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22 **Abstract:** Using a well-adapted *Drosophila subobscura* population (Avala, Serbia), a  
23 drastic experiment of inbreeding was carried out to assess whether the expected level of  
24 homozygosity could be reached, or other evolutionary forces affected also the process.  
25 In general, no significant changes of inversion (or arrangement) frequencies were  
26 detected after twelve brother-sister mating generations. Furthermore, no significant  
27 differences were obtained between observed and expected (under the inbreeding model)  
28 karyotypic frequencies. Thus, these results seemed to indicate that the main  
29 evolutionary factor in the experiment was inbreeding. However, in  $G_{12}$  generation  
30 complete chromosomal fixation was reached only in two out of the eight final inbred  
31 lines. In these lines, the chromosomal compositions were difficult to interpret, but could  
32 be likely a consequence of adaptation to particular laboratory conditions (constant 18°C,  
33 food, light period, etc.). Finally in a second experiment, the inbred lines presented  
34 higher fertility at 18°C than at 13°C. Also, there was a significant line effect on fertility:  
35 inbred line number 6 ( $A_1$ ,  $J_1$ ,  $U_{1+2}$ ;  $U_{1+2+6}$ ,  $E_8$  and  $O_{3+4+7}$ ) presented the higher values  
36 and maybe it was the result of an adaptation to laboratory environment. Thus, the results  
37 obtained in our experiments reflect the adaptive potential of *D. subobscura* inversions.

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39 *Key words:* *Drosophila subobscura*, inbreeding, chromosomal inversions, thermal  
40 adaptation, fertility.

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## 47 **Introduction**

48 *Drosophila subobscura* is a model species with a rich chromosomal  
49 polymorphism in most of its chromosomes: A (= X, the sex chromosome), E, J, O and  
50 U (Krimbas 1992, 1993; Powell 1997). It is generally accepted that this polymorphism  
51 is adaptive due to its geographic distribution pattern, although other explanations as  
52 historic factors could be also important (Krimbas and Loukas 1980; Sperlich and Pfriend  
53 1986). The latitudinal clinal distribution of chromosomal inversions, both in North and  
54 South America, presenting the same pattern found in the Palearctic region was key  
55 evidence supporting their adaptive role (Prevosti et al. 1988, 1990; Menozzi and  
56 Krimbas 1992; Balanyà et al. 2003). Also, there are other observations supporting the  
57 adaptive role of inversions, for instance, their seasonal variation (Fontdevila et al. 1983;  
58 Rodriguez-Trelles et al. 1996; Zivanovic and Mestres 2010b) and long-term changes  
59 (Orengo and Prevosti 1996; Rodríguez-Trelles and Rodríguez 1998; Solé et al. 2002;  
60 Balanyà et al. 2004, 2006, 2009; Zivanovic and Mestres 2010a, 2011; Zivanovic et al.  
61 2012), suggesting a response to climatic changes. Furthermore, in American populations  
62 of *D. subobscura*, the effect of selection has been measured in two chromosomal  
63 arrangements, O<sub>5</sub> and O<sub>3+4+7</sub> (Mestres et al. 2001). Although strong gene flow has been  
64 observed between natural populations of *D. subobscura* (Latorre et al. 1992; Pascual et  
65 al. 2001; Zivanovic et al. 2007; Araúz et al. 2009; Pegueroles et al. 2013), natural  
66 selection acting on inversions is able to maintain their geographical differentiation.

67 This system of overlapped and non-overlapped inversions is a cornerstone of the  
68 adaptive and evolutionary potential of *D. subobscura*. One way to analyze this genomic  
69 architecture based on inversion is to disturb it, for example, by means of inbreeding  
70 experiments. In this species, the effect of inbreeding have been used to study the rate of  
71 development and fertility (Hollingsworth and Maynard Smith 1955), the pattern of

72 puffing activity in relation to chromosomal inversions (De Frutos et al. 1984), the  
73 genetic system of inversions present in American colonizing populations (Pegueroles et  
74 al. 1996) and to reveal interpopulation differences in inversion polymorphism (Rasic et  
75 al. 2008).

76 In the present study, our main aim is to assess whether the genetic architecture  
77 for inversions of a well-adapted population, in its optimum climatic conditions, could  
78 reach the expected homozygosity under a drastic inbreeding, or other evolutionary  
79 forces (as selection to laboratory conditions) could modify the expectations. For this  
80 purpose, we have chosen the Balkan population of Avala, a large and well established  
81 population, and collected the *D. subobscura* sample during the expansion peak of the  
82 species abundance. The inbreeding conditions have been a drastic 12 generations of  
83 brother-sister mating. A second objective is to use the resulting inbred lines (obtained in  
84 the previous inbreeding experiment) to study the adaptation of different chromosomal  
85 combinations to two different temperature conditions (13°C and 18°C).

## 87 **Material and Methods**

### 88 **Population and samples**

89 In this study, we analyzed a natural population of *Drosophila subobscura*  
90 collected from Avala Mountain (44°48'N 20°30'E), approximately 18 km south of  
91 Belgrade, Serbia. A detailed description of this locality can be found in Zivanovic and  
92 Mestres (2010a, b). *D. subobscura* individuals were sampled from a forest with  
93 polydominant communities of *Fagetum submontanum mixtum*, which is about 450 m  
94 a.s.l. Flies were collected exactly at the same site of previous sampling (Zivanovic and  
95 Mestres 2010a, b) from 30<sup>th</sup> of May to 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2011. These days were chosen to  
96 compare chromosomal polymorphism data with that from June 2004 (collected from the

97 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of June). The 2011 collection was sampled about 2 days at average earlier,  
98 because spring/summer has advanced an average of 2.5 days per decade in Europe  
99 (Menzel et al. 2006). Furthermore, *D. subobscura* presents the highest peak of  
100 expansion during spring (Krimbas 1993; Argemí et al. 1999; Araúz et al. 2009).  
101 Meteorological data for Avala Mountain (maximum, minimum and mean temperatures,  
102 and rainfall) were recorded from Republic Hydrometeorological Service (Serbia). The  
103 average values of these meteorological parameters during trapping days were:  
104 maximum T = 27.9 C°, minimum T = 17.0 C°, mean T = 22.6 C° and rainfall = 0.98  
105 mm. Detailed weather information for all collecting days is shown in Table S1.

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#### 107 **Inbreeding crosses and chromosomal preparation**

108 We started the experiment with 28 isofemale lines from females sampled in  
109 Avala Mountain. Each one was put in an individual vial with 25ml standard corn-meal-  
110 sugar-agar-yeast medium, at 18°C, 60% relative humidity under a 12h/12h light/dark  
111 cycle. A detailed description of inbreeding procedure can be found in Pegueroles et al.  
112 (1996). Couples (using virgin females) of offspring from the wild females were chosen  
113 as parents of the first generation of sib mating. For each line and in every generation,  
114 three or four (but in many cases even more) brother-sister pairs were mated in  
115 individual vials. Among those that produce offspring, one of them was chosen to  
116 continue the experiment. However, after 12 generations of a long systematic inbreeding  
117 process, many consequences were evident: delay of development time, reduction in  
118 viability and even many lines were lost. The number of surviving lines (in brackets) **per**  
119 **generation** was the following: G<sub>4</sub> (15), G<sub>6</sub> (11), G<sub>8</sub> (11), G<sub>10</sub> (8) and G<sub>12</sub> (8).

120 For studying the effect of inbreeding on chromosomal inversion polymorphism,  
121 third instar larvae were analyzed in the initial sample (G<sub>0</sub>) and also in G<sub>4</sub>, G<sub>6</sub>, G<sub>8</sub>, G<sub>10</sub>

122 and G<sub>12</sub> generations. For the initial sample, only one son of each wild female was  
123 crossed with virgin females of the Künsnacht strain, which is homokaryotypic for  
124 standard chromosomal **inversions** in all five chromosomes. The polytene chromosomes  
125 were stained and squashed in aceto-orcein solution. At least eight larvae from the  
126 progeny of each cross were examined. For the cytological analysis of chromosomal  
127 arrangements, the Kunze-Mühl and Müller (1958) chromosome map was used. The  
128 designation of **inversions and** chromosomal arrangements followed that of Kunze-Mühl  
129 and Sperlich (1955) and Krimbas (1993). The same procedure (only one male per line  
130 was used) was repeated for the chromosomal studies in G<sub>4</sub>, G<sub>6</sub>, G<sub>8</sub>, G<sub>10</sub> and G<sub>12</sub>  
131 generations. Finally, the degree of chromosomal inversion polymorphism in the initial  
132 and inbred lines was assessed using the index of free recombination (IFR) computed  
133 according to Carson (1955).

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### 135 **Development time and fertility of inbred lines at different temperatures**

136 After 12 generations of inbreeding process we selected the surviving lines (a  
137 total of 8) to carry out a study of fertility. For each line, three replicates were founded  
138 using 3 males and 3 virgin females and putting them in individual vials. These vials  
139 were left, at the same time, in a chamber with an optimal temperature (18°C). The  
140 temperature was not changed, and after 7 days the parents were eliminated. Then, each  
141 day at the same hour, the number of arising males and females was counted for each  
142 vial. This procedure was repeated each day until the medium was exhausted. A similar  
143 procedure was simultaneously carried out at rather cold temperature (13°C), but in this  
144 case the parents were eliminated after 10 days of crossings.

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147 **Mathematical and statistical methods**

148 The theoretical value of the inbreeding coefficient  $F$  was calculated according to  
149 Wright (1921, 1969), and it follows the nonhomogeneous second order difference

150 equation  $F_t = \frac{1}{4}(1 + 2F_{t-1} + F_{t-2})$ , where  $F_t$  represents the inbreeding coefficient in the  $t^{\text{th}}$

151 generation. In a given generation  $t$ , the expected karyotypic frequencies for the different  
152 combinations of inversions (or arrangements) per chromosome were obtained using  
153 inversion (or arrangements) frequencies ( $p, q, r, s$ , etc.), considering each one as a single  
154 allele, and using the corresponding  $F$  value of the given generation (Wright 1931; Hartl  
155 and Clark 1989; Hedrick 2000). Thus, for a homozygote the mathematic expression

156 would be:  $P = p^2(1 - F) + pF$ , and for a heterozygote  $H = 2pq(1 - F)$ .

157 For each chromosome, the differences between the observed and expected genotypic  
158 frequencies in the  $G_4, G_8$  and  $G_{12}$  generations of inbreeding were determined by two-  
159 sided Fisher's exact test (statistically significant  $p$ -value  $< 0.05$ ). The same statistical  
160 procedure was also carried out to compare the observed chromosomal frequencies  
161 between  $G_0$  and  $G_{12}$ . This test has been utilized because it is more accurate than chi-  
162 squared test when the expected frequencies are small. Using the bootstrap procedure  
163 (100000 runs) the corresponding  $p$ -values were obtained. These computations were  
164 carried out with R package (<http://CRAN.R-project.org>).

165 To compare the beginning of fly emergence and the period of emergence (in  
166 days) at the two development temperatures (13°C and 18°), a Mann-Whitney test was  
167 computed. Also, to study fertility a factorial ANOVA, with fixed factors being  
168 temperature, chromosomal line and replicates was computed. For a fixed 18 °C of  
169 temperature, a factorial ANOVA with fixed factors being chromosomal line and  
170 replicates was applied. When significances were detected, a pairwise Tukey analysis  
171 was carried out. In the case of 13°C, as very few individuals were born, a non-

172 parametric one-way ANOVA (Kruskal-Wallis) was computed to ascertain the effect of  
173 chromosomal line factor. All these analyses were carried out with R package  
174 (<http://CRAN.R-project.org>).

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## 176 **Results**

### 177 **Variation of inversion polymorphism during inbreeding**

178 The chromosomal polymorphism frequencies in the first generation ( $G_0$ ) and in  
179 the inbred after four ( $G_4$ ), six ( $G_6$ ), eight ( $G_8$ ), ten ( $G_{10}$ ) and twelve ( $G_{12}$ ) generations are  
180 presented in Table 1. During the sib-mating process a reduction of viability in some  
181 strains and a loss of lines were observed. In Fig. 1, variations in the inversions and  
182 chromosomal arrangements frequencies during inbreeding generations are shown. For  
183 most common inversions and arrangements, frequencies stabilization seems to begin in  
184  $G_8$  and confirm in  $G_{10}$ . Likely, it is due to inbreeding coefficients values, which present  
185 few changes from  $G_8$  (0.826) to  $G_{12}$  (0.926). In the chromosomal polymorphism  
186 comparison between  $G_0$  and  $G_{12}$ , there are no significant differences for any of the  
187 chromosomes: A (Fisher's exact test,  $p$ -value = 0.8784), J ( $p$ -value = 1), U ( $p$ -value =  
188 0.4059), E ( $p$ -value = 0.8297) and O ( $p$ -value = 0.2245).

189 With regard to karyotypic frequencies, the observed and expected (under  
190 inbreeding model) values are presented in Table 2. For J chromosome there were not  
191 significant differences in these frequencies for  $G_4$  ( $p$ -value = 1),  $G_8$  ( $p$ -value = 1) and  
192  $G_{12}$  ( $p$ -value = 1) generations. In the case of U chromosome, only  $G_8$  was significant:  $G_4$   
193 ( $p$ -value = 0.3104),  $G_8$  ( $p$ -value = 0.0240) and  $G_{12}$  ( $p$ -value = 0.0534). Differences in E  
194 chromosome were not significant:  $G_4$  ( $p$ -value = 0.7872),  $G_8$  ( $p$ -value = 1) and  $G_{12}$  ( $p$ -  
195 value = 1). Finally, for the O chromosome, differences were neither significant:  $G_4$  ( $p$ -  
196 value = 0.9213),  $G_8$  ( $p$ -value = 0.9066) and  $G_{12}$  ( $p$ -value = 1). During the inbreeding

197 process an increment in IFR values can be observed (Table 2). This result is expected  
198 because a consequence of inbreeding is an increase of homozygotes. Finally, it is worth  
199 to study the chromosomal composition of the remaining inbred lines in  $G_{12}$  (Table 3). In  
200 six of them (lines 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8), one chromosome of the karyotype still segregated.  
201 For the O chromosome, lines 1 and 2 presented the **inversion or** arrangements  $O_{\underline{3+4+1}}$ ;  
202  $O_{\underline{3+4+22}}$  and  $O_{st}$ ;  $O_{\underline{3+4+6}}$ , respectively, whereas the other lines (5, 6, 7 and 8) segregated  
203 for the U chromosome, all with the combination  $U_{\underline{1+2}}$ ;  $U_{\underline{1+2+6}}$ . For the A, J and E  
204 chromosomes all lines were homokaryotypic. Thus, the percentages of fixation were  
205 100% for the A, J and E chromosomes, but 75% and 50% for the O and U  
206 chromosomes, respectively. According to Schäfer (1937), after 12 generations of  
207 brother-sister mating the expected percentage of fixation would be 85.9%, if all initial  
208 crosses were due to heterologous heterozygotes ( $A_1A_2 \times A_3A_4$ ). This percentage could  
209 be even **larger** if initially there were less different alleles (Haldane 1955).

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### 211 **Development time and fertility**

212 The number of flies emerged at both temperatures are presented in Table S2  
213 (13°C) and Table S3 (18°C). For development time, **the difference in** the beginning of  
214 fly emergence was significant between 13°C and 18°C (**Mann-Whitney test**,  $W = 40.0$ ;  
215  $p\text{-value} = 0.004$ ), whereas the period of emergence (in days) was no significant ( $W =$   
216  $20.0$ ;  $p\text{-value} = 0.941$ ).

217 When comparing 13°C and 18°C, significant differences in the number of flies  
218 were obtained for temperature and chromosomal lines, but replicates were no significant  
219 (Table 4). In all pairwise comparisons, differences between chromosomal lines were  
220 due to line number 6. When analyzing only 18°C, the effect of chromosomal lines was  
221 significant, but replicates factor was no significant (Table 5). As in the previous

222 analysis, pairwise comparisons were significant for all cases where chromosomal line 6  
223 was involved, with the exception of the comparison between lines 3 and 6. For the 13°C,  
224 chromosomal lines factor was no significant (Kruskal-Wallis = 2.965; *p-value* = 0.564).

225 Finally, a malformation resembling *club* mutation of *D. melanogaster* (Lindsley  
226 and Zimm 1992) was observed in different lines, mainly those reared at 13°C. It has  
227 been observed that many *Drosophila* genus mutants tend to slightly increase their  
228 viability at lower temperatures (Dobzhansky 1982; Lindsley and Zimm 1992;  
229 Ashburner et al. 2005). However, flies which emerged with their wings drastically  
230 reduced died soon.

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## 232 Discussion

233 In the G<sub>0</sub>, the inversions (or chromosomal arrangements) and karyotypes found  
234 are characteristic of Avala mountain population (Zivanovic and Mestres 2010a) and also  
235 of the Balkan region (Zivanovic et al. 1995, 2002; Zivanovic 2007; Rasic et al. 2008;  
236 Stamenkovic-Radak et al. 2008; Kenig et al. 2010; Zivanovic and Mestres 2011; Jelic et  
237 al. 2012). No significant changes between G<sub>0</sub> and G<sub>12</sub> were observed for the inversion  
238 and arrangement frequencies. In inbreeding experiments using *D. subobscura*, other  
239 authors (although analyzing fewer inbreeding generations) found similar results  
240 (Pegueroles et al. 1996; Rasic et al. 2008). Furthermore, most inversions (or  
241 arrangements) seem to reach stabilization around G<sub>8</sub> (Fig. 1). In general, no significant  
242 differences were neither detected when comparing the observed and expected (under  
243 inbreeding model) karyotypes. For all these reasons, it seems that inbreeding is the  
244 leading factor acting on inversions (or arrangements) and karyotypes, whereas the  
245 effects other evolutionary forces appear to be secondary. Also, values of IFR along  
246 generations changed accordingly with the increasing levels of inbreeding.

247           However, there were many exceptions: for instance, significant differences for  
248 the U chromosome were found in G<sub>8</sub>. Likely, these are due to an increase of  $U_{1+2}/U_{1+2+6}$   
249 and a decrease of  $U_{1+2+6}/U_{1+2+6}$  karyotypes (Table 2). It is worth to point out that  $U_{1+2}$ ;  
250  $U_{1+2+6}$  arrangements were found still segregating in four lines at the end of the  
251 inbreeding experiment (G<sub>12</sub>) (Table 3). In this last generation, this was not the only case  
252 of segregating arrangements: two lines had no fixation for the O chromosome, presenting  
253 the  $O_{3+4+1}$ ;  $O_{3+4+22}$  and  $O_{st}$ ;  $O_{3+4+6}$  constitution (Table 3). Thus, considering all lines  
254 together, six out eight lines presented segregation for at least one chromosome.  $U_{1+2}$   
255 seems to be an ancient arrangement (Krimbas 1993) and “warm” adapted (Menozzi and  
256 Krimbas 1999; Solé et al. 2002) and it was fixed in four of the final inbred lines and still  
257 segregated with  $U_{1+2+6}$  in the remaining four. This latter arrangement presents a typical  
258 Balkan distribution, and in this region it could confer an adaptive advantage to its  
259 carriers. The inbreeding experiment was carried out at constant 18°C, and in general, it  
260 is considered a good temperature for the species (Buzzati-Traverso 1942; Rocha-Pité  
261 1980; Krimbas 1993; Santos et al. 2004, 2005). With regard to O chromosome, the  
262 segregating arrangements  $O_{3+4+1}$ ;  $O_{3+4+22}$  (Line 1) was a surprising combination (Table  
263 3), because they are not the most frequent O chromosome arrangements in Avala  
264 population (Table 1). The first arrangement presents rather high frequencies in Balkan  
265 populations (Krimbas 1993), depending on the population and date of the sample  
266 (ranging from 5.0 to 27.0%) (Zivanovic et al. 1995, 2002; Zivanovic 2007; Zivanovic  
267 and Mestres 2010a, 2011; Zivanovic et al. 2012). The second one ( $O_{3+4+22}$ ) is also  
268 common in the Balkans (Krimbas 1993), and can be found in frequencies ranging from  
269 6.5 to 16.7% (Zivanovic et al. 2002; Zivanovic 2007; Zivanovic and Mestres 2010a,  
270 2011; Zivanovic et al. 2012). Maybe despite the inbreeding, they were segregating due  
271 to lethal genes trapped inside the  $O_1$  and  $O_{22}$  inversions, because they are small and

272 **recombination inside them is dramatically reduced** (Albornoz and Dominguez 1994;  
273 Chang and Lin 1995; Chang et al. 1996; Yang et al. 2002; Mestres et al. 2009).  
274 However, this possibility is only speculative. The O arrangements segregating in Line 2,  
275  $O_{st}$  and  $O_{3+4+6}$ , (Table 3) is also surprising, because the latter is infrequent in the  
276 Balkans (Krimbas 1993), where it has been seldom detected and presenting very low  
277 frequencies (Zivanovic et al. 2002; Zivanovic and Mestres 2010a; Zivanovic et al.  
278 2012). However, under laboratory conditions  $O_{3+4+6}$  had a higher segregation than  
279 expected in the heterokaryotypes (Pegueroles et al. 2010).

280         If we focus in the inversions (or arrangements) fixed, there was variability for  
281 the A chromosome, because  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and  $A_{st}$  were in homozygous condition in three, one  
282 and four lines, respectively (Table 3). It is an expected result due to the initial  
283 composition of the sample (Table 1). For the J chromosome, two and six lines were  
284 fixed for the  $J_{st}$  and  $J_1$  inversions, respectively. This result is also compatible with the  
285 initial sample composition (Table 1). However, U chromosome presented interesting  
286 results, because four lines had the  $U_{1+2}$  arrangement fixed, whereas in the remaining  
287 lines the  $U_{1+2}$ ;  $U_{1+2+6}$  combination was segregating. This situation has been previously  
288 commented, but it is **worth noting that no inbred line** showed the  $U_{1+2+6}$  arrangement  
289 fixed at the end of the process. This arrangement is not lethal *per se*, because  
290 homozygotes for it were recorded in the initial sample of flies. With regard to the E  
291 chromosome, all inbred lines reached a fixation status:  $E_{st}$ ,  $E_8$  and  $E_{1+2+9}$  were fixed in  
292 three, two and three lines, respectively. This result could be considered as expected,  
293 because they presented the highest frequencies at the beginning of the inbreeding  
294 process. However,  $E_{st}/E_{st}$  was recorded at a higher frequency than expected (Table 2),  
295 although it is considered a “cold” adapted inversion and the inbreeding experiment was  
296 developed at constant 18°C. This is not the case for the other two arrangements: for the

297  $E_{1+2+9}/E_{1+2+9}$  the opposite tendency was detected and for the  $E_8/E_8$  karyotypes, observed  
298 and expected values were very similar. Finally the O chromosome, as previously  
299 commented, presented two inbred lines where arrangements are still segregating, but six  
300 were fixed for the same arrangements:  $O_{st}$  (two lines),  $O_{3+4}$  (three lines) and  $O_{3+4+7}$   
301 (only one line). Although  $O_{st}$  is considered a “cold” adapted arrangement and  
302 inbreeding conditions seem *a priori* not favor it, its frequency was increasing along the  
303 inbreeding experiment (Table 1) until reaching a plateau (Fig. 1). The result observed  
304 for the  $O_{3+4}$  could be considered as expected, but its frequency had a tendency to  
305 decrease. However, the inbred line with the fixed arrangement  $O_{3+4+7}$  was really  
306 surprising. This arrangement is very uncommon in the Balkan region (Krimbas 1993;  
307 Zivanovic et al. 1995, 2002; Zivanovic 2007; Zivanovic and Mestres 2010a, 2011;  
308 Zivanovic et al. 2012), but it is frequent in the Western Mediterranean (Prevosti et al.  
309 1984; Krimbas 1993; Orengo and Prevosti 1996; Solé et al. 2002; Araúz et al. 2009) and  
310 American colonizing populations (Prevosti et al. 1988, 1990; Balanyà et al. 2003;  
311 Mestres et al. 2009; Castañeda et al. 2013). It was also described in Asia Minor and  
312 Israel, but data available from these regions are **not recent** (Goldschmidt 1956; Götz  
313 1967; Malogolowkin-Cohen and Sperlich 1981). In the present study, its initial  
314 frequency was so small that it was undetected in  $G_0$  (Table 1). In  $G_4$ ,  $O_{3+4+7}/O_{3+4+7}$   
315 homozygotes were detected for the first time and their frequency was increasing until  
316  $G_{12}$  (Table 2). It could be interpreted that this combination was adaptive for the  
317 particular laboratory rearing conditions. Furthermore, this adaptation to laboratory  
318 conditions seems to be supported by an experiment of Pegueroles et al. (2010): in  
319  $O_{3+4}/O_{3+4+7}$  individuals, a significant deviation of random segregation was observed,  
320 being the  $O_{3+4+7}$  gametes in higher proportion than expected.

321           Although the inbreeding process until  $G_{12}$  was very drastic for *D. subobscura*  
322 individuals, valuable information on development time and fertility was gathered using  
323 the inbred lines. It is well known that species of *Drosophila* genus develop faster at  
324 higher temperatures (for a review see Kuntz and Eisen 2014) and *D. subobscura* is not  
325 an exception (Krimbas 1993). It seems that developing time is adaptive to climate, but  
326 the relative timing of main events in *Drosophila* embryogenesis seem to be constant  
327 (Kuntz and Eisen 2014). In the present research, we have found significant differences  
328 in the beginning time of fly emergence, but not in the period of emergence. When  
329 comparing the inbred lines reared at 13°C and 18°C, significant differences were  
330 observed in the number of flies obtained. According to this result, Santos (2007) found  
331 also lower fitness at 13°C than at 22°C. With regard to the number of flies, we also  
332 found significant differences between chromosomal lines. This effect is mainly due to  
333 inbred line number 6, in which the infrequent arrangement in the Balkans  $O_{3+4+7}$  was  
334 fixed. However, as previously commented, this arrangement could be adaptive to  
335 laboratory rearing conditions. Analyzing the whole karyotype of this inbred line and  
336 using the classification of **inversions and** arrangements in “cold” and “warm” according  
337 to Rego et al. (2010), based on Menozzi and Krimbas (1992), then inbred line 6 is:  $A_1$   
338 (cold),  $J_1$  (warm),  $U_{1+2}$  (warm);  $U_{1+2+6}$ ,  $E_8$  and  $O_{3+4+7}$ . Thus, not a clear pattern of  
339 ‘thermal adaptation’ is observed in this inbred line.

340           In summary, we hypothesize that the main evolutionary force in the present  
341 research was inbreeding, but during the experimental process flies seem also to adapt in  
342 some way to laboratory conditions. Inversions seem to adapt not only to temperature,  
343 but to other environmental factors. Thus, results obtained in laboratory experiments  
344 reflect the adaptive potential of *D. subobscura* inversions, even after a severe  
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## 620 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

621 **Fig 1.** Variations of inversions and chromosomal arrangements frequencies (in  
622 percentage) during the inbreeding experiment (from  $G_0$  to  $G_{12}$ ). (A) Chromosome A,  
623 (B) Chromosome J, (C) Chromosome U, (D) Chromosome E and (E) Chromosome O.

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**Table 1.** Frequencies of *D. subobscura* chromosomal **inversions and** arrangements from the initial generation ( $G_0$ ) and in the inbred lines after four ( $G_4$ ), six ( $G_6$ ), eight ( $G_8$ ), ten ( $G_{10}$ ) and twelve ( $G_{12}$ ) generations. **We have used the nomenclature of Kunze-Mühl and Sperlich (1955) and Krimbas (1993).**

Chrom. arrangements	Inbreeding generation											
	$G_0$		$G_4$		$G_6$		$G_8$		$G_{10}$		$G_{12}$	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
$A_{st}$	13	46.4	5	33.3	5	45.5	6	54.5	4	50.0	4	50.0
$A_1$	8	28.6	5	33.3	5	45.5	4	36.4	3	37.5	3	37.5
$A_2$	7	25.0	5	33.3	1	9.0	1	9.1	1	12.5	1	12.5
Total	28		15		11		11		8		8	
$J_{st}$	15	26.8	9	30.0	7	31.8	7	31.8	4	25.0	4	25.0
$J_1$	41	73.2	21	70.0	15	68.2	15	68.2	12	75.0	12	75.0
Total	56		30		22		22		16		16	
$U_{st}$	6	10.7	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
$U_{1+2}$	33	58.9	18	60.0	15	68.2	17	77.3	12	75.0	12	75.0
$U_{1+2+6}$	12	21.4	10	33.3	7	31.8	5	22.7	4	25.0	4	25.0
$U_{1+8+2}$	5	8.9	2	6.7	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Total	56		30		22		22		16		16	
$E_{st}$	15	26.8	7	23.3	7	31.8	5	22.7	6	37.5	6	37.5
$E_{1+2}$	1	1.8	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
$E_{1+2+9}$	25	44.6	15	50.0	6	27.3	9	40.9	6	37.5	6	37.5

$E_{1+2+9+12}$	1	1.8	1	3.3	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
$E_8$	14	25.0	7	23.3	9	40.9	8	36.4	4	25.0	4	25.0
Total	56		30		22		22		16		16	
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$O_{st}$	12	21.4	7	23.3	6	27.3	7	31.8	5	31.2	5	31.2
$O_{3+4}$	26	46.4	11	36.7	7	31.8	8	36.4	6	37.5	6	37.5
$O_{3+4+1}$	8	14.3	4	13.3	2	9.1	1	4.5	1	6.3	1	6.3
$O_{3+4+5}$	1	1.8	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
$O_{3+4+6}$	1	1.8	2	6.7	1	4.5	/	/	1	6.3	1	6.3
$O_{3+4+7}$	/	/	2	6.7	2	9.1	2	9.1	2	12.5	2	12.5
$O_{3+4+8}$	2	3.6	1	3.3	2	9.1	1	4.5	/	/	/	/
$O_{3+4+22}$	6	10.7	3	10.0	2	9.1	3	13.6	1	6.3	1	6.3
Total	56		30		22		22		16		16	
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**Table 2.** Observed and expected frequencies of chromosomal karyotypes in the first generation ( $G_0$ ), and in  $G_4$ ,  $G_8$  and  $G_{12}$  generations of inbreeding. IFR values for each inbreeding generation are also presented. OBS. and EXP. mean observed and expected, respectively.

Karyotypes	Generations						
	$G_0$	$G_4$		$G_8$		$G_{12}$	
	OBS.	OBS.	EXP.	OBS.	EXP.	OBS.	EXP.
$J_{st}/J_{st}$	0.036	0.267	0.189	0.273	0.234	0.250	0.253
$J_{st}/J_1$	0.464	0.067	0.159	0.091	0.068	/	0.029
$J_1/J_1$	0.500	0.666	0.652	0.636	0.698	0.750	0.717
$U_{st}/U_{st}$	0.036	/	0.068	/	0.090	/	0.100
$U_{st}/U_{1+2}$	0.072	/	0.051	/	0.022	/	0.009
$U_{st}/U_{1+2+6}$	0.036	/	0.019	/	0.008	/	0.003

$U_{st}/U_{1+8+2}$	0.036	/	0.008	/	0.003	/	0.001
$U_{1+2}/U_{1+2}$	0.357	0.333	0.491	0.545	0.547	0.500	0.571
$U_{1+2}/U_{1+2+6}$	0.321	0.466	0.102	0.455	0.044	0.500	0.019
$U_{1+2}/U_{1+8+2}$	0.072	0.067	0.043	/	0.018	/	0.008
$U_{1+2+6}/U_{1+2+6}$	0.036	0.067	0.146	/	0.188	/	0.201
$U_{1+2+6}/U_{1+8+2}$	/	0.067	0.015	/	0.018	/	0.003
$U_{1+8+2}/U_{1+8+2}$	0.036	/	0.056	/	0.075	/	0.083
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$E_{st}/E_{st}$	/	0.133	0.188	0.182	0.234	0.375	0.253
$E_{st}/E_{1+2+9}$	0.321	0.067	0.101	/	0.043	/	0.019
$E_{st}/E_8$	0.214	0.133	0.054	0.091	0.023	/	0.010
$E_{1+2}/E_8$	0.036	/	0.003	/	0.002	/	<0.001
$E_{1+2+9}/E_{1+2+9}$	0.214	0.333	0.363	0.363	0.421	0.375	0.445
$E_{1+2+9}/E_{1+2+9+12}$	/	0.067	0.007	/	0.003	/	0.001
$E_{1+2+9}/E_8$	0.143	0.200	0.094	0.091	0.040	/	0.017

$E_{1+2+9+12}/E_8$	0.036	/	0.004	/	0.002	/	<0.001
$E_8/E_8$	0.036	0.067	0.174	0.273	0.217	0.250	0.236
$O_{st}/O_{st}$	/	0.067	0.146	0.273	0.185	0.250	0.201
$O_{st}/O_{3+4}$	0.214	0.200	0.081	0.091	0.036	/	0.015
$O_{st}/O_{3+4+1}$	0.071	0.067	0.025	/	0.011	/	0.005
$O_{st}/O_{3+4+6}$	0.036	0.067	0.003	/	0.001	0.125	<0.001
$O_{st}/O_{3+4+22}$	0.107	/	0.019	/	0.008	/	0.003
$O_{3+4}/O_{3+4}$	0.214	0.200	0.363	0.273	0.421	0.375	0.445
$O_{3+4}/O_{3+4+1}$	0.214	0.067	0.054	/	0.023	/	0.010
$O_{3+4}/O_{3+4+8}$	/	0.067	0.014	0.091	0.006	/	0.003
$O_{3+4}/O_{3+4+22}$	0.071	/	0.040	/	0.017	/	0.007
$O_{3+4+1}/O_{3+4+6}$	/	0.067	0.002	/	<0.001	/	<0.001
$O_{3+4+1}/O_{3+4+22}$	/	0.067	0.012	0.091	0.005	0.125	0.002
$O_{3+4+5}/O_{3+4+8}$	0.036	/	<0.001	/	<0.001	/	<0.001

$O_{\underline{3+4+7}}/O_{\underline{3+4+7}}$	/	0.067	<0.001	0.091	<0.001	0.125	<0.001
$O_{\underline{3+4+8}}/O_{\underline{3+4+8}}$	/	/	0.023	/	0.032	/	0.035
$O_{\underline{3+4+8}}/O_{\underline{3+4+22}}$	0.036	/	0.003	/	<0.001	/	<0.001
$O_{\underline{3+4+22}}/O_{\underline{3+4+22}}$	/	0.067	0.068	0.091	0.090	/	0.100
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IFR	80.36±1.62	86.36±1.78		93.55±2.35		94.15±1.58	
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**Table 3.** Chromosomal inversions and arrangements observed in the remaining lines of inbreeding process ( $G_{12}$ ).

Inbred chromosomal lines	Chromosomes				
	A	J	U	E	O
1	$A_1$	$J_{st}$	$U_{1+2}$	$E_{1+2+9}$	$O_{3+4+1}; O_{3+4+22}$
2	$A_1$	$J_{st}$	$U_{1+2}$	$E_{st}$	$O_{st}; O_{3+4+6}$
3	$A_{st}$	$J_1$	$U_{1+2}$	$E_{st}$	$O_{st}$
4	$A_{st}$	$J_1$	$U_{1+2}$	$E_8$	$O_{3+4}$
5	$A_2$	$J_1$	$U_{1+2}; U_{1+2+6}$	$E_{1+2+9}$	$O_{3+4}$
6	$A_1$	$J_1$	$U_{1+2}; U_{1+2+6}$	$E_8$	$O_{3+4+7}$
7	$A_{st}$	$J_1$	$U_{1+2}; U_{1+2+6}$	$E_{1+2+9}$	$O_{st}$
8	$A_{st}$	$J_1$	$U_{1+2}; U_{1+2+6}$	$E_{st}$	$O_{3+4}$

Segregating arrangements are denoted by “;” symbol.

**Table 4.** ANOVA analysis for fertility (number of arisen flies). Fixed factors are: temperature, chromosomal line and replicates. Bold *p-values* are significant.

Source of variation	d.f.	MS	F	<i>P</i> -value
Temperature	1	258.133	29.900	<b>0.000</b>
Chrom. Line	4	51.283	5.940	<b>0.002</b>
Replicates	2	10.133	1.170	0.328
Error	22	8.633		

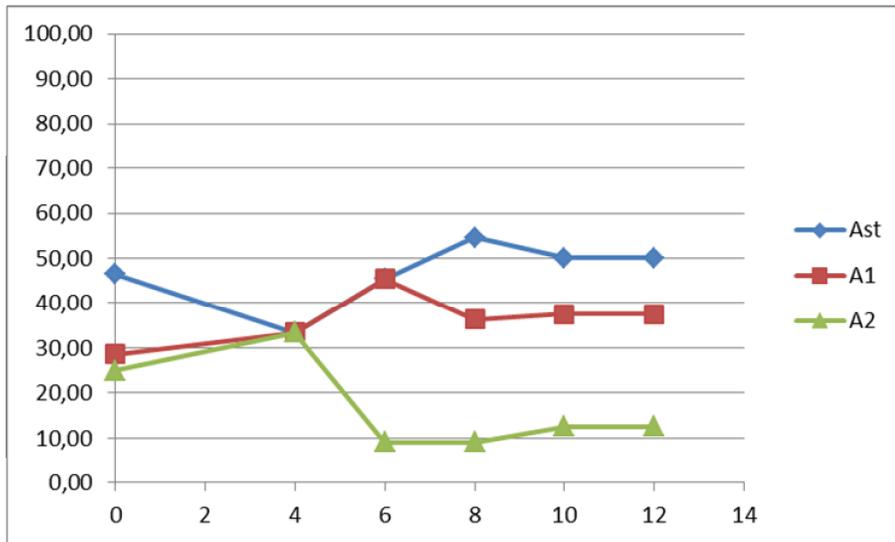
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**Table 5.** ANOVA analysis for fertility (number of arisen flies) at 18°C. Fixed factors are: chromosomal line and replicates. Bold *p-values* are significant.

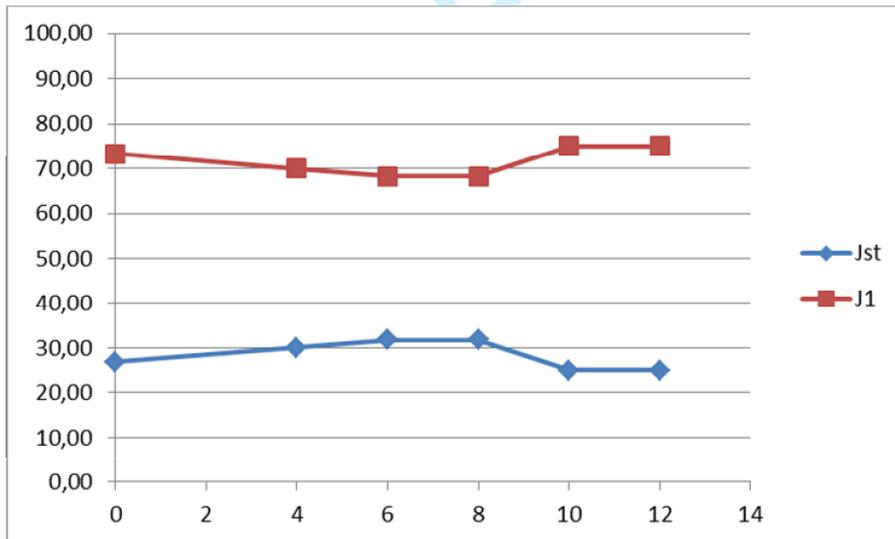
Source of variation	d.f.	MS	F	<i>P</i> -value
Chrom. Line	7	47.333	5.890	<b>0.002</b>
Replicates	2	10.792	1.340	0.293
Error	14	8.030		

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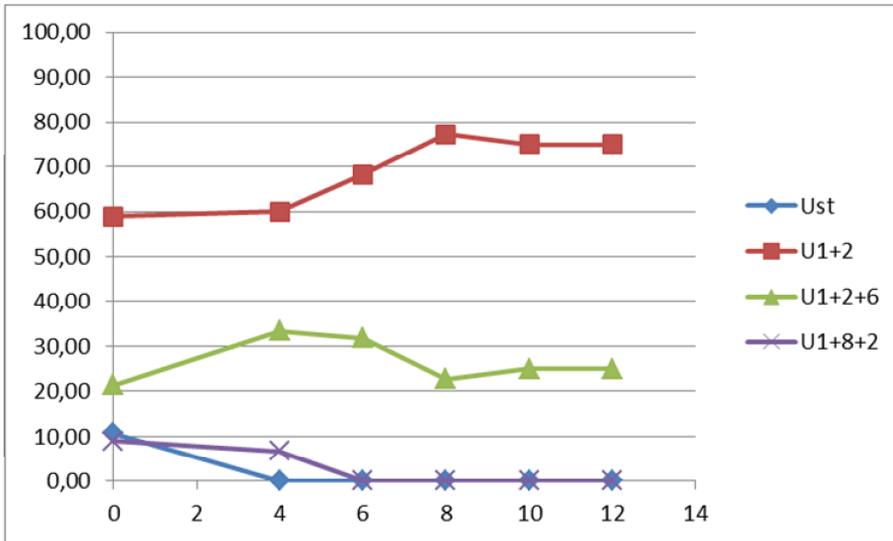
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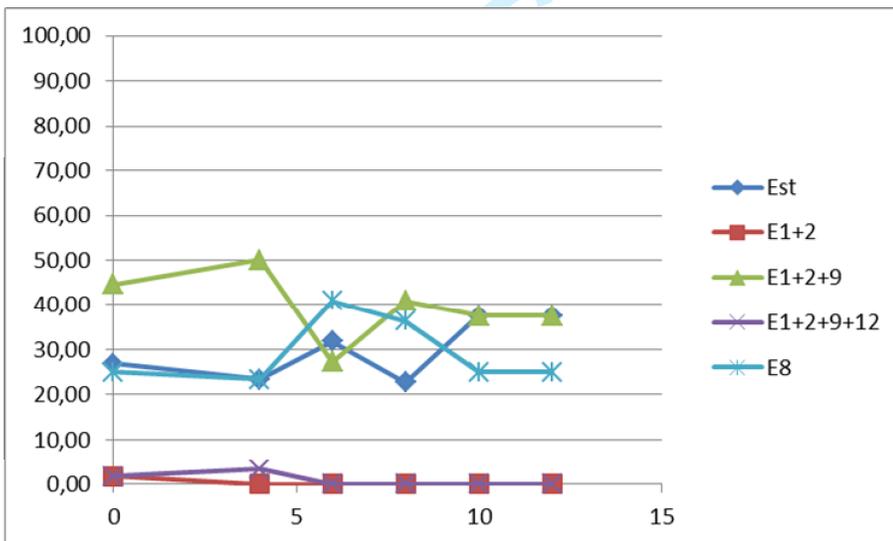
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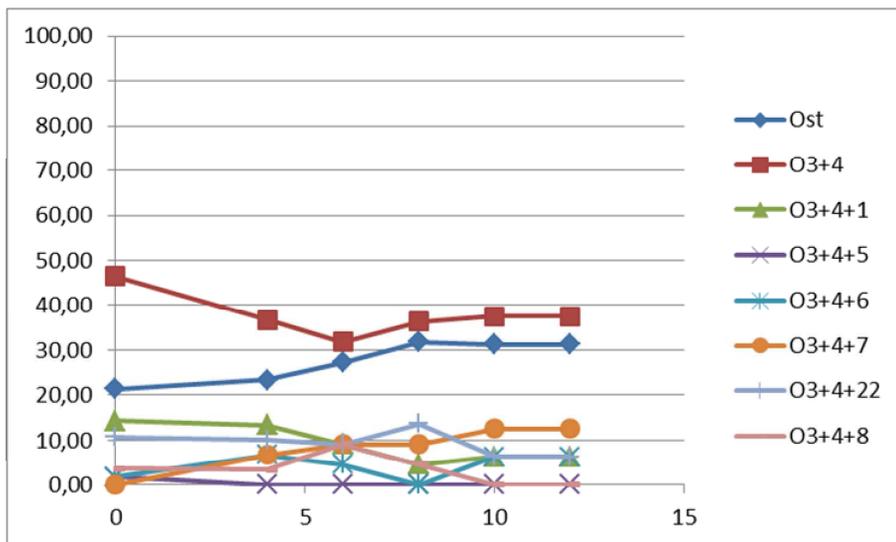
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Supplementary Table S1. Meteorological data for the Avala Mountain for days 30<sup>th</sup> of May to 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2011.

Days	Max. T (°C)	Min. T (°C)	Mean T (°C)	Rainfall (mm)
30. 05. 2011	26.1	14.0	21.7	0.3
31. 05. 2011	29.0	18.3	23.0	/
01. 06. 2011	28.3	17.0	22.2	/
02. 06. 2011	26.7	16.7	19.8	/
03. 06. 2011	26.3	17.3	22.3	6.6
04. 06. 2011	29.1	17.0	23.9	/
05. 06. 2011	29.8	19.0	25.5	/

Max. T and Min. T stand for maximum and minimum temperatures, respectively.

Supplementary Table S2. Numbers of arising males and females from the different inbred line (using three replicates) reared at 13°C.

Days after initial crosses	LINE 1		LINE 1		LINE 1	
	Replicate 1	Replicate 2	Replicate 2	Replicate 2	Replicate 3	Replicate 3
	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
39	1	/	/	/	/	/
40	/	/	/	/	/	/
41	/	/	/	/	/	/
42	/	/	/	/	/	/
43	/	/	/	/	/	/
44	/	/	/	/	/	1
45	/	/	/	/	/	/
46	/	/	2	/	/	/
47	/	1	/	/	/	/
48	1	1	/	/	/	/
49	/	/	1	/	/	/
Total	2	2	3	0	0	1

	LINE 3		LINE 3		LINE 3	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
Days after initial crosses	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
42	/	1	/	/	/	/
43	/	/	/	1	/	/
44	/	/	/	/	/	/
45	/	/	/	/	/	/
46	/	/	/	/	/	/
47	/	/	/	/	/	/
48	/	/	/	/	/	/
49	/	/	/	/	/	/
50	/	/	/	/	1	/
51-53	/	/	/	/	/	/
54	/	/	/	/	/	1
Total	0	1	0	1	1	1

	LINE 4		LINE 4		LINE 4	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
Days after initial crosses	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
45	1	1	/	/	/	/
46	/	/	/	/	/	/
47	1	/	/	/	/	/
48	/	1	/	/	/	/
49	/	/	/	/	/	/
50	/	/	/	/	/	/
51	/	/	/	/	/	/
52	/	/	/	1	/	/
53	/	/	/	/	/	1
Total	2	2	0	1	0	1

	LINE 5		LINE 5		LINE 5	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
Days after initial crosses	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
42	1	/	/	/	/	/
43	/	/	/	1	/	/
44	/	/	/	/	/	/
45	/	/	/	/	/	/
46	/	/	/	/	/	/
47	1	/	/	/	/	/
Total	2	0	0	1	0	0

	LINE 6		LINE 6		LINE 6	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
Days after	number	number	number	number	number	number
initial crosses	of	of	of	of	of	of
	arising	arising	arising	arising	arising	arising
	males	females	males	females	males	females
47	3	/	/	/	/	/
48	1	1	/	/	/	/
49	1	/	1	/	/	/
50	1	1	/	/	/	1
51	1	3	/	/	/	/
52	1	/	/	/	/	/
53	/	1	/	/	/	/
54	/	/	/	1	/	/
55	/	/	/	/	/	/
56	/	1	/	/	/	/
Total	8	7	1	1	0	1

Supplementary Table S3. Numbers of arising males and females from the different inbred line (using three replicates) reared at 18°C.

Days after initial crosses	LINE 1		LINE 1		LINE 1	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
	25	1	/	/	/	1
26	3	/	1	1	2	/
27	/	1	1	1	/	/
28	/	/	1	1	1	3
29	/	/	/	/	/	/
30	/	/	1	/	/	/
31	/	/	1	/	/	/
32	/	1	/	/	/	/
Total	4	2	5	3	4	3

Days after initial crosses	LINE 2		LINE 2		LINE 2	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
26	/	/	/	1	/	/
27	/	/	3	2	1	/
28	/	/	3	3	1	1
29	/	/	/	/	1	/
30	/	/	/	/	/	1
31	/	/	/	/	/	1
32	1	/	/	/	/	/
33	/	1	/	/	/	/
Total	1	1	6	6	3	3

	LINE 3		LINE 3		LINE 3	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
Days after initial crosses	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
24	/	/	1	/	/	/
25	/	/	/	/	/	/
26	/	/	/	/	/	1
27	1	/	1	/	1	/
28	4	1	/	1	1	/
29	/	2	1	1	1	1
30	/	1	/	/	1	/
31	/	/	/	/	/	/
32	/	/	/	/	/	1
33	/	/	/	/	/	/
34	/	/	/	/	/	/
35	/	/	/	/	/	/
36	/	/	/	/	/	/
37	/	/	/	/	/	/
38	/	/	/	/	/	1
Total	5	4	3	2	4	4

Days after initial crosses	LINE 4		LINE 4		LINE 4	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
25	1	/	/	/	/	/
26	/	/	1	/	/	/
27	/	/	1	/	/	2
28	/	/	1	2	1	/
29	/	1	/	/	/	/
30	2	3	/	1	1	/
31	/	1	/	/	/	1
32	/	/	/	/	/	/
33	/	/	/	/	1	/
34	/	/	/	/	/	/
35	/	/	/	/	/	1
Total	3	5	3	3	3	4

	LINE 5		LINE 5		LINE 5	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
Days after initial crosses	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
26	/	/	1	/	/	/
27	1	1	3	1	/	/
28	1	/	/	/	2	/
29	/	1	/	/	1	2
30	1	/	1	/	/	/
31	/	/	/	1	/	/
Total	3	2	5	2	3	2

Days after initial crosses	LINE 6		LINE 6		LINE 6	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
27	1	1	/	/	/	/
28	1	/	1	1	/	/
29	1	2	5	2	2	1
30	1	2	7	3	2	1
31	1	1	/	/	3	/
32	1	/	/	/	1	3
33	/	/	/	1	/	/
34 – 36	/	/	/	/	/	/
37	/	/	/	/	1	/
Total	6	6	13	7	9	5

Days after initial crosses	LINE 7		LINE 7		LINE 7	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 1		Replicate 1	
Days after initial crosses	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
25	/	/	/	1	/	/
26	/	/	/	/	/	/
27	/	/	/	/	/	/
28	2	/	2	/	/	/
29	2	/	/	/	/	/
30	2	/	/	/	/	/
31	/	/	/	/	/	/
32	/	/	1	1	/	/
33	/	/	/	1	/	/
34 - 36	/	/	/	/	/	/
37	/	1	/	/	/	/
Total	6	1	3	3	0	0

Days after initial crosses	LINE 8		LINE 8		LINE 8	
	Replicate 1		Replicate 2		Replicate 3	
	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females	number of arising males	number of arising females
26	/	3	/	/	/	/
27	/	/	/	/	/	/
28	/	/	/	/	/	/
29	/	/	/	/	/	/
30	/	/	/	/	/	/
31	/	/	/	/	/	/
32	/	/	/	1	/	/
Total	0	3	0	1	0	0