also excluded contamination from
244 *Wolbachia* using Centrifuge to search RAD loci against the Archaeal and Bacterial RefSeq Genomes
245 in the NCBI database
246 (ftp://ftp.ccb.jhu.edu/pub/infphilo/centrifuge/data/p_compressed_2018_4_15.tar.gz).

247 Finally, we used vcftools v0.1.17 (Danecek *et al.*, 2011) to further exclude any loci with greater than 5
248 SNPs (potentially erroneous loci) and then generated two SNP data sets filtered on levels of missing
249 data per individual: one that excluded individuals with > 50% missing data ($p15r50miss50$) and
250 another excluding individuals with > 25% missing data ($p15r50miss25$). This resulted in two biallelic
251 SNP datasets with 2,824 loci and 5,592 SNPs. The dataset $p15r50miss50$ consisted of 176
252 individuals and the dataset $p15r50miss25$ had 148 individuals. We generated two additional marker
253 datasets, using the exact same procedure as above, but with a more stringent requirement to only
254 retain SNPs that were present in at least 60% ($p15r60miss25$) or 70 % ($p15r70miss25$) of the
255 individuals within each locality.

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257 ***Population structure based on putatively neutral and outlier ddRADseq markers***

258 To examine genomic level population structure we conducted Principal Component Analysis (PCA) on
259 the Stacks derived and filtered SNP datasets using the package ade4 v.1.7-13 (Dray & Dufour, 2007)
260 in R v3.6.2 (R Core Team, 2019). To assess the impact of missing data in reconstructing population
261 structure we performed PCAs on the two datasets filtered for individuals with different thresholds of
262 missing data ($p15r50miss50$ or $p15r50miss25$). As linked SNPs can influence population clustering
263 techniques like PCA we performed a further PCA on the $p15r50miss25$ dataset but retaining only a
264 single SNP per RAD locus. Additionally, to assess the influence of varying number of RAD markers

265 on population structure, we also conducted PCA on SNP datasets with more stringent inclusion
266 criteria on the availability of loci (datasets *p15r60miss25* or *p15r70miss25*).

267 To differentiate population structure arising from demographic and historical processes *versus* those
268 potentially due to local adaptation or natural selection, we partitioned the *p15r50miss25* SNPs into
269 outlier and putatively neutral loci (Allendorf, Hohenlohe, & Luikart, 2010). We detected outlier loci
270 using Bayescan v2.1 (Foll and Gaggiotti, 2008) and a maximum likelihood based approach as
271 implemented in OutFLANK v. 0.2 (Whitlock & Lotterhos, 2015). Bayescan was run with default
272 settings except that we used 1:100 prior odds and 100,000 iterations and a burn in of 50,000. We
273 used a false discovery rate (FDR) of 1% as a cut-off for classifying a SNP as an outlier. OutFLANK
274 was run with default settings and a false discovery rate of 5%, with an expectation of generating more
275 conservative results (Whitlock & Lotterhos, 2015). The FRN (out-group) and RVS (southern Scotland,
276 sample size < 5) samples were filtered while detecting outliers using either method. The union of the
277 set of all SNPs detected by both in the *p15r50miss25* were treated as outlier SNPs. The union of all
278 loci associated with these outlier SNPs were removed from the *p15r50miss25* dataset to generate a
279 dataset of putatively neutral SNPs, thus generating sets of outlier and putatively neutral loci. PCAs
280 were then performed individually for the outlier and putatively neutral SNP datasets.

281 We also calculated pairwise Weir and Cockerham F_{st} between all 15 populations, for both outlier and
282 putatively neutral SNP datasets, using the R package *dartR* 1.1.11 (Gruber, Unmack, Berry, &
283 Georges, 2018) on the *p15r50miss25* dataset. Statistical significance between each pairwise F_{st} was
284 determined using 10000 bootstrap replicates. We used *fineRADstructure* and *RADpainter* (Malinsky,
285 Trucchi, Lawson, & Falush, 2018) to assess fine-scale population structure based on shared genetic
286 co-ancestry using only the putatively neutral SNPs.

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288 ***Assessing concordance between mtDNA and genomic markers***

289 We used an analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA) to assess the concordance between mtDNA
290 variation and the putatively nuclear loci as derived from ddRADseq data. Individuals were assigned to
291 groupings based on clustering of *CO1* sequences (as above) to assess how genomic variation
292 partitioned based on mtDNA haplogroup. Strong concordance between mtDNA and genomic variation
293 would be supportive of a hypothesis of multiple discrete colonisation events, whereas a single

294 colonisation event would result in weak association between mtDNA and genomic data. AMOVA was
295 performed on the *p15r50miss25SNPs* data using the R package *poppr* v.2.8.3 (Kamvar, Tabima, &
296 Grünwald, 2014). Samples from France were excluded for this analysis and statistical significance
297 was assessed with 10,000 permutations.

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299 **Predicting *Wolbachia* infection in individuals**

300 To predict *Wolbachia* infection in each individual, we searched each read from demultiplexed
301 individual fastq files (generated in the initial stages of the Stacks 2.4 pipeline using *process_radtags*)
302 against the index of NCBI's database of Archaeal and Bacterial RefSeq Genomes
303 (ftp://ftp.ccb.jhu.edu/pub/infphilo/centrifuge/data/p_compressed_2018_4_15.tar.gz) using Centrifuge
304 v.1.0.4 (Kim *et al.*, 2016). We used Pavian (Breitwieser & Salzberg, 2019) to summarize results from
305 Centrifuge. To quantify *Wolbachia* infection level in each individual we calculated the number of reads
306 mapping to a single (most common) *Wolbachia* strain as a fraction of the total reads mapped to any
307 bacterial or archaeal genome. Previous predictions of *Wolbachia* infection status based on short read
308 data from whole genome shotgun libraries have been highly successful (Richardson *et al.*, 2012;
309 98.8% concordant with PCR-based results). Additionally, Illumina read depth have been shown to be
310 a reliable proxy for *Wolbachia* titre, showing strong correlation with copy number estimated from
311 quantitative PCR (Early & Clark, 2013). Differences in proportions of infected individuals between
312 localities were determined using a Fisher's Exact test with Bonferroni adjustment for multiple
313 comparisons using base R v3.6.2.

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315 **Generating ddRADseq SNPs for *Wolbachia***

316 In order to generate *Wolbachia* genotypes for the subset of infected individuals we used *seqtk* 1.3-
317 r106 (<https://github.com/lh3/seqtk>) to retain only reads tagged by Centrifuge as mapping to the most
318 common *Wolbachia* taxon (endosymbiont of *Drosophila simulans*, *wNo*; NCBI txid: 77038). This set of
319 filtered reads for the infected individuals was processed through the same final Stacks 2.4 pipeline as
320 above (except the initial run of *process_tags.pl*) with parameters *m:4-M:4-n:4* and excluding
321 genotypes with allele frequencies of < 0.05 , a maximum observed heterozygosity > 0.65 . Additionally,
322 the SNPs had to present in at least 50% of individuals predicted as infected (*r*-50) in at least half of

323 the locations harbouring infected individuals ($p=3$). This resulted in 124 loci, 86 of which were
324 monomorphic. BLAST searches revealed that 117 of the 124 loci were 100% identical to at least one
325 *Wolbachia* genome assembly from NCBI, and a further 5 were $\geq 98.5\%$ identical to *Wolbachia*
326 sequences in NCBI Genbank. BLAST searches against NCBI GenBank further showed that the
327 remaining 2 loci best matched *Wolbachia* sequences but identities were low (94.7% and 92.6%);
328 however, these loci harboured no variants and hence were not used in any downstream analyses.
329 The closest matching *Wolbachia* genomes for all loci were from supergroup B strains and 115 of the
330 124 loci could be assigned to a *Wolbachia* protein with sequence identities of $\geq 95\%$. Matching loci
331 were mostly housekeeping genes and showed an enrichment for hypothetical proteins. Loci carrying
332 SNPs (38) were further filtered to remove any loci with >5 SNPs and we then generated two SNP
333 marker datasets for downstream analysis, one in which individuals with $>50\%$ missing data were
334 removed and another that included all individuals.

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336 ***Testing association between Wolbachia strains and mitotypes***

337 To assess the congruence between *Wolbachia* genotypes and *P. icarus* mitochondrial haplotypes, we
338 independently clustered CO1 sequences of infected individuals and concatenated SNPs from
339 *Wolbachia* genotypes derived from the Stacks pipeline (two datasets: one with $>50\%$ missing data
340 individual exclusion criteria and the other without). Both sets of data were clustered independently
341 using bitwise distance (or Hamming's distance) with UPGMA and 1000 bootstrap replicates for
342 support using the R package poppr v.2.8.3 (Kamvar *et al.*, 2014) and clustering dendrograms were
343 visualized and annotated using the R package ggtree v.1.17.4

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345 ***Identifying sex-Linked loci to Investigate Wolbachia Induced feminization***

346 We observed sexually dimorphic patterns of *Wolbachia* density in Outer Hebridean populations, which
347 prompted us to investigate potential feminization in *Wolbachia* infected females. We sought to identify
348 sex-linked SNPs to establish the genetic sex for each individual. Butterflies generally possess a
349 chromosomal ZW/ZZ sex determination mechanism where females are the heterogametic (ZW or ZO)
350 sex (Traut, Sahara, & Marec, 2007). Hence, female-specific sex markers (loci polymorphic in females
351 but homozygous in males), assuming partial homology between Z and W chromosomes, should help

352 to determine the genetic sex of an individual butterfly: discordance between genetic and
353 morphological sex of infected females would be consistent with physiological feminization. To identify
354 female-specific sex markers we first fitted a baseline generalized linear model (using a logit link
355 function) with morphological sex as the dependent variable and PC1 and PC2 from the PCA of SNPs
356 as the independent variables. We then fitted an additional model by adding a single SNP marker as
357 an additional independent variable and iterated this for all SNPs in the dataset. A significant
358 association between a SNP marker and morphological sex was determined by performing a likelihood
359 ratio test of the baseline model and the baseline model with the added SNP term under a strict
360 Bonferroni corrected 5% type I error rate. Significant markers were further excluded if they had more
361 than 2 genotypic classes, were not homozygous for males or happened to be a single SNP from a
362 RAD locus harbouring multiple SNPs. Generalized linear models and likelihood ratio tests were
363 performed using the *glm()* and *anova()* functions in base R v3.6.2.

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365 **Results**

366 ***Geographic distribution of CO1 haplogroups in Europe and the British Isles***

367 An UPGMA clustering of 582 CO1 sequences (Figure S4) identified the same five main haplogroups
368 as identified by Dincă *et al.* (2011). Specimens belonging to these five groups are highlighted in a
369 TCS haplotype network (Figure 1A) with the Crete lineage (red) being the most divergent haplogroup.
370 The Sierra Nevada lineage (cyan) was limited to this geographic region but a second specimen,
371 differentiated by two mutations, has been found in Austria (Figure 1B). The third lineage (Alicante-
372 Provence, purple) limited to Iberia and France according to Dincă *et al.* (2011), was also found in
373 Norway, Germany and the British Isles. Most specimens from Southern-Western Europe belong to a
374 fourth haplogroup (Iberian-Italian lineage, orange in Figure 1) compared to most specimens from
375 Central-Eastern Europe and the Middle East which belong to the fifth haplogroup (Palaeartic group,
376 green in Figure 1). When data for islands and their closest mainland (or larger island) is available,
377 islands always showed higher incidence of haplogroups identified as having expanded from refugia
378 early in the Holocene by Dincă *et al.* (2011). Moreover, in central Europe, which is almost completely
379 inhabited by the Palaeartic haplogroup (green) some, possibly relict, haplogroups occur (Figure 1B).

380 Samples from the British Isles did not belong to a single haplogroup (chequered pattern in Figure 1A),
381 but exhibited strong geographic clustering (Figure 1B, magnified in Figure S6). Those from the Outer
382 Hebrides together with some from the adjacent Scottish mainland were part of the Alicante-Provence
383 lineage and those from central and northern parts of mainland Britain were part of the Iberian-Italian
384 lineage. All but one of the mitotypes belonging to this haplogroup appeared as endemic to the British
385 isles with 1-2 mutations differentiating them from the European specimens (Figure 1A and S5;
386 haplotype 7). Specimens from southwestern and southern parts of the British mainland and Wales
387 were part of the main Palaeartic group and belong to a reduced set of four haplotypes also occurring
388 on the European mainland (Figure 1A and B).

389

390 ***Population structure of British Isles *P. icarus* using genome-wide ddRADseq SNPs***

391 The first component, accounting for 6.8% of the variation and which potentially corresponds to
392 latitude, separates the northern Scottish samples (BER, TUL, MLG, DGC, and OBN) from all the
393 southern, southwestern and Welsh samples (Figure 2A). Individuals from RHD (northern England)
394 and RVS (southern Scotland) samples fell between these extremes along the first component.
395 Surprisingly, the FRN (French) samples also fell in between the extremes of PC1. The second
396 component, accounting for 1.7% of the variation, distinguishes the Outer Hebrides (BER, TUL) from
397 the northern Scottish mainland locations (MLG, DGC, OBN) (Figure 2A).

398 Results of the PCA were largely invariant to missingness or marker number. PCA analyses of the
399 ddRADseq SNP data filtered for individuals with either >25% (*p15r50miss25*) or >50%
400 (*p15r50miss50*) missing data and with the dataset filtered for 25% missing data (*p15r50miss25*) but
401 using unlinked SNPs all produced virtually identical results (Figure 2A and Figure S7A-B). Datasets
402 with smaller number of markers based on more stringent inclusion criteria (datasets (*p15r60miss25*
403 and (*p15r70miss25*) also yielded similar results but the signal decayed with decreasing number of
404 markers (Figure S7C-D).

405 Next, we partitioned *p15r50miss25* into outlier and putatively neutral loci to disentangle population
406 structure resulting potentially from natural selection *versus* that from historical demographic
407 processes. Together the two outlier detection methods recovered 104 SNPs (Bayescan: 103,

408 OutFLANK: 10) across 84 ddRADseq loci. These 84 loci including all SNPs (even those not deemed
409 as outliers) were further filtered to produce set of putatively neutral SNPs from the *p15r50miss25* data
410 set. This putatively neutral SNP dataset had 5387 SNPs across 2740 loci for 148 individuals and was,
411 unless otherwise stated, the primary SNPs data set for the genomic analyses that follow. Population
412 structure based on PCA of the neutral SNPs (Figure 2B) recovers the same topology as that using the
413 full set of SNPs (Figure 2A), except the variation explained by PC1 is reduced to 5.7%. However, the
414 PCA for outlier SNPs (Figure 2C) only exhibits clustering between English/Welsh and Scottish
415 samples, with RVS, RHD, and FRN again falling in between the two extremes. PC1 explains 34.1 %
416 of the variation in the outlier SNP dataset, while PC2 explains 4.3%, although no obvious stratification
417 is apparent in the second component. To better understand the variation in the outlier SNPs between
418 the northern and southern clusters in the PCA (Figures 2A-C), we plotted the frequency of the most
419 common allele (MCA) for all 104 outlier SNPs (Figure 2D). In general, northern populations showed
420 higher frequencies and mostly fixation of the MCA compared to southern populations.

421 There was significant structuring based on neutral Pairwise F_{st} values among locations across the
422 British Isles, other than those in south (Figure S8A). Pairwise F_{st} values for neutral markers between
423 northern Scottish and all southern populations suggest moderate levels of differentiation (0.075-0.109;
424 Figure S8A), while those between Outer Hebrides and the northern Scottish mainland locations
425 suggest small, yet significant, levels of differentiation (0.047-0.064, Figure S8A). Differences in
426 Pairwise F_{st} values based on outlier SNPs *versus* those on neutral markers (Figures S8A-B mirrored
427 the differences in the PCAs for neutral and outlier markers (Figures 2B-C). Pairwise F_{st} values for
428 outlier SNPs were extremely high between northern Scottish and southern populations (0.385-0.563
429 Figure S8B).

430 Analysis of shared genetic co-ancestry using fineRADstructure also presents clustering of individuals
431 (Figure S9) qualitatively similar to those from the PCA of entire and neutral markers only data sets.
432 The resulting clustered co-ancestry matrix (Figure S8) revealed three distinct clusters consisting of
433 the (i) northern Scottish samples, (ii) southern and central Great British samples, and (iii) the 6
434 individuals from southern France. There was evidence of further substructure in the northern Scottish
435 population with the Outer Hebrides (BER, TUL) samples forming their own distinct sub-cluster within
436 the northern Scottish cluster (Figure S9). Individuals from RVS and RHD clustered together with the

437 French population sharing genetic ancestry with both the northern mainland Scottish and southern
438 British populations.

439

440 ***Lack of concordance between mtDNA and genomic Markers***

441 If the British Isles had been populated by three discrete colonisation and establishment events, as
442 implied by the geographic structuring of mtDNA haplogroups in the British Isles (Figure 1, Figure S6),
443 we would expect strong concordance between mtDNA and genomic markers. Some association is
444 evident between mtDNA and genomic markers (Figure 2A-C) and we evaluated this relationship in an
445 AMOVA framework. The association of mtDNA haplogroups with genomic variation although
446 significant (p -value < 0.0001) was weak (4.8%), with stronger genomic divergence within the
447 haplogroups (15.6%, p -value < 0.0001).

448

449 ***Prediction of Wolbachia infection***

450 Using Centrifuge to match all demultiplexed reads (for all 190 individuals) to NCBI's RefSeq genomes
451 of archaeal and bacterial genomes, we identified an average 5.07 % (standard deviation: $\pm 1.96\%$) of
452 the total reads per individual were classified as matching an archaeal or bacterial genome (Table S4)
453 with most matches being to bacterial genomes ($5.05 \pm 1.96\%$; Table S4). The most frequently
454 encountered *Wolbachia* genome was identified as an endosymbiont of *Drosophila simulans*, wNo
455 (NCBI txid: 77038). The total percentage of classified reads with matches to this genome varied by
456 several orders of magnitude across individuals (min= 0.00036%, max=53.56%, Table S4). There was
457 no relationship between the total number of raw reads and the percentage of classified reads
458 mapping to this taxon (*Spearman's rank correlation* = 0.131, $P= 0.07544$; Figure S10A). There was a
459 natural discontinuity in the percentage of classified reads mapping to *Wolbachia* across all individuals
460 (Figure S10B) and this metric clearly had a bimodal distribution. Using a threshold of \log_2 (percentage
461 of classified reads mapping to *Wolbachia*) > 0 to classify an individual as infected or not, only
462 individuals from BER, TUL, DGC, MLG, OBN and one individual from RHD were classified as infected
463 with infection percentages ranging from 87.5% (14 of 16 individuals), in TUL in the Outer Hebrides, to
464 8% (1 of 13) in RHD near Durham northern mainland Britain) (Figure 3A). The proportion of infected
465 populations differed significantly between RHD and all other localities; however, all other pairwise

466 comparisons were insignificant (Table S5). All females from the Outer Hebrides (BER, TUL) were
467 infected with a high percentage of classified reads mapping to *Wolbachia* (min=15.6%, max=53.56%;
468 Figure 3B). However, no such dimorphism in number infected or percentage mapped reads was
469 apparent in the mainland populations (DGC, MLG, OBN; Figure 3B).

470

471 ***Congruence between CO1 mitotypes and Wolbachia strains***

472 To determine association between *Wolbachia* genotypes and CO1 mitotypes, we performed UPGMA
473 clustering of Hamming's distance for each for CO1 sequences (derived from of a subset of 38 infected
474 individuals where sequence information was available) and *Wolbachia* ddRADseq SNPS (derived
475 from all 55 infected individuals). For CO1 sequences we recovered two clusters with strong support,
476 corresponding to the Alicante-Sierra Nevada and Iberia-Italy CO1 haplogroups (Figure 4). The
477 Alicante-Sierra Nevada cluster was composed entirely of individuals from the Outer Hebrides except
478 for three individuals from the nearby western coast of mainland Scotland (MLGm002, MLGf010, &
479 OBNm110; Figure 4). UPGMA clustering of Hamming's distance between concatenated SNPs
480 derived from the *Wolbachia* genotypes dataset with and without the >50% missing data exclusion
481 criteria were near identical, only the latter is shown (Figure 4). Clustering of *Wolbachia* SNPs also
482 recovered two strongly supported clusters, corresponding to strain *wlca1* (Outer Hebrides) and *wlca2*
483 (mainland). The three individuals from the mainland (MLGm002, MLGf010, & OBNm110) possessing
484 the Alicante-Sierra Nevada haplotype also carried the *wlca1* strains. There is perfect association
485 between individuals bearing *Wolbachia* strain *wlca1* and the Alicante-Sierra Nevada CO1 haplotype
486 and *Wolbachia* strain *wlca2* and the Italy-Iberia CO1 haplotype (although not all individuals with this
487 haplotype are infected by *Wolbachia*) regardless of geographical locality.

488

489 ***Sex-specific markers and feminization in Outer Hebrides***

490 *Wolbachia* dosage can influence phenotypic outcomes in the host (Arai, Lin, Nakai, Kunimi, & Inoue,
491 2020; Breeuwer & Werren, 1993), thus the high levels of *wlca1* observed in females of the Outer
492 Hebrides population could be indicative of *Wolbachia* induced feminization. In this scenario,
493 morphological males should all be homozygous and morphological females should be heterozygous
494 for female-specific markers (homozygous for Z but a novel allele for W chromosome). Discordance

495 between the latter would suggest potential feminization of males. We used a combination of
496 association analysis and filtering to identify such a set of 10 putatively female-specific SNPs (Table
497 S6) across 7 RAD loci. Strikingly 5 out of 10 SNPs (across 3 RAD loci) showed perfect discordance of
498 morphological sex with genetic sex except for females carrying the *wlca1* strain (Figure 5). The
499 additional 5 SNPs also show complete discordance for morphological and genetic sex for *wlca1*
500 infected females but also includes a small number of homozygote of females from uninfected or *wlca2*
501 carrying individuals (Table S6).

502

503 **Discussion**

504 In this study we used mtDNA and ddRADseq data to describe the genetic variability and structure of
505 *P. icarus* within the British Isles and additionally to determine the historical processes underlying this
506 contemporary genetic structure. We found strong geographical structuring in both mtDNA and the
507 nuclear genome. However, there was only weak concordance between mtDNA and genomic variation
508 at the nuclear level, suggesting the potential for partially independent evolutionary trajectories for the
509 mitochondrial and nuclear genomes. Our results suggest that recurrent *Wolbachia*-mediated mtDNA
510 sweeps can strongly contribute to the sorting of mtDNA haplogroups in the British Isles (and
511 potentially in Europe). Moreover, co-ancestry of genomic clusters within the British Isles and the
512 putative out-group samples from France raises the possibility of a distinct two-phase colonisation that
513 merits further investigation. Finally, we also present some preliminary evidence for potential
514 *Wolbachia*-mediated feminization in an isolated population in the Outer Hebrides.

515

516 ***Evidence for multiple Wolbachia-mediated mtDNA sweeps across British Isles and Europe***

517 Using mitochondrial *CO1* and the nuclear gene *ITS-1*, Dincă *et al.* (2011) identified five lineages with
518 geographic structuring in southern Europe. Using the observed distribution of lineages and inferred
519 divergence time, ranging from 1.8 mya to 0.5 mya, Dincă *et al.* (2011) reconstructed and dated to the
520 Pleistocene a series of divergence and dispersal events followed by genetic sweeps which could have
521 potentially produced the observed genetic structuring. The reconstruction predicted that Iberian and
522 Crete lineages diverged in these areas around 1.8 mya ago, followed by the separation of an early

523 Iberian lineage (1.2 mya) into the Sierra Nevada and the Alicante-Provence lineages. They would
524 have then been replaced in most of the Iberian Peninsula by the Iberia-Italy haplogroup (500 kya), in
525 turn replaced over central Europe by the Palaeartic one in the upper Pleistocene.

526 The occurrence of the three main haplogroups in the areas covered by ice sheets at the time of the
527 Last Glacial Maximum (22 kya) imposes a shorter time limit for their dispersal to northern Europe and
528 to British Isles compared to the hypothesis made by Dincă *et al.* (2011). Over the British Isles the
529 three haplogroups also show a clear geographic stratification with the Alicante-Provence haplogroup
530 restricted to the Outer Hebrides (with a single sample from northwestern Ireland); the northern
531 mainland occupied by the Iberia-Italy haplogroup; and the southern English and Welsh populations
532 being largely composed of the Palaeartic haplogroup. Naively this pattern could be suggestive for
533 three discrete colonisation events of the British Isles by three distinct lineages but mtDNA lineage
534 dating from Dincă *et al.* (2011) and lack of concordance between our mtDNA and ddRADseq
535 (AMOVA 4.8%) and prediction of *Wolbachia* infections (Figure 3) clearly do not support this
536 hypothesis. In a simpler hypothesis the three haplogroups could have colonized British Isles (and
537 Northern Europe) at the same time from areas where they occur in proximity (e.g. France) and then
538 they could have established the observed spatial structure after dynamics imposed by genetic sweeps
539 facilitated by *Wolbachia* infection (see below). However, *Wolbachia* infections may have occurred
540 prior to establishment in the British Isles in which case the current mtDNA structuring in Britain may
541 have resulted from sequential replacements of mtDNA sweeps from Europe. That infection may have
542 occurred outside of the British Isles is at least supported by the star-like genealogies of the Iberia-Italy
543 haplogroup in Europe (Figure 1A). However, without determining the onset of infection (before or after
544 establishment in the British Isles) it is difficult to differentiate between these alternative scenarios.
545 Whether one or both infections occurred before or after colonisation of the British Isles, *Wolbachia*
546 has been influential in the geographic structuring of the mtDNA variation in the British Isles. However,
547 the existence of the Palaeartic group in the south still requires explanation: these individuals showed
548 no signs of infection and lack the star-like genealogies of the Iberia-Italy and Alicante-Provence
549 haplogroups. In the British this haplogroup is represented by four distinct mitotypes (Figure 1A-B) that
550 are all shared with mainland Europe. Thus, it remains possible that this haplogroup could have
551 established more recently, potentially coinciding with a reduction in infection frequency of the Iberia-

552 Italy haplogroup. The ddRADseq data also support a two-stage colonisation of the British Isles which
553 is discussed further below.

554 The occurrence of different (re)colonisation events in Northern Europe are supported by other lines of
555 evidence derived from the mtDNA distribution (Figure 1A-B). By extending the geographic coverage
556 of mtDNA differentiation to Northern Europe, we show some concordant distribution pattern between
557 Northern and Southern Europe: i) the supposed more ancient colonizer (based on dating from Dincă
558 *et al.* (2011)) which appear as a relict in the southern-most Mediterranean areas show a completely
559 reversed distribution in Northern Europe, with the supposed ancient colonizers being limited to
560 northern-most and marginal areas; ii) relict mitotypes occur throughout areas of central Europe
561 representing potential invasion sequences, including the occurrence in Austria of a specimen of the
562 Sierra Nevada haplogroup previously supposed to have evolved in southern Spain and possibly
563 representing the first colonisation wave iii) European islands have a higher proportion of mitotypes
564 from supposed earlier colonisation events compared to neighbouring mainland areas. Since most
565 islands currently showing genetic contrasts from adjacent mainland areas (Levant, Belle-Ile-en-Mer,
566 some Tuscan islands, Hebrides, Ireland) were connected to the mainland in the Last Glacial
567 Maximum, the sequential invasions would have occurred in the interglacial when the sea barriers
568 were re-established and hampered genetic sweeps (Dapporto & Bruschini, 2012). Overall, our results
569 on mtDNA could call for a revision in the dating of demographic events reconstructed by Dincă *et al.*
570 (2011) since it appears that the establishment of current distribution of mitotypes over Europe could
571 be a more recent post-glacial process, likely involving genetic sweep mediated by *Wolbachia*
572 infection.

573

574 ***Distinct genomic clusters within the British Isles***

575 Adults of *P. icarus* are described as relatively mobile (Asher *et al.*, 2001; Cowley *et al.*, 2001) and
576 early work at the European scale using allozymes revealed little genetic differentiation over mainland
577 Europe, and no geographic regionalisation, although samples from the British Isles exhibited lower
578 allelic diversity than in mainland Europe (de Keyser *et al.*, 2012). Our data contrasts with this broad
579 finding, demonstrating a pattern of geographic variation even over the smaller spatial scale of British
580 Isles. Population structure and demographic inference based on putatively neutral genomic markers

581 reveal substantial differentiation between northern (mostly Scottish) and southern populations (Figure
582 2B). There is further subdivision between the Outer Hebrides Islands and the mainland in Northern
583 Scotland. The latter substructure in northern Scotland is relatively weak (1.7% compared to 5.6% in
584 PCA between northern and southern populations) and could be a direct result of the geographical
585 isolation of Outer Hebridean populations but could, theoretically, also result from *Wolbachia*-mediated
586 bidirectional cytoplasmic incompatibility (see below).

587 There is stronger divergence between northern (Outer Hebridean plus Scottish Highlands) and
588 southern (Central/Southern England and Wales) populations for both neutral and outlier markers
589 (Figure 2B and C). Outlier loci detected based on tests for directional selection are often hypothesized
590 to be loci involved in local adaptation and it is possibly that these markers may reflect or be linked to
591 markers adapted to regional environmental conditions. However, the significance of this divergence,
592 presumably resulting from both neutral demographic processes and directional selection, is not
593 entirely obvious. There is evidence of switch from bivoltine life history to a univoltine life history along
594 the Scottish-English borders (de Keyser, 2012) that could act as a barrier to gene flow but there is still
595 overlap of flight period among reproductive adults (Matechou, Dennis, Freeman, & Brereton, 2014).
596 However, an *in situ* barrier to gene flow does not explain the complete absence of genetic structure
597 (Figures 2A-C, Figure S7-8) in southern locations compared to those in the north, and the high level
598 of heterozygosity in outlier loci (Figure 2D) observed in this cluster.

599 An additional observation was the relationship of the south-central French (FRN) samples to the
600 northern and southern British clusters. The FRN samples were selected as a reference out-group that
601 would be expected to be ancestral to all populations in the British Isles, under a model of a single
602 colonisation event. However, both the PCA analyses (Figure 2) and the fineRadStructure co-ancestry
603 analyses (Figure S8) place the FRN samples as intermediate to northern and southern populations.
604 Such an observation could result from an admixture in southern France. However, another possibility
605 is that the northern and southern clusters in the British Isles results from two independent invasion
606 and expansions events from an ancestor of the contemporary FRN population. This scenario would
607 also imply that the southern British cluster results from the admixture of two different colonisation
608 sources, which would be consistent with the lack of genetic structure and higher heterozygosity of
609 outlier loci (isolate breaking) in this population. This hypothesis requires further corroboration by a
610 wider sampling of European specimens to infer potential ancestral populations.

611 ***Impact of Wolbachia infection on demographic inference in the British Isles***

612 Past and contemporary *Wolbachia* sweeps can confound reconstruction of phylogeographic
613 dynamics for arthropods based upon mtDNA alone (Galtier *et al.*, 2009; Hurst & Jiggins, 2005). Within
614 the British Isles, populations in the north harboured a large proportion (>50% in all cases) of infected
615 individuals, whereas no predictions of infection were made for individuals in the south suggesting that
616 individuals in the south are not infected or infection levels are much lower. We found evidence for two
617 distinct *Wolbachia* strains, *wlca1* and *wlca2*, that show perfect association with the Alicante-Provence
618 and Italy-Iberia haplogroups, respectively. Such genetic structuring of *Wolbachia* could potentially
619 explain the persistence of these early colonising haplogroups of the host butterfly under male-biased
620 dispersal and CI (Hurst & Jiggins, 2005) between infected males and uninfected females (and
621 between males and females infected with different strains). Firstly, this could account for the
622 observation that intermediate individuals in southern Scotland/northern England (RVS, RHD) and
623 several southern populations (CFW, MDS, MMS, BMW) harbour the Iberian-Italian haplogroup. We
624 detected *Wolbachia* infection (albeit as a single case) as far south as northern England (RHD).
625 Second, bidirectional CI between *wlca1* and *wlca2* individuals coupled with imperfect vertical
626 transmission could promote stable coexistence of both strains (Telschow, Yamamura, & Werren,
627 2005) which could account for the persistence of the relict haplogroup in the Outer Hebrides. We did
628 not detect any double-infected individuals (i.e., those carrying both strains), which would be consistent
629 with bidirectional CI. However, it remains possible that are our sequencing data are not sensitive
630 enough to detect double infections.

631 Existence of *Wolbachia*-mediated mtDNA sweeps in the British Isles also raise the possibility of their
632 influence on mtDNA phylogeography in continental Europe. Recent CO1 analyses reveal that many
633 butterfly species exhibit diverse and complex mtDNA genealogies across Eurasia (Dincă *et al.*, 2015).
634 However, more comprehensive genomic analysis, that have only recently become available, show
635 that differentiation in the nuclear genome is not always concordant with mtDNA variation (Dincă, Lee,
636 Vila, & Mutanen, 2019; Hinojosa *et al.*, 2019; Tóth *et al.*, 2017) and the observed mito-nuclear
637 discordance could be explained by past or contemporary *Wolbachia* infections (Després, 2019;
638 Gaunet *et al.*, 2019). A systematic survey of infections on continental Europe (e.g. Sucháčková
639 Bartoňová *et al.*, 2021) and divergence dating of *Wolbachia* strains, could offer more conclusive
640 insight into the impact of *Wolbachia* on genetic structuring in *P. icarus*. However, *Wolbachia* infections

641 show high turnover (Bailly-Bechet *et al.*, 2017) and determining the influence of past infections on
642 host biogeography remains challenging.

643

644 ***Evidence for a sequential colonisation of the British Isles***

645 Our mtDNA analysis was initially suggestive of three independent colonisations of the British Isles.
646 We also detected three clusters based on our genomic data (Figure 2A-B) but there is only weak
647 association between mtDNA haplogroups and genomic variation (AMOVA, 4.8%). However, we
648 argue, that some of our other observations are consistent with a scenario of at least two discrete
649 colonisation events. Most suggestive of these is the relationship of the French samples to northern
650 and southern British genomic clusters as discussed above. The placement of these samples along
651 the PCA (Figure 2A-B) and the co-ancestry matrix (Figure S8) suggest that the northern and southern
652 British clusters are independent expansions most likely from an ancestor of the French population.
653 The high heterozygosity and lack of genetic structure in the southern population could result from an
654 admixture of a resident and a second recolonizing population. The second source population could be
655 from a central European refugium, potentially representing the recent Palaeartic lineage expansion
656 as reconstructed by Dincă *et al.* (2011). Despite the weak concordance between mtDNA and
657 genomic data, most of the southern British populations consist largely of the Palaeartic mtDNA
658 haplogroup and it is plausible that the Palaeartic mtDNA haplogroup and the southern genomic
659 clusters form an independent evolutionary lineage that arose in central or northern Europe. If so, then
660 the spread of mtDNA (but not nuclear DNA) further north could be retarded by cytoplasmic
661 incompatibility with *Wolbachia* infected Italy-Iberia individuals resulting in the mitochondrial-nuclear
662 DNA discordance apparent across the British mainland (Figure 2A-C).

663 On a time-line the possibility for this phased invasion of the British Isles since the Last Glacial
664 Maximum is from some time after 18 kya to c. 12.9 kya and then again from c. 11.7 kya to c. 8 kya
665 (after the Younger Dryas and before complete isolation from the continental mainland). During the
666 glacial re-advance of the Younger Dryas (~12.9-11.7 kya) *P. icarus* may have possibly persisted in a
667 few refugial areas on south facing slopes in southern England. The Alicante-Provence and Iberia-Italy
668 haplotypes likely entered the British Isles during, or before, this late cold-period. These potentially
669 cold-adapted populations may have expanded northwards as the ice sheet retreated c. 11.7 while

670 allowing for another recolonisation (Palaeartic haplotype) from continental Europe up until c. 8 kya
671 when all land bridges were inundated. Contemporary populations on the Outer Hebrides are much
672 better suited to flight at lower temperatures than southern populations on the British mainland (Howe
673 *et al.*, 2007). Additionally, the two-stage colonisation hypothesis would imply that the colonisation of
674 Ireland likely occurred during the first colonisation period before the separation of Ireland and
675 mainland Britain c. 15 kya. Indeed, mtDNA of individuals from Ireland harbour the same Alicante-
676 Provence and Iberia-Italy mitotypes found in northern England and Scotland. This scenario has a
677 direct and testable implication: genomes of Irish individuals should also cluster more closely with the
678 northern British genomic cluster and could potentially be obtained in the future.

679 Although past climate events do support the idea of multiple invasion sequences for some butterfly
680 species (Dennis, 1977), there is little direct genetic evidence for extant butterfly species of the British
681 Isles to be the result of multiple distinct colonisations. Previous work on the mitochondrial genetic
682 structuring of *Coenonympha tullia* has been suggested to indicate the possibility of two separate
683 colonisation events (Joyce *et al.*, 2009), although this study did not include any continental samples
684 and could also not make any strong inferences on routes of post-glacial colonisation. The occurrence
685 of distinct mitotypes of *Euphydryas aurinia* in the north and south of the British Isles have also been
686 suggested to support a double colonisation (Joyce & Pullin, 2001). However, in both cases (Joyce *et*
687 *al.*, 2009; Joyce & Pullin, 2001), low levels of nuclear variation, based on allozymes or a few nuclear
688 markers, do not unequivocally support a hypothesis of two discrete colonisation events. Notably,
689 karyotype, mtDNA and nuclear DNA markers from several small mammals have also been suggested
690 to support a two-stage colonisation as proposed here (Searle *et al.*, 2009). More recent
691 phylogeographic analysis of the herbaceous perennial *Campanula rotundifolia* strongly suggests the
692 possibility of two independent colonisation events for this species from two distinct European refugia
693 (Sutherland, Quarles, & Galloway, 2018; Wilson *et al.*, 2020). Interestingly, *C. rotundifolia* exhibits two
694 clusters, based on cytotype and ploidy level, within the British Isles that segregate between Ireland
695 and western Britain mainland on one hand and from eastern and southern Britain mainland on the
696 other.

697 Further corroboration for the possibility of a two-stage colonisation scenario for *P. icarus* would
698 require detailed reconstruction of the recent demographic histories of the genomic clusters highlighted
699 in this study. Dense genomic data, such as that from whole genome sequencing, may be able to

700 provide demographic inference given the relatively recent ancestry and gene flow between these
701 populations. Genomic data from Irish individuals would also help either support or refute the
702 hypothesis. Finally, wider sampling of European populations would also be helpful in determining the
703 number and potential sources of refugium.

704

705 ***Potential Wolbachia-mediated feminization on the Outer Hebrides***

706 Although, we currently have no evidence for the capability of either *wlca1* or *wlca2* to induce CI, two
707 observations do indicate a potential phenotypic effect of the *wlca1* strain. Firstly, all females from the
708 Outer Hebrides were predicted to be infected with *wlca* but not all males, whereas infection status on
709 the mainland exhibited no such dimorphism. Second, Outer Hebridean morphological females carried
710 a *Wolbachia* load that was, based on our proxy metric for copy number, an order of magnitude higher
711 than in morphological males. *Wolbachia* density can be indicative of its phenotypic effect on the host
712 (Arai *et al.*, 2020; Breeuwer & Werren, 1993). Our observations here are consistent with *Wolbachia*-
713 induced feminization of genetic males (Stouthamer, Breeuwer, & Hurst, 1999). Such feminization
714 would predict that female-specific markers in a species with a ZW sex determination system, with the
715 caveat of partial homology between Z and W chromosomes, would yield male (homozygous)
716 genotypes in “feminized” males. As expected, all morphological females carrying the *wlca1* had male
717 genotypes.

718 Feminization is a well-known reproductive manipulation strategy deployed by *Wolbachia* (Werren,
719 Baldo, & Clark, 2008), however, it has not been encountered frequently within Lepidoptera (Duploux &
720 Hornett, 2018). The best documented instance of feminization in butterflies refers to the discovery of
721 sex-biased female lines in two species of pierid *Eurema* butterflies in Japan (Kato, 2000). *wFem*
722 occurs at low frequencies in natural populations of *Eurema* and has not been detected in males. A
723 causative role of *wFem* in feminization has been suggested by antibiotic treatment of infected larva
724 which results in intersex individuals (Narita, Kageyama, Nomura, & Fukatsu, 2007) and antibiotic
725 treatment of adult females leads to all male progeny (Kern, Cook, Kageyama, & Riegler, 2015). The
726 *wFem* pattern of infection contrasts with that of *wlca1*, where both females and males can be infected,
727 but females carry a higher bacterial copy number. If *Wolbachia*-induced feminization indeed occurs in
728 Outer Hebridean *P. icarus*, it will add to the small number of potential model systems to study the

729 molecular basis underlying this poorly understood process in Lepidoptera. However, more direct
730 evidence for *wlca1*- induced feminization is required (Hiroki, Kato, Kamito, & Miura, 2002; Kageyama
731 *et al.*, 2017).

732 The potential existence of feminizing *Wolbachia* and the relative genetic isolation indicated the
733 distinctiveness of the populations on the Outer Hebrides. Because of the current geographic isolation,
734 we suggest that the populations on the Outer Hebrides represent a distinct genetic and ecological
735 evolutionary unit that warrants consideration as being of conservation interest and monitoring. The
736 eco-evolutionary dynamics of this *Wolbachia*-host system and their impact on past and future biology
737 of these butterflies warrants further investigation.

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739 **Conclusions**

740 The contemporary population structure and phylogeography of the flora and fauna of the British Isles
741 has directly resulted from the events following the last glacial period (Hewitt, 1999; Provan & Bennett,
742 2008). This paradigm of “southern richness and northern purity” implies limited intraspecific diversity
743 and genetic structure in northern areas. Using mtDNA and ddRADseq data for *P. icarus* butterflies in
744 the British Isles, we provide evidence for substantial and unexpected levels of genetic structuring and
745 variability across a fine-scale spatial resolution. Geographic structuring of nuclear genomic variation
746 and mtDNA variation was only weakly concordant and we argue that this pattern could be explained
747 by multiple *Wolbachia*-mediated mtDNA sweeps and potentially two discrete colonisation events of
748 the British Isles before and after the glacial re-advance of the Younger Dryas c. 13 kya. We consider
749 this a strong hypothesis that requires further corroboration and there may yet be alternative
750 explanations for the genomic structuring observed within mainland Britain. It should be noted that
751 several butterfly species in the British Isles exist as distinct geographical and/or genetic populations
752 along a north-south divide and a case for multiple colonisations has been advanced on at least two
753 occasions (Joyce *et al.*, 2009; Joyce & Pullin, 2001) and there is also some evidence for two distinct
754 colonisation events in other flora and fauna (Searle *et al.*, 2009; Wilson *et al.*, 2020). The current
755 dearth of high-resolution genomic data for the flora and fauna restricts any evaluation of the generality
756 or plausibility of the sequential colonisation hypothesis. However, with initiatives to provide high-
757 quality genomes of all British flora and fauna (darwintreeoflife.org) and continued dropping costs of

758 sequencing we may see a renewed interest and rigour in the phylogeographic reconstruction of the
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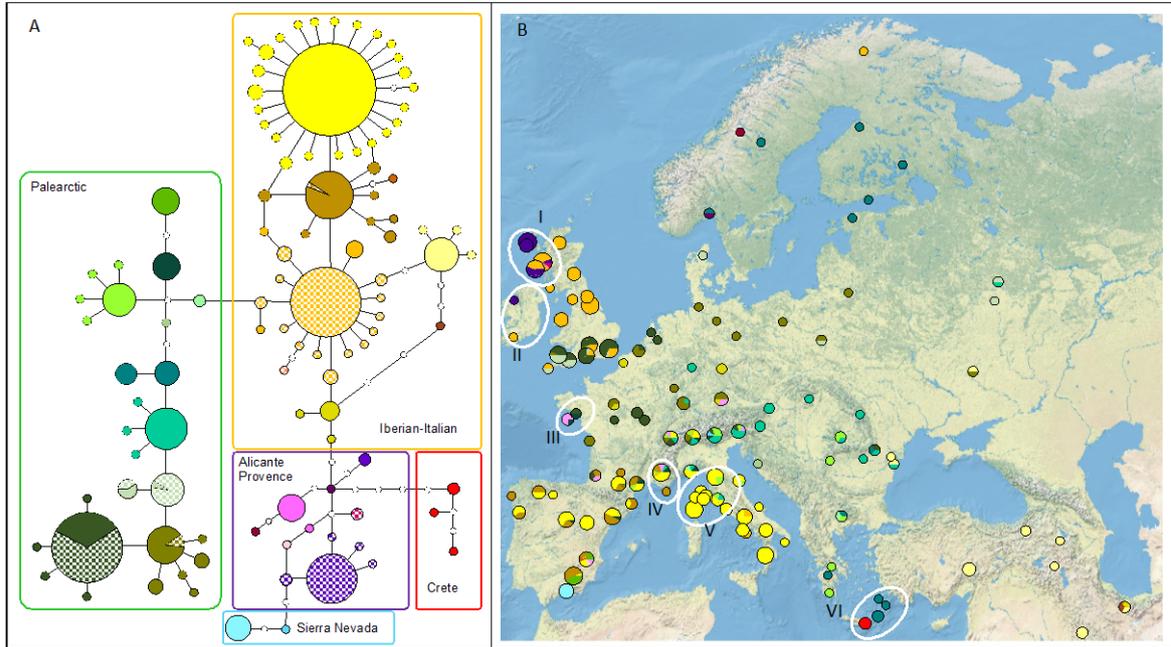
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1029 **Data Availability Statement**

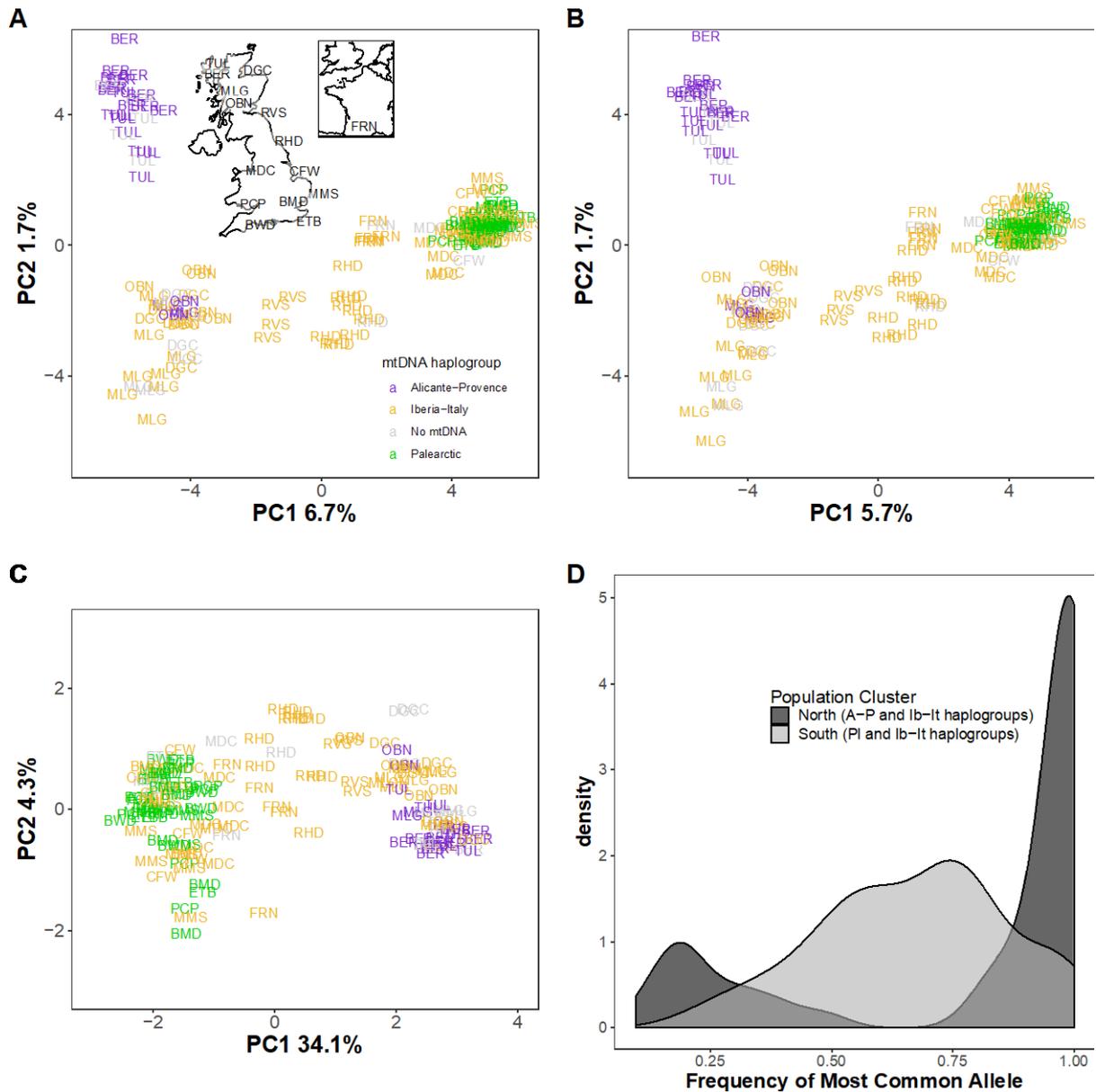
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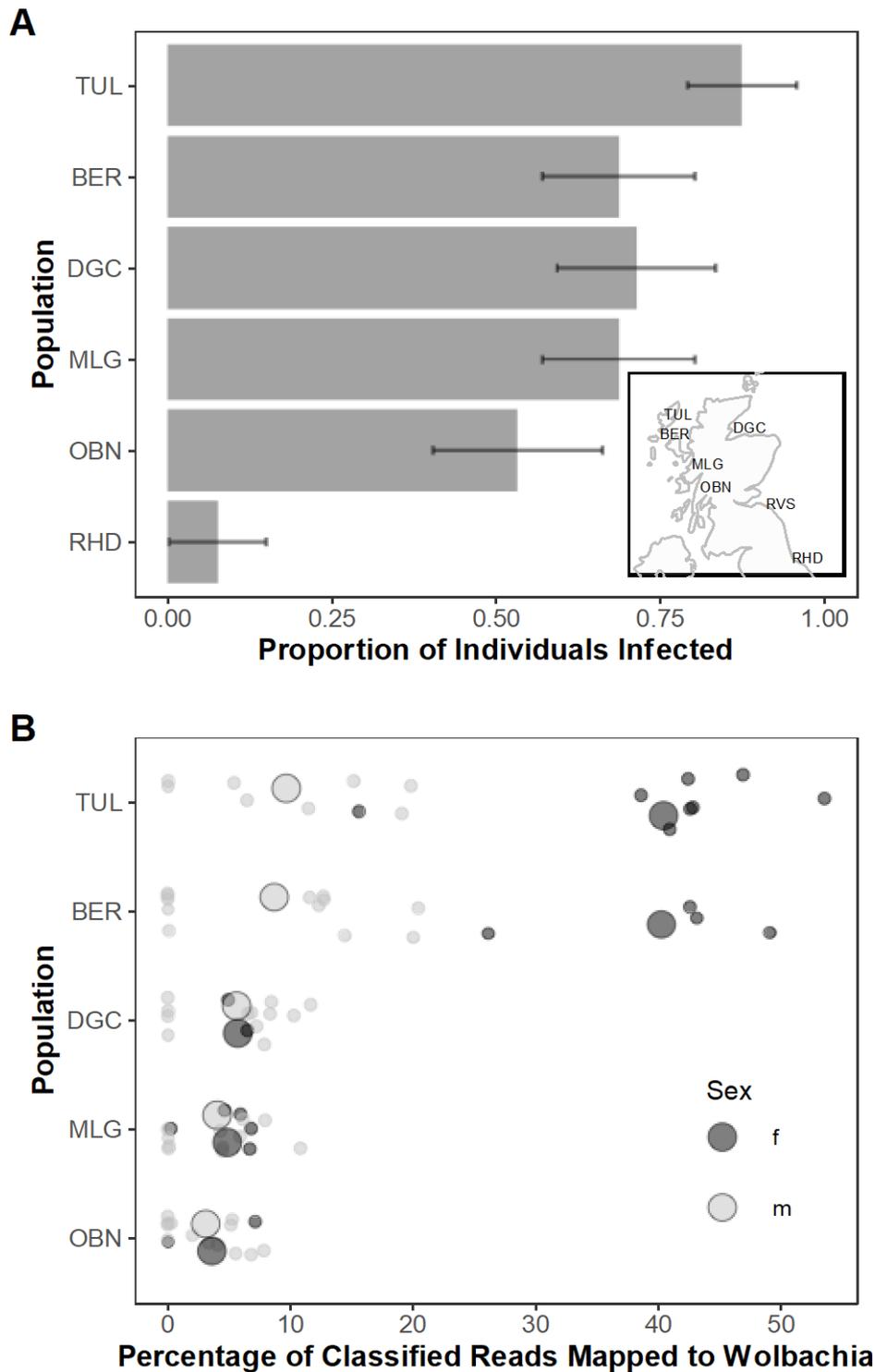
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Figure 1. The haplotype network based on COI and divided in five main haplogroups according to a division in a UPGMA clustering which aligns to previous assessments **(A)**. Specimens marked with checked pattern belong to British islands. The collection sites of the specimens included in the haplotype network (same colours as in A) are also mapped **(B)**. Specimens are grouped in pie charts for squares of 2x2 degrees of latitude-longitude and circle area is proportional to the number of specimens. The systems of island-mainland (or larger island) are indicated with roman numbers (I, Hebrides-Britain; II, Ireland-Britain; III, Belle-Île-en-Mer-France mainland; IV, Levant island-France mainland; V, Tyrrhenian islands-Italian mainland; VI Crete-neighbouring islands-Greek and Turkish mainland). Individual mitotypes are numbered in Figure S5 and listed in Table S2.



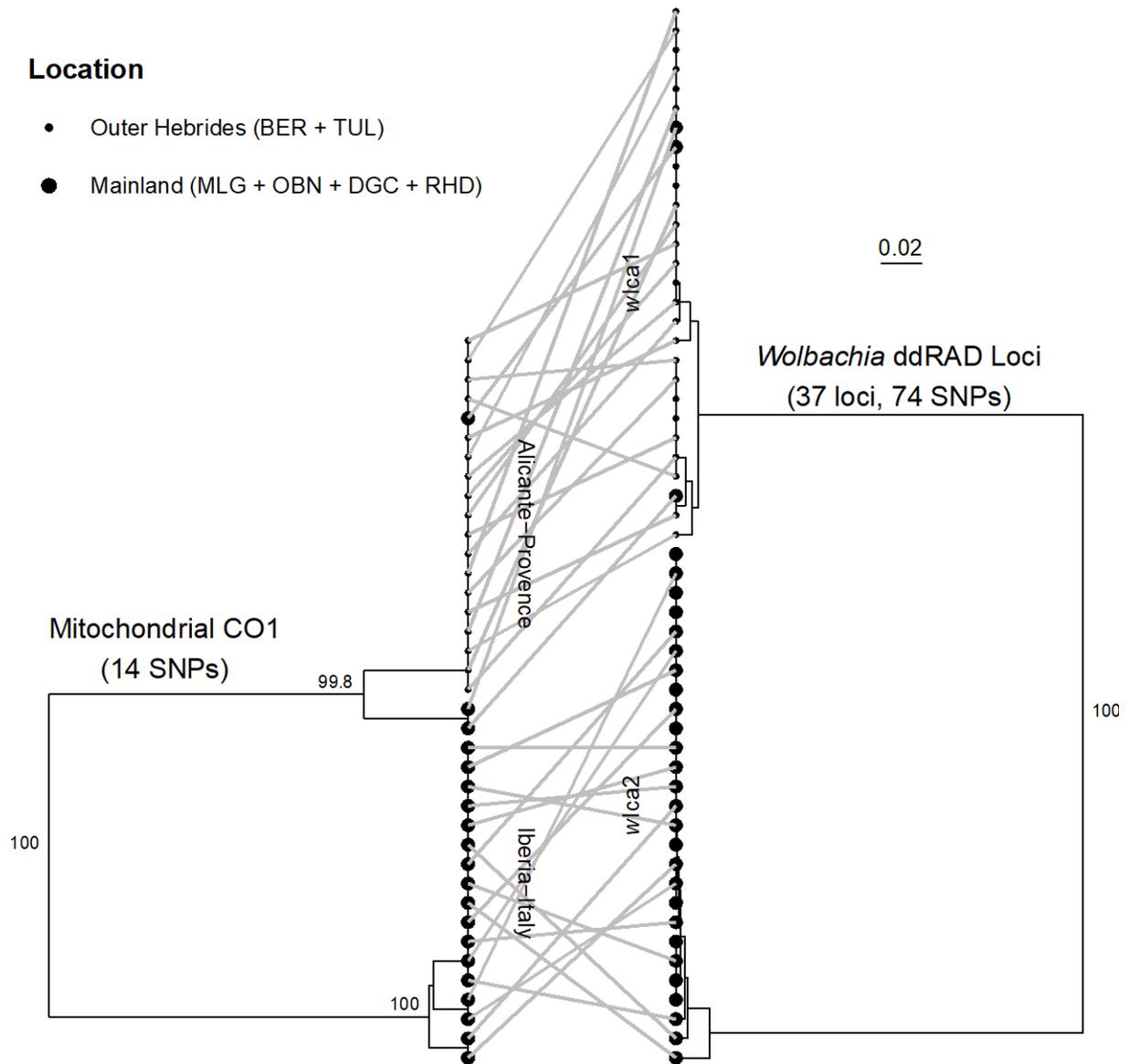
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1050 **Figure 2** Population structure based on principal component analysis (PCA) of 5592 SNPs (2824
1051 RAD loci) of 148 *Polyommatus icarus* individuals across the British Isles. PCAs are shown for the
1052 entire dataset **(A)**, a subset of 5387 putatively neutral SNPs **(B)**, and a subset of 104 outlier SNPs
1053 (across 84 RAD loci) **(C)**. **(A)** inset is a labelled map of the sampled localities for quick reference.
1054 Populations are coloured by their mtDNA haplogroup, where data is available, to help visualize
1055 concordance between mtDNA and genomic markers. **(D)** Density distributions of the frequency of the
1056 most common allele (MCA) for the 104 outlier SNPs across northern and southern British Isles.
1057 Individual sampling locations are aggregated by geographic clustering of localities along PCA 1 in **A-**
1058 **C (A-P: Alicante-Provence, Ib-It: Iberia-Italy, PI: Palaeartic)**. Localities in intermediate positions
1059 (RHD, RVS) and reference outgroups (FRN) were excluded. North: TUL, BER, 13 DGC, MLG, OBN;
1060 South: MDC, CFW, MMS, PCP, BMD, ETB.



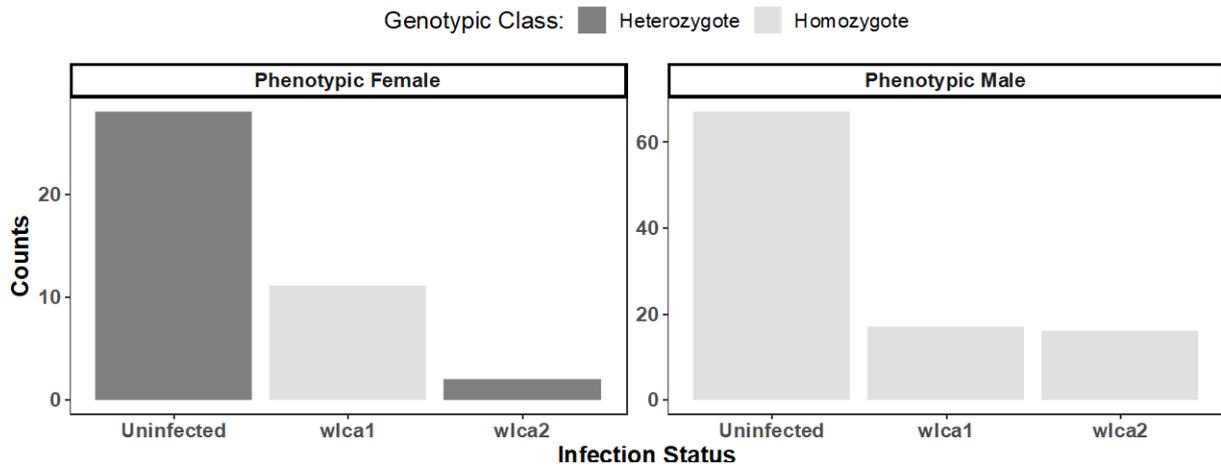
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1063 **Figure 3. (A).** Proportion of individuals classified as infected based on a threshold of $\log_2(\text{percentage}$
 1064 $\text{of classified reads mapping to } Wolbachia) > 0$. Only populations with at least one infected individual
 1065 are shown. Error bars are the standard errors of the estimated proportions. Inset map spans the
 1066 geographical range of locations harbouring infected individuals. **(B).** Distributions of the percentage of
 1067 classified reads mapping to *Wolbachia* for locations with individuals classified as infected. RHD with a
 1068 single infected male is not shown. Larger circles represent the average for each sex within locations.



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1070 **Figure 4.** UPGMA clustering of mitochondrial CO1 fragments from 38 *Polyommatus icarus* individuals
 1071 based on bitwise distance (left). UPGMA clustering of 74 concatenated SNPs from ddRADseq
 1072 *Wolbachia* genotypes derived from reads mapping to *Wolbachia* from 55 infected individuals (right).
 1073 Numbers on nodes represent bootstrap branch support values based on 1000 bootstrap replicates,
 1074 values < 70% are not shown. Large circles represent individuals from mainland populations (DGC,
 1075 MLG, OBN, RHD) and smaller circles represent individuals from the Outer Hebrides (BER, TUL).
 1076 Lines between dendrograms connect the CO1 haplotype and *Wolbachia* strain for the same individual.
 1077 Scale bar reflects the proportion of loci that are different.



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1080 **Figure 5.** Feminization of *wlca1* infected females as suggested by discordance between
 1081 morphological sex, based on abdominal tip morphology and dimorphic wing patterning, and genetic
 1082 sex based on female-specific markers. Discordance is exemplified by data on a single marker here
 1083 (11011_27), see Table S7 for all sex-linked loci. All *wlca1* infected morphological females (all females
 1084 in the Outer Hebrides and one from the mainland (MLGf010) are homozygous for female-specific
 1085 markers (heterozygous ZW), consistent with feminization of males.

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1110 Legends for Supplementary Figures and Tables

1111 **Table S1:** Sampling Localities in the British Isles

1112 **Figure S1** A map of the British Isles with geographical locations of *Polyommatus icarus* sampled for
1113 this study. An additional 6 individuals were collected from southern France as an out-group (inset).
1114 Size of circles is proportional to the number of samples acquired at each locality, except for the inset
1115 where circles are not to scale. For comparison RVS and FRN were both represented by 6 individuals
1116 here.

1117 **Table S2:** Archived and newly generated *Polyommatus icarus* sequences used for CO1 mtDNA
1118 analysis

1119 **Figure S2** Tests of different combinations of Stacks parameters **m (A)** and **M=n (B)** on assembly of
1120 total and polymorphic RAD loci.

1121 **Figure S3** Tests of different combination of Stacks parameters **M=n** for **m=4** on the distribution of
1122 SNPs across loci.

1123 **Table S3:** Summary of RAD Loci assembly using Stacks

1124 **Figure S4** UPGMA clustering of all 586 *Polyommatus icarus* mitochondrial CO1 sequences (Table
1125 S2). The horizontal red bar cuts at $k=5$, and these 5 clusters corresponds exactly to the CO1 lineage
1126 classification based in Dincă *et al.* (2011). The size of the collapsed tips is proportional to the log of
1127 the sample size in those lineages.

1128 **Figure S5** The CO1 haplotype network as in Figure 1A of the main text including the same colouring
1129 scheme. Unique haplotypes are numbered and can be matched to find individual sample IDs using
1130 Table S2.

1131 **Figure S6** CO1 Haplotype composition in the British Isles. Lineages or haplogroups are classified are
1132 based on Dincă *et al.* (2011). Circles are proportional to sample size.

1133 **Figure S7** Population structure based on principal component analysis (PCA) of ddRADseq SNP
1134 datasets with varying levels of missing data and number of markers. **(A)** This SNP marker dataset is
1135 the same as Figure 3 but only individuals with > 50% missing data were removed. **(B)** This is a
1136 dataset with the same exclusion criteria for missing data (>25%) as in Figure 3 but with only unlinked
1137 SNPs (1st SNP on each RAD locus). **(C)** and **(D)** are PCAs based on a dataset with more stringent
1138 criteria for including loci (present in at least 60% or 70% of individuals across all localities), and hence
1139 lesser number of loci. Ninety-% Confidence Interval (CI) ellipses for PC1 and PC2 for each locality are
1140 also shown.

1141 **Figure S8** Weir and Cockerham estimates of population pairwise F_{ST} across all 15 populations using
1142 **(A)** 5387 putatively neutral SNPs and **(B)** 104 outlier SNPs. Pairwise estimates that were statistically
1143 different from zero (based on 10000 permutations) are displayed. Populations are grouped according
1144 to geographical distance.

1145 **Figure S9** Clustered fineRADstructure population-averaged co-ancestry matrix based on 148
1146 individuals and 5387 putatively neutral SNPs. Individuals from Northern Scottish, Southern English
1147 and Welsh, and French locations cluster together. The Outer Hebrides (large black outline) show
1148 further structuring within the Northern Scottish cluster. Individuals from southern Scotland (RVS) and
1149 northern England (RHD) show varying levels of co-ancestry with northern and southern populations,
1150 representing hybrid populations in case of RVS and RHD. FRN (small black outline) also shares co-
1151 ancestry with northern and southern populations but represents a distinct cluster of individuals. Some
1152 individuals from MLG share high ancestry and may be close relatives. Note: note all individuals are
1153 labelled.

1154 **Table S4:** Summary of Reads mapping to *Wolbachia*

1155 **Figure S10 (A)** Percentage of reads mapped to *Wolbachia* is independent of total read depth. **(B)**
1156 There was a natural discontinuity around $\log_2(\% \text{ reads mapped to } Wolbachia) = 0$ resulting in bimodal
1157 distribution.

1158 **Table S5:** Pairwise Fisher's Exact test for proportion infected by *Wolbachia*

1159 **Table S6:** Genotypes for female-specific sex RAD loci