
Uncovering Cryptic Asexuality in *Daphnia magna* by RAD Sequencing

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Abstract :

The breeding systems of many organisms are cryptic and difficult to investigate with observational data, yet they have profound effects on a species' ecology, evolution, and genome organization. Genomic approaches offer a novel, indirect way to investigate breeding systems, specifically by studying the transmission of genetic information from parents to offspring. Here we exemplify this method through an assessment of self-fertilization vs. automictic parthenogenesis in *Daphnia magna*. Self-fertilization reduces heterozygosity by 50% compared to the parents, but under automixis, whereby two haploid products from a single meiosis fuse, the expected heterozygosity reduction depends on whether the two meiotic products are separated during meiosis I or II (i.e., central vs. terminal fusion). Reviewing the existing literature and incorporating recombination interference, we derive an interchromosomal and an intrachromosomal prediction of how to distinguish various forms of automixis from self-fertilization using offspring heterozygosity data. We then test these predictions using RAD-sequencing data on presumed automictic diapause offspring of so-called nonmale producing strains and compare them with "self-fertilized" offspring produced by within-clone mating. The results unequivocally show that these offspring were produced by automixis, mostly, but not exclusively, through terminal fusion. However, the results also show that this conclusion was only possible owing to genome-wide heterozygosity data, with phenotypic data as well as data from microsatellite markers yielding inconclusive or even misleading results. Our study thus demonstrates how to use the power of genomic approaches for elucidating breeding systems, and it provides the first demonstration of automictic parthenogenesis in *Daphnia*.

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24 INTRODUCTION

25 While humans and most other mammals reproduce exclusively by sexual reproduction
26 with sexes being determined by the well-known XY sex-chromosome system, the breeding
27 systems of many other organisms, including many pests and parasites, remain unknown (Bell
28 1982; Normark 2003). The breeding system *sensu lato*, (including details of meiosis, e.g.,
29 recombination patterns, and syngamy, e.g., levels of inbreeding, as well as their variants, e.g.,
30 modified meiosis in parthenogens) represents a key for understanding the biology of a species
31 and has profound effects on its ecology, evolution, and genomics. Yet investigating breeding
32 systems is often far from straightforward: Many species cannot easily be cultured and bred in
33 the laboratory and observations of breeding behavior in nature are difficult. Even in species
34 than can be bred in the laboratory, parts of the breeding system may be cryptic and not
35 directly observable.

36 The advent of high-throughput genotyping methods opens an alternative possibility
37 that can be used on a much larger array of species: indirect inference of the breeding system
38 using genetic methods, which are based on differences among breeding systems in the
39 transmission of genetic information from one generation to the next. In some cases, genome-
40 wide information may not be needed. For instance, a few genetic markers such as
41 microsatellites are sufficient to distinguish self-fertilization from outcrossing in
42 hermaphrodites (e.g., David *et al.* 2007) or clonal from sexual reproduction in aphids
43 (Delmotte *et al.* 2002). However, for a conclusive distinction between other breeding systems,
44 a genome-wide approach may be essential. This is illustrated in the present paper for the
45 distinction of self-fertilization vs. automictic parthenogenesis, comparing genomic data with
46 microsatellite data and direct observations.

47 Self-fertilization and automictic parthenogenesis both reduce genome-wide
48 heterozygosity among offspring compared to their parents, thereby increasing homozygosity

49 due to identity by descent (Hartl and Clark 2007; Charlesworth and Willis 2009). Under self-
50 fertilization, in which male and female gametes produced by the same, hermaphrodite
51 individual fuse, the expected reduction in offspring heterozygosity for diploid, autosomal loci
52 is 50% per generation. A similar heterozygosity reduction also occurs under some forms of
53 automictic parthenogenesis (also called “automixis”). Automictic parthenogenesis is a
54 common form of parthenogenetic (i.e., female-only) reproduction (Bell 1982; Mogie 1986;
55 Suomalainen *et al.* 1987), in which offspring are produced by fusion of two products of a
56 single meiosis. Examples are intra-tetrad mating in fungi or fusion of an egg cell with a polar
57 body in animals (Suomalainen *et al.* 1987; Hood and Antonovics 2004; Stenberg and Saura
58 2009). A more detailed account of the different processes that are summarized under
59 “automixis” is given below.

60 The distinction between automixis and self-fertilization is subtle both in terms of the
61 expected heterozygosity reduction among offspring as well as with respect to the processes
62 that lead to it. Both involve the fusion of two meiotic products produced by a single
63 individual. Self-fertilization involves fusion of products of different, independent meioses and
64 therefore parental alleles are sampled with replacement. In contrast, automixis involves fusion
65 of the products of a single meiosis and therefore parental alleles are sampled without
66 replacement. Sampling of parental alleles with replacement leads to the well-known
67 Mendelian expectations of genotype frequencies (50% heterozygotes, 25% of each
68 homozygote) among self-fertilized offspring. However, to understand the consequences of
69 sampling of maternal alleles without replacement during automixis, we have to distinguish
70 two cases: Under “central fusion” two products that have been separated during meiosis I (the
71 first meiotic division) fuse, and under “terminal fusion” two products that have been separated
72 during meiosis II fuse. Because homologous chromosomes (carrying different alleles at
73 heterozygous loci) are separated during meiosis I, and sister chromatids (carrying identical

74 alleles) are separated during meiosis II, central fusion tends to retain parental heterozygosity
75 and terminal fusion tends to lead to fully homozygous genotypes. However, because
76 recombination reshuffles alleles between homologous chromosomes, these expectations hold
77 only for the centromere (at which sister chromatids are attached to each other). Expected
78 offspring heterozygosity at loci far from the centromere attains 67% of parental
79 heterozygosity for both central and terminal fusion. This is because, far from the centromere,
80 alleles are distributed at random across sister and non-sister chromatids due to recombination,
81 and therefore they are sampled randomly without replacement (once one meiotic product is
82 chosen, two of the three remaining meiotic products contain the alternate allele, Rizet and
83 Engelmann 1949; Barratt *et al.* 1954; Suomalainen *et al.* 1987; Pearcy *et al.* 2006;
84 Engelstädter *et al.* 2011; Pearcy *et al.* 2011).

85 Patterns of heterozygosity reduction between parents and offspring can thus be used to
86 distinguish self-fertilization from automixis and / or central from terminal fusion. This
87 approach has previously been used in a few organisms to address the question whether
88 automixis occurs via central or terminal fusion (Pearcy *et al.* 2006; Lampert *et al.* 2007;
89 Oldroyd *et al.* 2008). However, differences in the realized levels of heterozygosity reduction
90 among breeding systems depend on recombination rates and may be modulated by the degree
91 of recombination interference and, if offspring heterozygosity is assessed at any later stage
92 than the zygote, differential survival of heterozygotes vs. homozygotes (i.e., viability
93 selection, Wang and Hill 1999).

94 We therefore first derive two specific theoretical predictions of how to distinguish
95 self-fertilized from automictic offspring and central from terminal fusion based on
96 heterozygosity patterns. We then use the freshwater crustacean *Daphnia magna* to empirically
97 assess and compare the consequences of self-fertilization and automixis for offspring
98 heterozygosity. We use known, self-fertilized offspring as controls and compare them with

99 offspring whose breeding system was initially unknown but could, by the present study be
100 identified as automictic. *Daphnia magna* reproduces by cyclical parthenogenesis, in which
101 clonal reproduction is intermitted by sexual reproduction. The clonal offspring may develop
102 into males or females (environmental sex determination) and sexual reproduction always
103 leads to the production of diapause stages (“ephippia”: structures formed by maternal tissue,
104 usually encapsulating two diapausing embryos). Hence, “self-fertilized” offspring in diapause
105 can easily be generated by growing clonal cultures to high population densities and letting
106 males mate with their genetically identical sisters. We acknowledge that within-clone mating
107 (mating of a female with a genetically identical male) may only genetically but not
108 ecologically be equivalent to self-fertilization (fertilization between male and female organs
109 of a single, hermaphrodite individual), but for simplicity, we do not distinguish between these
110 terms in the present paper.

111 While diapause stages can be produced clonally in some species of *Daphnia* (Hebert
112 and Crease 1980), they were hitherto thought to be always produced by sexual reproduction in
113 *D. magna*. However, we have previously found that some strains of *D. magna* do not produce
114 males (“non-male producing strains”, NMP), even when stimulated with a “male-inducing”
115 hormone (Innes and Dunbrack 1993; Galimov *et al.* 2011). In natural populations, these
116 strains still participate in sexual reproduction, but only via the female function, that is, by
117 producing diapause eggs that have to be fertilized by males from other, male-producing (MP)
118 strains (i.e., strains that produce both males and females with sex determined by the
119 environment). When grown in isolation (i.e., in NMP-only cultures), females still produce the
120 diapause capsules, but these are usually empty (i.e., do not contain viable embryos). Yet, very
121 rarely, a few offspring hatch from these ephippia, indicating that a very low percentage of
122 them do contain viable embryos (Galimov *et al.* 2011). The offspring are diploid and show
123 segregation of maternal alleles, indicating that they are not produced clonally (Galimov *et al.*

124 2011). They may thus be produced either by within-clone mating through rare and undetected
125 male production in the maternal NMP strain or by automictic parthenogenesis (Galimov *et al.*
126 2011). To evaluate these possibilities, we used (i) direct testing for the presence of males by
127 phenotypic screening of large samples, (ii) crossing attempts between different NMP strains
128 (if rare males are present they are expected to fertilize females of other NMP strains as well as
129 their own), and (iii) an assessment of the heterozygosity patterns among offspring by
130 microsatellite genotyping and RAD-sequencing. Our results showed that only the genomic
131 approach (RAD-sequencing) could provide conclusive evidence for the mode of reproduction
132 by which these offspring had been produced. More generally, our study thus serves to
133 illustrate the observed and expected genome-wide patterns of heterozygosity reduction under
134 automixis and self-fertilization and to provide evidence for the great potential of genomic
135 approaches for elucidating cryptic breeding systems.

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137 **Expected heterozygosity reduction under automixis**

138 The expected heterozygosity reduction under automixis has been described before
139 (Rizet and Engelmann 1949; Barratt *et al.* 1954; Suomalainen *et al.* 1987; Pearcy *et al.* 2006;
140 Engelstädter *et al.* 2011; Pearcy *et al.* 2011). However, different aspects are discussed in
141 different papers, and the literature on breeding systems is rather disparate from the literature
142 on genetic mapping in fungi or on mapping of centromeres either by natural or artificial
143 automixis. Furthermore, in addition to central and terminal fusion, a further term “random
144 fusion” is sometimes discussed, but its definition and effects on heterozygosity reduction
145 require clarification. Finally, the effects of recombination interference on heterozygosity
146 reduction have only rarely been considered in the breeding systems literature (e.g., Asher
147 1970; Nace *et al.* 1970). For these reasons, we briefly review here the literature on expected
148 heterozygosity reduction under automixis with the focus on the comparison with self-

149 fertilization. We identify two main predictions regarding expected heterozygosity patterns, an
150 inter-chromosomal and an intra-chromosomal one, which allow distinguishing automictic
151 from self-fertilized offspring using genomic data. We also mathematically derive predictions
152 on the intra-chromosomal patterns of heterozygosity in offspring produced by terminal and
153 central fusion, accounting for different degrees of recombination interference.

154 The terms “central fusion” and “terminal fusion” are derived from ordered tetrads
155 (Tucker 1958; Suomalainen *et al.* 1987). In many fungi and algae, the four products of
156 meiosis remain together in an envelope called “ascus”, with some of them retaining a specific
157 order (Bos 1996): the four meiotic products of a diploid parent heterozygous A1A2 at a
158 centromeric locus are ordered along a sequence A1_A1_A2_A2, with meiosis I explaining the
159 central division and meiosis II the two terminal divisions (each division is indicated by an
160 underscore). Hence, fusion of neighboring meiotic products during within-tetrad mating can
161 either be terminal (leading to homozygous centromeric regions A1A1 or A2A2) or central
162 (leading to heterozygous centromeric regions A1A2). However, because the effects on
163 offspring heterozygosity are identical, the term “central fusion” is often used to describe the
164 fusion of any two meiotic products that have been separated during meiosis I (or where
165 meiosis I is suppressed, Asher 1970). Equivalently, the term “terminal fusion” is used to
166 describe the fusion of any products that have been separated during meiosis II (or where
167 meiosis II is suppressed, Asher 1970), not only in ordered tetrads.

168 “Random fusion” can be defined as fusion of two randomly chosen products of a
169 meiotic tetrad (Suomalainen *et al.* 1987; Pearcy *et al.* 2006; Lampert *et al.* 2007). Hence, with
170 random fusion, 2/3 of the offspring are produced by central fusion and 1/3 by terminal fusion
171 (once one meiotic product is chosen, only one of the three remaining products carries the
172 same allele at the centromeric locus shown above, thus central fusion occurs with a
173 probability of 2/3). Yet, in animals, meiosis typically leads to one oocyte and polar bodies,

174 and automictic fusion usually (but not always, e.g., Seiler and Schäffer 1960) occurs between
175 the oocyte and one of the polar bodies. However, the first polar body often decays rapidly or
176 does not undergo meiosis II (e.g., in *Daphnia*, Zaffagnini and Sabelli 1972), and these details
177 of the reproductive mode may change the proportion of offspring produced by central vs.
178 terminal fusion even under random expectations (i.e., without specific mechanism favoring
179 one over the other). It may therefore be more useful to distinguish cases in which both central
180 fusion and terminal fusion occur, possibly in different proportions (we term this “mixed
181 fusion”) from cases in which one of them is the exclusive mode of reproduction. With mixed
182 fusion, any given offspring is produced by either central or terminal fusion (two specific
183 meiotic products fuse or meiosis I or meiosis II is suppressed). This leads to a first general
184 prediction, which should enable differentiating automixis from self-fertilization:
185 Independently of whether automixis occurs by central or terminal fusion, the homozygosity of
186 centromeric regions across different chromosomes should be 100% correlated within a given
187 offspring (Fig. 1). That is, either all centromeric regions should become homozygous
188 (offspring produced by terminal fusion) or they should all retain parental heterozygosity
189 (offspring produced by central fusion). In contrast, under self-fertilization, each centromeric
190 region is expected to become homozygous or retain parental heterozygosity with an
191 independent probability of 0.5 (i.e., independently of the heterozygosity of other centromeric
192 regions in the same individual, Fig. 1). A method to determine how the inter-chromosomal
193 pattern can be assessed if the centromeric positions are unknown, is outlined in Supporting
194 File S1.

195 Second, within each chromosome, heterozygosity is expected to gradually increase
196 from zero (terminal fusion) or decrease from 100% (central fusion) to 67% of parental
197 heterozygosity with increasing genetic distance from the centromere (Fig. 1, Rizet and
198 Engelmann 1949; Engelstädter *et al.* 2011; Percy *et al.* 2011). The levelling off at 67% under

199 both terminal and central fusion occurs because, at large genetic distances from the
200 centromere, recombination effectively distributes alleles at random across the sister and non-
201 sister chromatids. Therefore, both terminal and central fusion result in random sampling
202 without replacement of two alleles from four chromatids and thus to the expected
203 heterozygosity of 67% (once one chromatid is chosen, two of the three remaining chromatids
204 carry a different allele).

205 The transition from zero or 100% heterozygosity at the centromere and 67%
206 heterozygosity in centromere-distant regions depends on the genetic map distance (i.e., the
207 expected number of crossovers) and thus on the level of crossover interference (Fig. 1,
208 Supporting File S2, Barratt *et al.* 1954; Nace *et al.* 1970; Zhao and Speed 1998). In
209 Supporting File S2, we present an original derivation of this relationship, taking advantage of
210 the flexibility of generalized Poisson distributions (Conway-Maxwell Poisson distribution,
211 Sellers *et al.* 2012). With high degree of cross-over interference, this relationship may be non-
212 monotonous (Fig. 1). However, the initial slope of the change in heterozygosity close to the
213 centromere is $2d$ (where d is the genetic distance in Morgan) under terminal fusion and $-d$
214 under central fusion (Fig. 1, Supporting File S2), irrespectively of the degree of interference.
215 In contrast, under self-fertilization, expected heterozygosity is 50% of the parental
216 heterozygosity and does not depend on the distance from the centromere nor on the level of
217 cross-over interference.

218 Several other forms of automixis are defined and discussed elsewhere (Bell 1982;
219 Mogie 1986; Suomalainen *et al.* 1987; Stenberg and Saura 2009; Archetti 2010; Lutes *et al.*
220 2010; Neiman *et al.* 2014; Nogué *et al.* 2015). Their effects on genome-wide heterozygosity
221 reduction are often very different from self-fertilization (e.g., complete loss or complete
222 retention of parental heterozygosity).

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224 **METHODS**

225 **Origin of clones and outdoor experiments**

226 We use the term “clone” to refer to a strain initiated by a single female and maintained by
227 clonal reproduction. Clones used in this study originated from Russian populations known to
228 contain NMP clones (Ast, BN, MZ, Vol, Galimov *et al.* 2011). They were classified as MP or
229 NMP according to whether or not females of these clones produced male offspring during
230 clonal reproduction when exposed to 400 nM methyl farnesoate, a juvenile hormone analog
231 that has been shown to consistently induce male production in MP clones of *D. magna*
232 (Olmstead and Leblanc 2002; see Galimov *et al.* 2011 for detailed methodology).

233 Outdoor mass cultures were carried out using two NMP treatments and two MP
234 control treatments: (1) NMP single clone cultures (“NMP_single”) each contained a single
235 NMP clone. Because only one maternal clone was present, the ehippial offspring produced
236 in these cultures were the result of within-clone mating (if rare males were present) or some
237 form of parthenogenetic reproduction. This treatment was used (as in our earlier study,
238 Galimov *et al.* 2011) to eliminate the possibility of clonal parthenogenesis by examining
239 offspring for segregation of maternal alleles at microsatellite loci. Furthermore, the offspring
240 of one culture (the culture that produced the largest number of offspring) were used to test for
241 genome-wide patterns of heterozygosity using RAD-sequencing. (2) NMP multi-clone
242 cultures (“NMP_mix”) contained two to four different NMP clones (distinguishable at
243 microsatellite loci). They were used to test for the presence of rare males by testing for the
244 occurrence of outcrossed offspring (i.e., crosses between different NMP clones). Outcrossing
245 should occur in the presence of rare males, but not under automixis. Control treatments (3)
246 “MP_single” and (4) “MP_mix”, containing single or two to four MP clones, respectively,
247 were used to verify male production and outcrossing under the experimental conditions as
248 well as to assess genome-wide heterozygosity in offspring produced by self-fertilization.

249 The outdoor cultures were set up under ambient conditions in the Botanical garden of
250 Fribourg, Switzerland (46°48'6.00"N, 7°8'44.04"E) by transferring ~100 adult females of
251 each clone into buckets containing 40 L of artificial *Daphnia* medium (Klüttgen *et al.* 1994)
252 as well as a 50 ml initial inoculum of natural microalgae and bacteria (50- μ m-filtered water
253 from a local garden pond) as well as ~100 g of fresh horse manure to provide nutrients. Some
254 fresh unicellular green algae, *Scenedesmus* sp., were added intermittently throughout the
255 experiment to keep densities high, and natural rain water gradually filled the buckets to ~60 L.

256 The experiment took place in two parts: A first batch of cultures was grown outside
257 from March to November 2011, and a second batch from March/April 2013 to October 2013
258 (Table 1). In both batches, the clones reproduced mostly asexually during summer and fall,
259 with intermittent production of males observed in the MP cultures and ehippia, both in MP
260 and NMP cultures. Even though there was no systematic quantification of ehippia
261 production in this experiment, we did not notice any obvious differences in numbers of
262 ehippia produced between NMP and MP cultures. However, all opened ehippia from NMP
263 cultures were empty (i.e., did not contain embryos), whereas almost all ehippia from MP
264 cultures contained embryos (several dozens of ehippia from each of the two culture types
265 were opened). The results of the first batch suggested the possibility of clonal selection
266 leading to substantially unequal clone frequencies in multi-clone cultures and thus reduced
267 probabilities of outcrossing (assuming presence of males and random mating). We therefore
268 intermittently (June, 15 July, 25 August, and 17 September 2013) re-stocked all multi-clone
269 cultures of the second batch by adding up to 100 non-ehippial females of the less frequent
270 clones, after estimating clone frequencies based on microsatellite genotypes of 25 individuals
271 of each culture. The aim of this procedure was to equilibrate clone frequencies and thus to
272 increase the likelihood of outcrossing if rare males were present. Finally, six NMP cultures of
273 the first batch were used to phenotypically search for rare males using large samples (~4000

274 individuals) taken at the end of the growing season (November 2011), with sex identified
275 under a stereo microscope. The same was also done for two MP control cultures.

276 At the end of each growing season (mid November 2011, end of October 2013 for the
277 first and second batch, respectively), all ephippia that had accumulated at the bottom of the
278 buckets were collected and overwintered (which is necessary for later hatching).
279 Overwintering was done either outdoors in a small volume of water placed in the dark (first
280 batch) or in a dark cold-room at 0°C (second batch). In the subsequent spring, hatching tests
281 were carried out by transferring the ephippia to fresh *Daphnia* medium and keeping them
282 under warm and high-light conditions (ambient Fribourg spring conditions in the first batch,
283 ~20°C greenhouse conditions in the second batch). The containers were carefully checked for
284 hatchlings at least every third day, and hatchlings were removed and stored in ethanol at -
285 20°C for later genotyping or grown in isolation in order to establish cultures of offspring
286 clones. Overall, the 2011 batch yielded more hatchlings than the 2013 batch, likely due to
287 environmental effects during growth or hatching.

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289 **DNA extraction and microsatellite analysis**

290 Genomic DNA was extracted using the HotSHOT protocol (Montero-Pau *et al.* 2008)
291 and nine diagnostic microsatellite loci (Supporting Table S1) were used to distinguish
292 outcrossed from non-outcrossed offspring (the latter resulting from within-clone mating or
293 parthenogenetic reproduction), as well as to check for segregation of markers that were
294 heterozygous in the parent clones. We set up PCR reactions of 10 µL, using the Qiagen
295 Multiplex PCR master mix (Qiagen, Venlo, The Netherlands). Cycling was performed
296 following the recommendations of the manufacturer. Fragment lengths were analysed using
297 GENEMAPPER Software version 4.0 (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) with
298 Gene Scan-500 LIZ as an internal size standard.

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300 **RAD-sequencing**

301 To obtain markers throughout the genome, at which heterozygosity could be assessed,
302 we used Restriction site-Associated DNA sequencing (RAD-sequencing, Baird *et al.* 2008),
303 using eight hatchlings from a single clone NMP culture (clone AST-01-04, bucket V04), as
304 well as 27 hatchlings from a single clone MP culture (clone RM1-18 MP, bucket B19). Only
305 eight offspring of an NMP clone were used because this was the highest number of offspring
306 from a single clone NMP culture that could successfully be grown in clonal culture in the
307 laboratory before DNA-extraction (several other hatchlings died before reproduction or were
308 sterile). We used a RAD-sequencing protocol based on Etter *et al.* (2011) with a few
309 modifications as specified below. Two libraries were prepared: one containing the offspring
310 of the NMP single clone culture, the other containing the offspring of the MP single clone
311 culture, with each offspring individually labelled. Each library also contained two
312 independent replicates of the parental clone. The details of the RAD-sequencing protocol and
313 the analysis pipeline including quality checks, alignment, SNP-calling, and genotype calling,
314 is explained in detail in Supporting File S3.

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316 **Inter- and intra-chromosomal patterns of heterozygosity reduction**

317 Putative centromere locations were inferred from the genetic map as corresponding to
318 large, non-recombining regions, of which each linkage group contains exactly one, except
319 linkage group 3 which has two such regions (*D. magna* genetic map v4.0.1, deposited on
320 Dryad, Dukić *et al.*, unpubl.). Centromeric regions were defined as consisting of all scaffolds
321 (or parts of scaffolds) with the cM position of these non-recombining regions. Average
322 heterozygosity as a function of the distance from the putative centromere was calculated for
323 each chromosome arm separately by using a moving average, including markers within 5 cM

324 on either side of the focal marker (but in all cases excluding markers at a distance of zero cM
325 from the centromeric regions). Subsequently, the averages and standard errors (SE) of these
326 estimates were calculated across chromosome arms, and confidence limits calculated as 1.96
327 SE.

328 To estimate the distance from the centromere of microsatellite loci, we first mapped
329 each primer pair to the current *D. magna* assembly v2.4. Subsequently, we retrieved the
330 position on the genetic map v4.0.1 of the closest marker on the same scaffold. In this way, we
331 were able to obtain estimated map locations for six of the microsatellite loci (Supporting
332 Table S2).

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334 **Probability of within-clone mating in the presence of rare males**

335 The absence of outcrossed offspring in NMP mixed clone cultures does not necessarily
336 indicate the absence of rare males because a low number of offspring could, by chance be
337 produced exclusively by within-clone mating. Hence, we calculated the probability of
338 observing zero outcrossed offspring in the presence of rare males under the assumption of
339 random mating among the clones present at the time of resting egg production in each NMP
340 mixed clone culture. Under random mating, the probability of within-clone mating of a given
341 clone i in a given culture j is equal to its squared frequency, f_i^2 , and the overall expected
342 frequency of within-clone mated offspring is $\sum(f_i^2)$, summed across all clones present in the
343 culture. The probability of observing only offspring produced by within-clone mating among
344 N offspring (i.e. the probability that despite the presence of males not a single outcrossed
345 offspring was observed) then equals $pr_j = [\sum(f_i^2)]^N$, and the combined probability across all
346 cultures is the product $\Pi(pr_j)$.

347 Because the frequencies of clones at the time of resting egg production were unknown,
348 we assumed two contrasting scenarios: First, we assumed that all original parent clones were

349 still present at equal frequency at the time of resting egg production. This scenario maximizes
350 the probability of outcrossing. Therefore, we also used a second, more conservative scenario:
351 We assumed that the frequency of each parent clone at the moment of resting egg production
352 was equal to its proportional contribution to the offspring generation. For this second scenario
353 we only used buckets in which offspring from more than one parent clone were present (for
354 the other buckets, the expected frequency of within-clone mated offspring under this scenario
355 is 100%).

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357 **RESULTS**

358 **Sex ratios**

359 We identified the sex of 25,925 NMP individuals of *D. magna*, sampled in late season
360 from six outdoor cultures of NMP clones, but did not find a single male (Table 1). At the
361 same time, cultures of MP clones contained between 10.8% and 38.8% males (mean across
362 populations = 27.2%, SE = 6.1%, total $N = 1502$). Combined with data from our earlier study
363 (Galimov et al. 2011), we have now identified the sex of 33,764 NMP individuals but did not
364 find a single male. This yields an overall upper 95% confidence limit for the true proportion
365 of males of $\sim 10^{-4}$ (Clopper-Pearson confidence interval $1 - (\alpha/2)^{1/N}$). However, the experiment
366 involved many more individuals than the one that were checked (over 10^5 individuals across
367 the whole duration of the experiment and all NMP cultures combined). Thus the presence of
368 rare males cannot entirely be excluded through these phenotypic observations alone.

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370 **Number of hatchlings**

371 A total of 110 hatchlings were found in NMP cultures (between zero and 28 per
372 culture, Table 1). Of these, 61 were found in cultures containing just a single NMP clone and
373 49 in cultures containing multiple NMP clones. All MP control cultures except one yielded

374 more than 30 offspring (Table 1), some of them even many more. Even though numbers of
375 hatchlings above 30 were not estimated systematically, this fits with our experience from
376 similar experiments, where MP cultures usually yielded hundreds to thousands of hatchlings,
377 though in rare cases only low numbers or even none (e.g., Haag and Ebert 2007).

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379 **Microsatellite genotypes of offspring from cultures containing single NMP clones**

380 In total, we investigated microsatellite genotypes of 27 offspring from cultures
381 containing single NMP clones. In all cases, these offspring showed segregation of maternal
382 alleles (Supporting Table S1), thus excluding clonal parthenogenesis. Average heterozygosity
383 across all cultures and loci was 0.61 (SE = 0.04), which is significantly different from 0.5 (N
384 = 152, $\chi^2 = 6.7$, $P = 0.0094$), but not from 0.67 ($\chi^2 = 2.9$, $P = 0.090$). Nonetheless, two loci
385 had heterozygosities that were significantly lower than 0.67 (locus B008: $N = 5$,
386 heterozygosity = 0, binomial $P = 0.005$, locus B096: $N = 21$, heterozygosity = 0.36, SE =
387 0.10, $\chi^2 = 9.2$, $P = 0.0022$) and, in one case, even significantly lower than 0.5 (locus B008:
388 binomial $P = 0.031$, locus B096: $\chi^2 = 1.6$, $P = 0.20$). Indeed heterogeneity among loci was
389 significant (generalized linear model with binomial error distribution using Firth bias
390 correction, likelihood ratio test, $\chi^2 = 23.6$, $d.f. = 6$, $P = 0.0006$). In contrast, offspring from
391 different cultures or different individuals within cultures did not significantly vary in
392 heterozygosity (tested in the same model as the loci effects, cultures: $\chi^2 = 4.4$, $d.f. = 4$, $P =$
393 0.35, individuals nested within cultures: $\chi^2 = 20.9$, $d.f. = 22$, $P = 0.53$). The heterogeneity
394 among loci was at least partly explained by the distance from the centromere: The two loci
395 with heterozygosities significantly lower than 0.67 (loci B008 and B096) were the two loci
396 estimated to be most closely linked to a centromere (at 25.8 and 3.6 cM, respectively). All
397 other loci were had estimated distances from the centromere of >32 cM (Supporting Table
398 S2).

400 Microsatellite genotypes of offspring from cultures containing multiple clones

401 We obtained microsatellite genotypes of 25 offspring from cultures containing
402 multiple NMP clones (Table 1). Among these, not a single offspring resulting from
403 outcrossing between two of the parent clones was observed. Rather, all 25 offspring were
404 produced by self-fertilization or automictic parthenogenesis: They showed segregation of
405 maternal alleles, just as offspring of the single clone cultures, but no sign of outcrossing
406 between clones at diagnostic loci (Table 1, Supporting Table S1). In all but two of these
407 cultures, all offspring found within the culture were produced by just one parent clone. Two
408 cultures (V12 and B23) contained offspring from two different parent clones (Table 1), but
409 nonetheless no outcrossed clone was observed (i.e., also these offspring were the result of
410 self-fertilization or automictic parthenogenesis). In stark contrast, 23 of 24 genotyped
411 offspring from cultures containing multiple MP clones were the result of outcrossing between
412 two parent clones (Table 1, Supporting Table S1). The frequency of outcrossed offspring was
413 even significantly higher ($\chi^2 = 5.6$, $P = 0.018$) than the 75% expected under random mating
414 and equal frequencies of each of the four parent clones, likely due to inbreeding depression
415 affecting hatching rates of inbred vs. outcrossed offspring.

416 Even though no outcrossed offspring was observed in the cultures containing multiple
417 NMP clones, there is still a possibility that they were produced by the mating of a rare male
418 with a female of the same clone. Assuming random mating of rare males with all females, the
419 overall probability of observing zero outcrossed offspring among the 25 genotyped
420 individuals from the cultures containing multiple NMP clones was calculated under two
421 extreme scenarios (see methods). Under the first scenario (assuming equal frequency of all
422 introduced parent clones), this probability is very low ($\sim 10^{-9}$). The second scenario (frequency
423 of parent clones equal to their contribution to the offspring generation) could be assessed only

424 for the five offspring from cultures V12 and B23, in which self-fertilized/automatic offspring
425 from more than one parent were present. Under this scenario, the probability of observing
426 zero outcrossed offspring among the five offspring in these cultures is 0.043.

427

428 **Genome-wide patterns of heterozygosity assessed by RAD-sequencing**

429 RAD sequencing was carried out on eight offspring of the AST-01-04 NMP clone (the
430 remaining offspring of this clone died or did not reproduce and therefore it was not possible to
431 obtain sufficient amounts of DNA). Average genome-wide heterozygosity of these eight
432 offspring was 0.54 ($N = 2523$ loci). It ranged from 0.24 to 0.67 among linkage groups and
433 from 0.40 to 0.73 among individuals (Supporting Table S3). The relatively high variation
434 among individuals and linkage groups was expected because only few recombination events
435 occur per meiosis and chromosome (Routtu *et al.* 2010; Routtu *et al.* 2014), so that many
436 linked markers show identical inheritance patterns.

437 As a control, RAD-sequencing was also carried out on 27 offspring of the RM1-18
438 MP clone. Average genome-wide heterozygosity among these offspring was 0.60 ($N = 1610$
439 loci), varying among linkage groups between 0.46 and 0.71 (Supporting Table S3). This was
440 significantly higher than 0.5 (linkage groups as independent replicates, $t = 3.7$, $d.f. = 9$, $P =$
441 0.005), but also significantly lower than $2/3$ ($t = -2.7$, $d.f. = 9$, $P = 0.023$, though not quite
442 significantly so when linkage groups were weighed according to the number of loci: $P =$
443 0.067).

444

445 **Inter-chromosomal patterns of heterozygosity at putative centromere regions**

446 The analysis carried out here requires knowledge of centromere regions. We use
447 putative centromere regions (large, non-recombining regions as identified on each linkage
448 group by the genetic map v4.0.1, which maps most scaffolds of the current *D. magna*

449 assembly, M. Dukić et al., unpubl.). An equivalent analysis that does not require assumptions
450 on putative centromere regions is presented in Supporting File S1.

451 The putative centromere regions were either consistently homozygous (seven
452 offspring) or heterozygous (one offspring: V04_04) across all ten linkage groups (Fig. 2). One
453 of the linkage groups (LG3) contained two such regions, but only the region at 90.8 cM
454 showed the same heterozygosity as the putative centromere regions of the remaining linkage
455 groups. Hence, this rather than the region at 62.5 cM is the likely centromere region of LG3
456 (and only this region was considered for all other analyses). The inter-chromosomal pattern
457 thus strongly suggests that V04_04 was produced by central fusion and the other seven
458 offspring by terminal fusion.

459 In contrast, the putative centromere regions were not consistently homozygous or
460 heterozygous across all linkage groups within individual offspring of the RM-1-18 MP clone,
461 except for one individual, in which all 10 centromere regions were heterozygous (Fig. 2).
462 Using the observed average heterozygosity of 0.60, the probability of observing this at least
463 one time by chance among 27 offspring is ~ 0.15 ($p = 0.6^{10}$ is the probability that an individual
464 is heterozygous for the 10 centromeric regions, $(1-p)^{27}$ that none of the 27 offspring is
465 heterozygous for the 10 centromeric regions, and thus $1-(1-p)^{27}$ is the probability that at least
466 one is heterozygous for the 10 centromeric regions).

467

468 **Intra-chromosomal patterns of heterozygosity**

469 Among the seven offspring of the NMP clone that were presumably produced by
470 terminal fusion, heterozygosity gradually increased with distance from the centromere (Fig.
471 3), and reached an average heterozygosity of clearly more than 0.5 already at a distance of 50
472 cM. Heterozygosity in distal regions was even somewhat higher than the expected 0.67,
473 though this was only marginally significant (the lower 95% confidence interval calculated by

474 using chromosome arms as independent replicates mostly included 0.67). Heterozygosity of
475 the individual produced by central fusion (offspring V04_04) averaged across all markers and
476 all chromosome arms was 0.73, and 0.67 if only markers located over 50cM from the
477 centromere were considered. In contrast, heterozygosity among the 27 offspring of the RM1-
478 18 MP clone did not vary in any systematic way along the chromosomes nor according to the
479 distance from the centromere (Fig. 3).

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481 **DISCUSSION**

482 **Reliable distinction of automixis from self-fertilization requires genomic data**

483 Our results demonstrate that the ephippial offspring of the *D. magna* NMP clone
484 investigated by RAD-sequencing were produced by automixis, mostly but not exclusively by
485 terminal fusion. The microsatellite results on the offspring of the other clones strongly suggest
486 that this was also the case for the offspring of the other clones (lower heterozygosity at
487 centromere-proximal markers). However, an unequivocal distinction from self-fertilization
488 was only possible owing to the use of genomic data, which also allowed confirmation of the
489 centromere locations. While the phenotypic results were suggestive of automixis (no males
490 detected in NMP cultures, no cross-breeding observed in cultures containing multiple NMP
491 clones), they were nonetheless not entirely conclusive. Very low male frequencies could not
492 be excluded, despite large sample sizes, and the expectation that the presence of males would
493 lead to outcrossed offspring was based on specific assumptions that could not be verified.
494 Moreover, the average microsatellite heterozygosity was similar to the average genome-wide
495 heterozygosity of the self-fertilized controls and therefore also inconclusive. Also at RAD-
496 loci, automictic offspring retained 54% of parental heterozygosity, due to a predominance of
497 terminal rather central fusion and due to inclusion of both centromere-distal and centromere-
498 proximal markers. If only average heterozygosity had been assessed, this could easily have

499 been mistaken as consistent with self-fertilization rather than automixis (average observed
500 heterozygosity in self-fertilized offspring was 60%). This shows that average offspring
501 heterozygosity is not necessarily a reliable indicator of the breeding system.

502 Unequivocal evidence for automixis was obtained only when the inter-chromosomal
503 and intra-chromosomal patterns of genome-wide heterozygosity were analyzed. These
504 patterns are clearly inconsistent with self-fertilization, as shown by our parallel analysis of
505 self-fertilized controls. In addition, the inter-chromosomal patterns provide a direct estimate
506 of the proportion of offspring produced by terminal vs. central fusion: Offspring produced by
507 terminal fusion are homozygous at the centromeric regions of all chromosomes, offspring
508 produced by central fusion retain full parental heterozygosity at all these regions (see also,
509 Oldroyd *et al.* 2008). Even if the positions of the centromeres are unknown, the inter-
510 chromosomal patterns can be analyzed by investigating if specific segregation patterns
511 (among individuals) occur consistently on all chromosomes (Supporting File S1).

512 The intra-chromosomal patterns of heterozygosity in automictic offspring can be used
513 to map the centromeres, an approach that has been used both in natural automicts (Barratt *et*
514 *al.* 1954; Baudry *et al.* 2004) and in organisms, in which automixis can be induced artificially
515 (or meiotic tetrads or half-tetrads can be recovered by other means, Lindsley *et al.* 1956;
516 Eppig and Eicher 1983; Johnson *et al.* 1996; Zhu *et al.* 2013). Also in our study, the intra-
517 chromosome heterozygosity patterns among offspring produced by terminal fusion confirm
518 the presumed locations of centromeres in *D. magna* and indicate that all *D. magna*
519 chromosomes are metacentric. Furthermore, our results also indicate that the centromere on
520 LG3 is located at 90.8cM rather than 62.5cM (two large, non-recombining regions are found
521 on this linkage group, Dukić *et al.*, unpubl).

522 Even though each centromeric region did contain markers that were homozygous in all
523 individuals produced by terminal fusion, there were also, in each of these regions, some

524 markers that were not fully homozygous (average heterozygosity across centromeric regions
525 was 12%, Fig. 3). These 12% of unexpected genotypes are likely due to a combination of
526 genotyping error (false heterozygote calls), erroneous mapping of reads from paralogous loci
527 to single loci (e.g., centromeric markers that were heterozygous in all individuals, as found on
528 several linkage groups, Supporting Figure S1), errors in the genetic map and/or non-
529 collinearity between chromosomes in our study population compared to the clones on which
530 the *D. magna* map is based. Errors in the genetic map and non-collinearity would have the
531 effect that loci that were mapped by us to the centromeric regions are in reality not in these
532 regions, which could explain their non-zero heterozygosity.

533

534 **Automixis and diversity of breeding systems in *Daphnia***

535 While most *Daphnia* species have so far been thought to produce diapause stages
536 exclusively by sexual reproduction, a few species regularly produce parthenogenetic diapause
537 stages (e.g., obligate parthenogenetic strains of *D. pulex*, Hebert and Crease 1980). Yet, in
538 these cases, offspring do not show segregation of maternal alleles and are therefore believed
539 to be clonal offspring, just as the offspring resulting from parthenogenetic production of
540 subitaneous (directly-developing) eggs during the regular asexual part of the life cycle in
541 *Daphnia* (Hebert and Ward 1972, but see comments on clonality below). Hence our results
542 constitute the first demonstration of classical automixis in *Daphnia*.

543 The finding of rare automixis in NMP clones of *D. magna* is important for our
544 understanding the NMP/MP polymorphism. Non-male producing clones of *D. magna*
545 participate in sexual reproduction only through their female function (Galimov *et al.* 2011),
546 and were therefore speculated to be unable to colonize new populations on their own.
547 However, rare automixis may allow these populations to persist through the first period of

548 diapause and may therefore allow single NMP clones to colonize new populations. This may
549 be especially important in environments with frequent extinction-colonization dynamics.

550 However, there is no reason to believe that rare automixis is limited to NMP clones.
551 Production of empty ephippia (shells of resting stages not containing embryos) is frequently
552 observed also in MP clones, when females are grown in the laboratory in isolation from males
553 and even in nature (Ebert 2005). Yet, possible rare automictic reproduction in these cultures
554 would be much more difficult to detect than in NMP clones because MP clones regularly
555 produce males under the conditions needed to stimulate ephippia production. Indeed, rare
556 automictic parthenogenesis occurs in a large number of organisms in the form of rare,
557 spontaneous hatching of unfertilized eggs (“tychoparthenogenesis”) with diploidy restored via
558 automixis (Bell 1982; Schwander *et al.* 2010; Neiman *et al.* 2014).

559 In other species, automixis is a regular form of reproduction, but often exclusively or
560 almost exclusively with central fusion. Examples are many fungal species, including yeast, in
561 which central fusion during within-tetrad mating (= automixis) is assured by a mating type
562 locus (unless there is a mating type switch or recombination between the centromere and the
563 mating type locus, Antonovics and Abrams 2004). Another example comes from several
564 social insects, which can reproduce parthenogenetically by central fusion, and, additionally,
565 show very low rates of crossover within the chromosomes (Baudry *et al.* 2004; Oldroyd *et al.*
566 2008; Rey *et al.* 2011). With very low recombination rates, central fusion effectively
567 approaches clonality because central fusion assures that parental heterozygosity is retained at
568 the centromeres, and low rates of crossover result only in a slow decay of heterozygosity in
569 the centromere-distal regions.

570 Automixis has been hypothesized to represent an intermediate step in the evolutionary
571 pathway from sexual to clonal reproduction (Schwander *et al.* 2010). According to this
572 hypothesis, rare automictic reproduction (“tychoparthenogenesis”) with “mixed fusion” may

573 become more frequent, with subsequent selection for increased rates of central fusion and
574 repression of recombination. Parthenogenetic reproduction in *Daphnia* has indeed been
575 termed an intermediate between clonal and automictic reproduction because subitaneous,
576 parthenogenetic eggs are produced by a modified meiosis rather than by mitosis (Hiruta *et al.*
577 2010; Hiruta and Tochinai 2012). Specifically, the homologs pair and start to separate, but
578 meiosis I is not completed, and sister chromatids of a diploid set of chromosomes are
579 separated during meiosis II (Hiruta *et al.* 2010). In other words, meiosis I is suppressed,
580 which is identical to central fusion (Asher 1970), but it is also indistinguishable from purely
581 clonal reproduction as long as no recombination occurs during the pairing of homologs (a low
582 degree of exchange occurs in *D. pulex*, Omilian *et al.* 2006; Tucker *et al.* 2013). More
583 generally, this suggests that the mechanism of clonal parthenogenesis may, also in other
584 diploid organisms, be an extreme form of automixis (central fusion with no or very low levels
585 of recombination) and thus a meiosis-derived process rather than production of fertile eggs by
586 mitosis. This distinction is important because it implies that the evolution of asexuality in
587 these taxa may have involved strong heterozygosity-reducing processes (terminal fusion,
588 central fusion with recombination). Hence the classical view that clonal diploids maintain
589 their heterozygosity at least on short evolutionary timescales (thus for instance avoiding
590 inbreeding, e.g., Haag and Ebert 2004) may not have been true during the initial evolution of
591 asexuality. Hence it may be necessary to more explicitly account for the mechanism of this
592 transition in order to fully understand the selection pressures acting during the evolution of
593 parthenogenesis from sexuality. Furthermore, the same processes may also be important for
594 understanding the maintenance of asexuality: If clonal parthenogenesis is indeed meiosis-
595 derived, there may be residual rates of recombination during homologue pairing (Hiruta *et al.*
596 2010), such that transitions to homozygosity and loss of complementation may occur at higher

597 rates than under purely mitotic parthenogenesis (Archetti 2004; Archetti 2010; Nougé *et al.*
598 2015).

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600 **Inbreeding depression in self-fertilized and automictic offspring**

601 In the self-fertilized offspring, observed heterozygosities were higher than the
602 expected 50 % for the majority of the linkage groups. This suggests that the parent clone
603 carried loci contributing to inbreeding depression, that is, loci with recessive or partly
604 recessive deleterious alleles on these linkage groups (Fu and Ritland 1994b). Indeed, the
605 realized heterozygosities can deviate from the expected ones in inbred individuals due to
606 selection and such deviations are a form of inbreeding depression (Fu and Ritland 1994a;
607 Wang and Hill 1999). Also the higher than expected number of outcrossed offspring in the
608 cultures containing multiple MP clones is evidence for inbreeding depression in the control
609 cultures.

610 The automictic offspring also showed signs of inbreeding depression: Only few hatchlings
611 survived to adulthood and were sufficiently fecund so that they could successfully be taken
612 into clonal culture (Table 1). Furthermore, observed offspring heterozygosities also tended to
613 be higher than the expected ones, even after accounting for high levels of cross-over
614 interference. A closer examination of the contribution of selection to the genome-wide
615 patterns of observed heterozygosity is not possible due to the low number of automictic
616 offspring investigated, and also due to complicating effects of possible genotyping errors and
617 other possible errors (alignment, mapping, collinearity, see above) in our analysis. Due to
618 these uncertainties, our prediction that the initial increase in heterozygosity at short distances
619 from the centromere should be $2d$ (where d is the genetic distance in Morgan), if it is not
620 influenced by selection, could not be evaluated with the present data. Nonetheless, the strong
621 initial increase in heterozygosity at distances up to 100 cM from the centromere is

622 inconsistent with the absence of both recombination interference and selection, but rather
623 indicates the action of one or both of these processes. If a larger number of offspring is
624 analyzed and selection is estimated independently (e.g., by analyzing loci at >100 cM from
625 the centromere) or can be excluded (e.g., by investigating zygotes), the analysis of
626 heterozygosity patterns among automictic offspring may be used to investigate the degree of
627 crossover interference.

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629 **Conclusions**

630 Overall, our study shows that the mode of reproduction in automictic vs. self-
631 fertilizing species can be inferred from the heterozygosity patterns among offspring.
632 However, our study also illustrates that it was only due to the availability of genomic rather
633 than sparse marker data that these inferences were robust to the complicating effects of
634 recombination interference and selection. The same applies to the distinction between
635 terminal and central fusion in species that use a mix of these two modes of reproduction (not
636 necessarily in the ratios corresponding to “random fusion”). More generally, our findings
637 support the idea that obtaining genome-wide heterozygosity data from mothers and a limited
638 number of offspring may be a widely applicable and accessible approach to study breeding
639 systems in species with cryptic or mixed modes of reproduction.

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641 **DATA ACCESS**

642 All demultiplexed read data used for genotyping were submitted to NCBI SRA: BioProject ID
643 PRJNA279333. The reference genome used for mapping and annotation is available on
644 <http://wfleabase.org/> (dmagna_v.2.4_20100422). The full raw and corrected SNP data sets, as
645 well as the genetic map v4.0.1 are available as supporting information (Supporting Files S4,
646 S5, and S6).

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665 **TABLES**

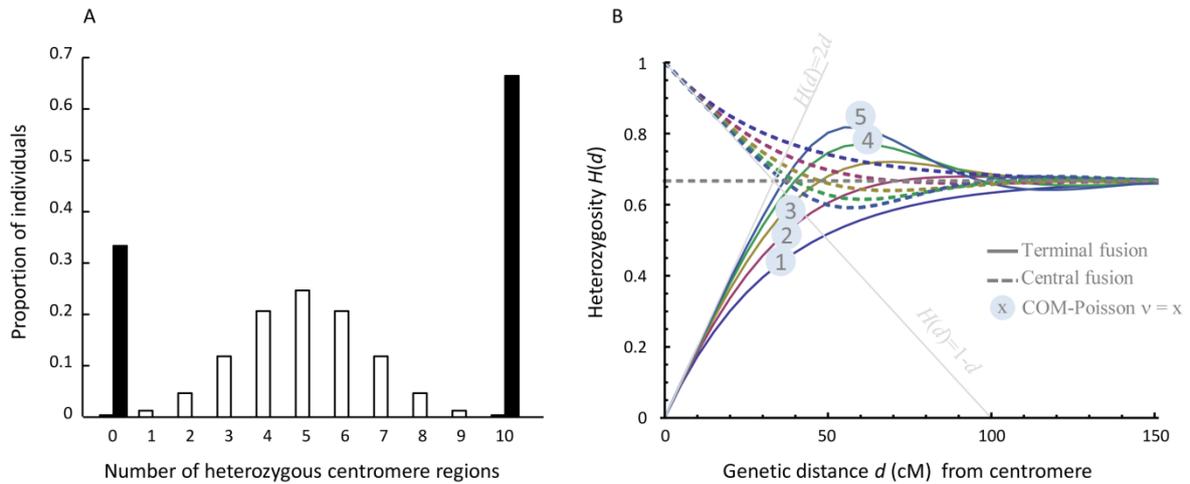
666 Table 1: Origins of clones, sex ratios, number of hatchlings, as well as numbers of within-
 667 clone and outcrossed offspring in each of the cultures. Empty cells indicate values that were
 668 not assessed in a given culture. (Table continued on next page).

Bucket ID	Batch	Treatment	Origin of clones	N males	N females	N hatchlings	N genotyped	N within-clone offspring	N outcrossed offspring
V02	2011	NMP_single	Vol			7	2	2	0
V03	2011	NMP_single	MZ			0			
V04	2011	NMP_single	Ast			28	14	14	0
V08	2011	NMP_single	Vol	0	4629	3	3	3	0
V10	2011	NMP_single	Ast	0	5370	3	3	3	0
V21	2011	NMP_single	MZ			8	5	5	0
B11	2013	NMP_single	Ast			11			
B12	2013	NMP_single	Vol			0			
B13	2013	NMP_single	MZ			1			
B14	2013	NMP_single	Ast			0			
B15	2013	NMP_single	Ast			0			
V01	2011	NMP_mix	MZ, Vol			13	3	3 (same parent)	0
V05	2011	NMP_mix	BN, Vol			11	7	7 (same parent)	0
V06	2011	NMP_mix	MZ, Vol			1	1	1	0
V07	2011	NMP_mix	BN, Vol	0	5105	1			
V09	2011	NMP_mix	MZ, Vol	0	4256	10	3	3 (same parent)	0
V11	2011	NMP_mix	BN (2x)	0	5550	0			
V12	2011	NMP_mix	Ast, BN, MZ, Vol			2	2	1+1 (two different parents)	0
V15	2011	NMP_mix	MZ (2x)	0	1015	1			
V17	2011	NMP_mix	MZ (2x)			4	4	4 (same parent)	0
V19	2011	NMP_mix	Ast, BN, MZ, Vol			1			
V20	2011	NMP_mix	BN (2x)			0			
B20	2013	NMP_mix	Ast, MZ, Vol			1	1	1	0
B21	2013	NMP_mix	Ast (3x)			0			
B23	2013	NMP_mix	Ast, MZ, Vol			3	3	1+2 (two different parents)	0
B24	2013	NMP_mix	Ast (3x)			0			
B26	2013	NMP_mix	Ast, MZ, Vol			1	1	1	0
B27	2013	NMP_mix	Ast (3x)			0			

Table 1 continued.

Bucket ID	Batch	Treatment	Origin of clones	N males	N females	N hatchlings	N genotyped	N within-clone offspring	N outcrossed offspring
B17	2013	MP_single	MZ			0			
B18	2013	MP_single	MZ			>30			
B19	2013	MP_single	MZ			>30			
D069	2011	MP_mix	BN, Vol	53	440	>30			
D096	2011	MP_mix	BN, Vol	82	232	>30			
D141	2011	MP_mix	BN, Vol	142	224	>30			
D202	2011	MP_mix	BN, Vol	109	220	>30			
B22	2013	MP_mix	MZ (4x)			>30	8	0	8
B25	2013	MP_mix	MZ (4x)			>30	8	1	7
B28	2013	MP_mix	MZ (4x)			>30	8	0	8

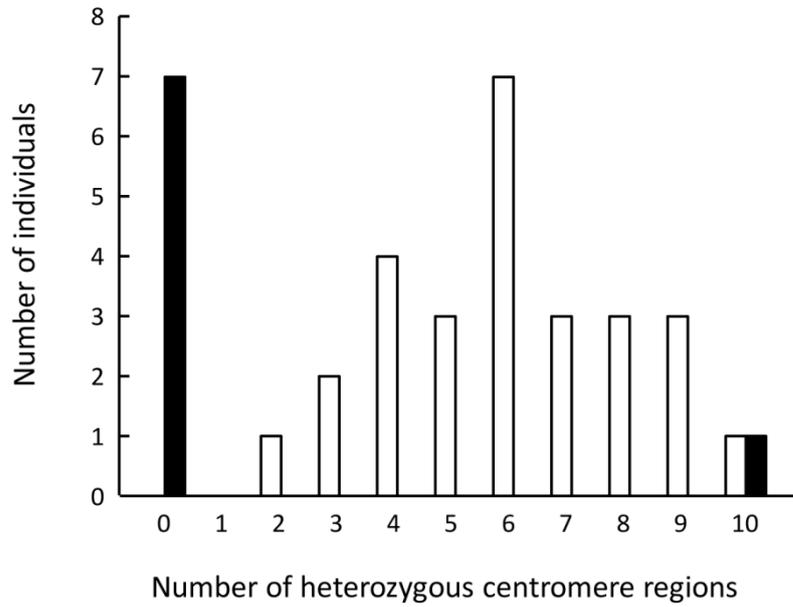
658 **FIGURES AND FIGURE LEGENDS**



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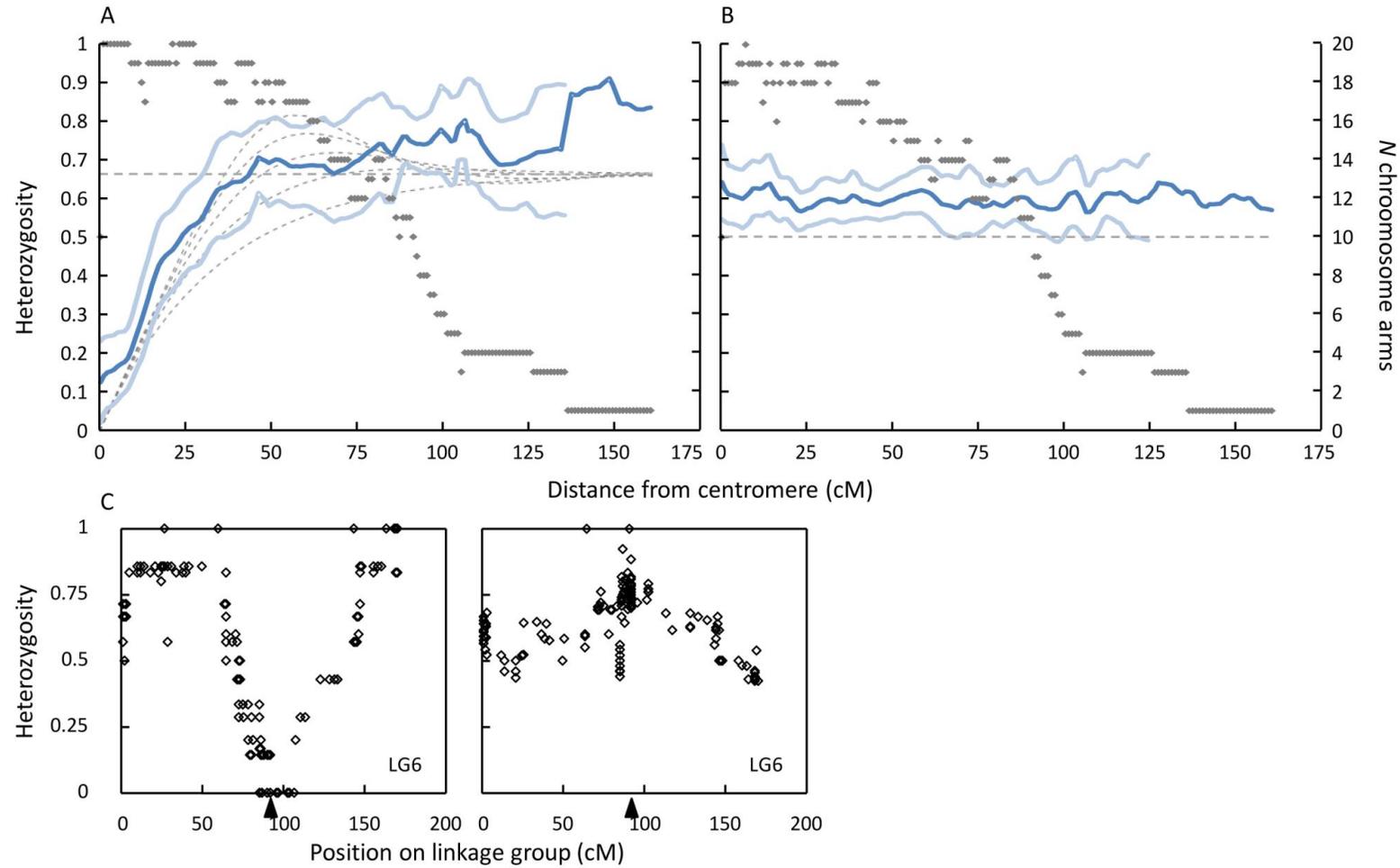
660 Fig. 1: Expected inter-chromosomal (A) and intra-chromosomal patterns (B) of
 661 heterozygosity reduction in automictic offspring. (A) shows the proportion of individuals that
 662 retain parental heterozygosity at a given number (out of ten) centromeric regions. Black bars
 663 represent automictic offspring, which should always have either zero or ten heterozygous
 664 centromeric regions (the relative proportion of individuals with heterozygous vs. homozygous
 665 regions depends on the proportion of offspring produced by central vs. terminal fusion, here
 666 2/3 central fusion is assumed). The empty bars represent self-fertilized controls. (B) shows
 667 expected offspring heterozygosity as a function of the genetic distance from the centromere
 668 under central and terminal fusion and different degrees of crossover interference (Supplement
 669 2). $\nu = 1$ corresponds to no interference, and the two gray lines correspond to complete
 670 interference. The dashed line gives the expected heterozygosity for centromere-distal markers
 671 (2/3).

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674 Fig. 2: Observed number of individuals that retained parental heterozygosity at a given
 675 number (out of ten) of centromeric regions. Black bars represent offspring of the AST-01-04
 676 NMP clone, empty bars offspring of the RM-1-18 MP clone. For LG3 only the region at 90.8
 677 cM was considered.



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679 Fig. 3: Heterozygosity as a function of the distance from the centromere under (A) automixis (terminal fusion only, $N = 7$ offspring) and (B) self-
 680 fertilization ($N = 27$ offspring). Dark blue lines represent averages across all chromosome arms with N chromosome arms (gray dots) according

681 to the secondary y-axis. Light blue lines represent the 95% confidence limits, and the dashed lines the expected heterozygosity and asymptotes
682 under different degrees of recombination interference (see Fig. 1). (C) Realized heterozygosity along linkage group 6 (automictic offspring left,
683 self-fertilized offspring right) for illustration. The black triangle shows the presumed centromere position. The patterns of all linkage groups are
684 shown in the supplementary Figure S1. All heterozygosities are expressed in percentage of parental heterozygosity.

700 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION CAPTIONS**

701 Supporting File S1: Assessing the inter-chromosomal pattern when centromere locations are
702 unknown

703 Supporting File S2: Expected offspring heterozygosity under central vs. terminal fusion

704 Supporting File S3: Detailed RAD-sequencing protocol and analysis of RAD-sequencing data

705 File S4: .xlsx file containing the raw and corrected SNP data set for all offspring of the AST-
706 01-04 NMP clone.

707 File S5: .xlsx file containing the raw and corrected SNP data set for all offspring of the RM-1-
708 18 MP clone.

709 File S6: .xlsx file containing the genetic map v4.0.1.

710 Supporting Figure S1: Heterozygosity depending on marker position along each linkage
711 group

712 Supporting Figure S2: Mapping functions under different degrees of interference

713 Supporting Table S1: Microsatellite genotypes of parents and offspring

714 Supporting Table S2: Heterozygosity of microsatellite loci in relation to the distance from the
715 centromere

716 Supporting Table S3: Number of RAD loci and average heterozygosity per linkage group

717 Supporting Table S4: The ten most frequently observed segregation patterns

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