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## ABSTRACT

Understanding how organisms adapt to their environment remains an open question in Biology. So far, most projects focus on the study of single nucleotide polymorphism variants, while other types of mutations, likely to play a role in adaptation, are largely ignored. For instance, the effects of transposable elements (TE), which are potent mutagens that introduce genomic variability in natural populations sometimes driving phenotypic adaptations to environmental conditions, are not so well studied. The aim of this work was to characterize the ecological adaptive effects of the *Drosophila melanogaster* *roo* insertion *FBti0019985*, which is located in the 5'UTR of the transcription factor *CG18446*. To that end, we studied its possible phenotypic effects and investigated the molecular mechanisms behind those functional changes.

First, we discovered that besides *FBti0019985*, the *CG18446* promoter region harbours 19 independent *roo* insertions. The presence of these recurrent *roo* insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region is likely to be the result of several bursts of transposition. We suggest that chromatin accessibility could be one of the factors explaining the multiple insertions. We also investigated whether the identified insertions were functionally equivalent by performing 5'RACE, gene expression, and cold-stress survival experiments. We found that only *FBti0019985* was associated with *CG18446* up-regulation in embryos and with increased viability in nonstress and under cold-stress conditions.

Second, we further studied the molecular and phenotypic effects of *FBti0019985* in different developmental stages and under different stress conditions. Performing gene expression analysis and *in vivo* enhancer reporter assays we found that *FBti0019985* drives the expression of its nearby gene *CG18446* depending on both the developmental stage and the environmental conditions. We associated the presence of *FBti0019985* with *CG18446* down-regulation. However, in embryos under nonstress conditions and in guts under immune-stress, *FBti0019985* caused a *CG18446* up-regulation. Indeed, we associated this up-regulation with an enhancer activity of the element under these specific contexts. Finally, with the generation of mutant strains with *FBti0019985* deletions in *D. melanogaster* natural populations using the CRISPR/Cas9-mediated homology-directed repair technique, we could also associate the presence of *FBti0019985* with tolerance to *P. entomophila* infection.

Overall, this work gives more evidences of the role of TEs in relevant adaptive traits. Moreover, it also reflects the importance of considering the effect of a candidate adaptive insertion under different contexts to fully characterize its adaptive consequences.

# SECTION 1

## INTRODUCTION



## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Transposable elements: brief history

Transposable elements (TEs) are repetitive DNA sequences that have the ability to change their position (transpose) within a genome sometimes increasing their copy number (Bourque et al., 2018). They were first discovered in 1950s by Barbara McClintock in maize (*Zea mays*) under the name of “controlling elements”, for what she was awarded with the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (1983) (McClintock, 1950; McClintock, 1953). She associated the changing colour pattern of maize kernels to some genetic factors that were able to change their position within and between chromosomes. McClintock also described that these “controlling elements” could move along the genome in response to environmental changes, thus modifying the expression of some genes (McClintock, 1950; McClintock, 1953; McClintock, 1956). Later, TE presence was demonstrated in bacteria (Shapiro, 1969) and in *Drosophila* (Rubin et al., 1982), where the mobilization of specific TEs was associated with the hybrid dysgenesis phenomenon. Moreover, Britten and Davidson (1971) hypothesized that TEs may place regulatory sites across the genome while transposing suggesting an important role in the coordination of gene expression (the “gene battery” hypothesis) (Britten and Davidson, 1971). However, these ideas were rejected and TEs were for many years categorized as “selfish” or “junk” genetic elements that produced detrimental effects (Strobel et al., 1979; Doolittle and Sapienza, 1980; Orgel and Crick, 1980; Hickey, 1982). Although their presence in the genome was commonly considered deleterious, the first evidences of TEs leading to beneficial effects appeared in the following years. For instance, TEs were detected to function as regulatory elements in primates (Samuelson et al., 1990) and protecting broken linear chromosome ends in *Drosophila* (Biessmann et al., 1992).

Due to the emergence of sequencing techniques we now know that TEs also constitute an important component of genomes from diverse origins (Warren et al., 2015; Deniz et al., 2019). For instance, in humans, half of the genome was found to be constituted by TEs (Lander et al., 2001). Over the last decades, TEs began to acquire even more importance once their influence in recombination rates and in chromosomal rearrangements, their mutagenic abilities, and they role as gene regulators were confirmed (Biémont, 2010; Bourque et al., 2018). Today, there are also some evidences of TEs involved in genome evolution and more specifically, in recent adaptation (Biémont and Vieira, 2006; González et al., 2008; González et al., 2010; Arkhipova, 2018). Considering that, the scientific community now agree that TEs have considerably shaped the structure, function, and evolution of genomes.

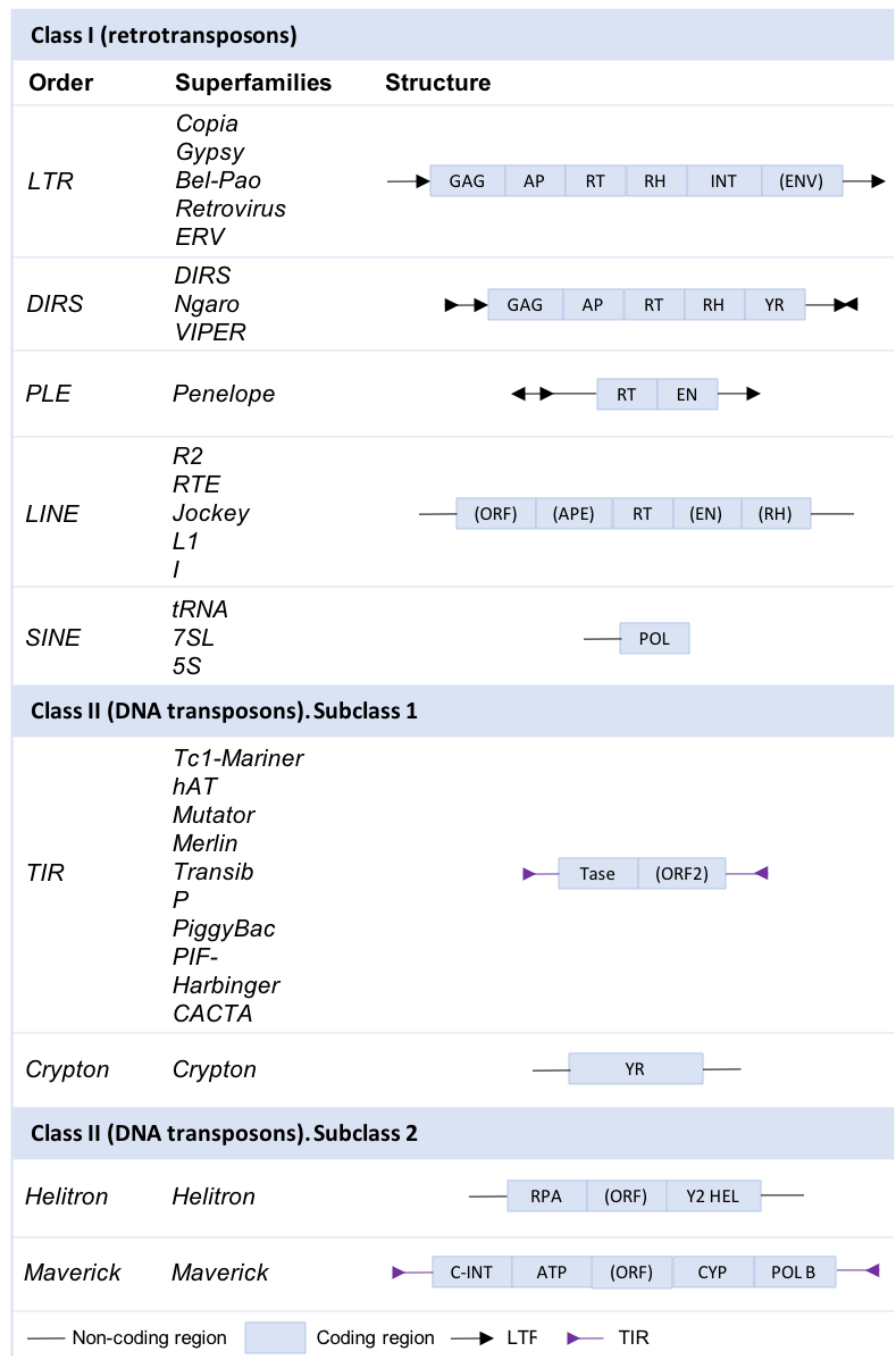
## 1.2. Transposable element classification

The discovery of novel insertions thanks to the increased number of available sequenced genomes, and the introduction of new techniques to detect and classify TE insertions cause a constant evolution and revision of TE classification. Until today, several approaches to categorize TE have been presented based on different criteria.

A first classification divides TEs based on their replication capability in autonomous and non-autonomous insertions. Autonomous TEs encode all the domains needed to move along the genome, i.e. open reading frames (ORFs) and regulatory sequences. However, non-autonomous TEs lack these domains and thus, depend on the enzymes encoded by autonomous TEs to transpose.

Another classification, first proposed long time ago, divides TEs in two major classes based on the nature of their transposition intermediate (Finnegan, 1989). Class I elements, or retrotransposons, mobilize through an RNA intermediate that is reverse-transcribed and integrated elsewhere in the genome. On the other hand, Class II elements, or DNA transposons, mobilize using a DNA intermediate (Finnegan, 1989). While all Class I elements use a retrotranscriptase to transpose, Class II elements encompass several unrelated groups of TEs with different transposition mechanisms, unified only by the absence of an RNA intermediate in their transposition processes. So, inside the Class II group we can find TEs that use a transposase to mobilize (TIRs), TEs that use a tyrosine recombinase (*Crypton*), TEs that use a replication initiator-like protein (*Helitron*), and TEs that use a protein-primed B-type DNA polymerase (*Maverick*).

Later, the "Wicker" and "Repbase" classification systems for eukaryotic TEs used the same basal criteria relying on the presence or absence of RNA transposition intermediates but tried to further unify the current classification (Wicker et al., 2007; Kapitonov and Jurka, 2008). In the "Wicker" classification, the introduction of a more hierarchical structure that includes subclasses, orders, and superfamilies tries to better subclassify elements within classes based on mechanistic and enzymatic criteria (Wicker et al., 2007) (Figure 1.1). Similarly, the "Repbase" classification, besides proposing a universal nomenclature, divides TEs in two main types: Type 1 (DNA transposons) and Type 2 (retrotransposons). These TE types are subclassified in seven



**Figure 1.1. Transposable element classification in eukaryotes based on Wicker et al. (2007).** Figure adapted from Wicker et al. (2007). Hierarchical classification of eukaryotic TEs proposed in Wicker et al. (2007) which divides TEs in two major classes (Class I and Class II) based on the presence or absence of an RNA intermediate during transposition. These groups are then further divided in subclasses (only Class II elements), orders, superfamilies and families (not shown in the figure). The genetic structure of every order of TEs is represented. Components depicted in brackets are not common for all the TEs from the same order. AP: Aspartic proteinase, APE: Apurinic endonuclease, ATP: Packaging ATPase, C-INT: C-integrase, CYP: Cysteine protease, EN: Endonuclease, ENV: Envelope protein, GAG: Capsid protein, HEL: Helicase, INT: Integrase, ORF: Open reading frame, POL: Polymerase III promoter, POL B: DNA polymerase B, RH: RNase H, RPA: Replication protein A, RT: Reverse transcriptase, Tase: Transposase, YR: Tyrosin recombinase, Y2: YR with YY motif.

classes based on the different enzymes involved in transposition and structural similarities (Kapitonov and Jurka, 2008).

Although being the eukaryotic TE classification proposed by Wicker et al. (2007) well established, it does not reflect the evolutionary history of the different insertions from all kingdoms of life (Piegú et al., 2015). Hence, Piegú et al. (2015) indicated the need of a universal classification system in which all prokaryotic and eukaryotic TEs were present and categorized into taxonomic groups (Piegú et al., 2015). Other authors suggested TE classifications based on the mechanisms they use for moving rooted in an evolutionary context (Curcio and Derbyshire, 2003). However, the latest TE classification suggests a three-component classification scheme in which their replicative, integrative and structural components are considered (Arkhipova, 2017).

### **1.3. Transposable elements are virtually present in all genomes**

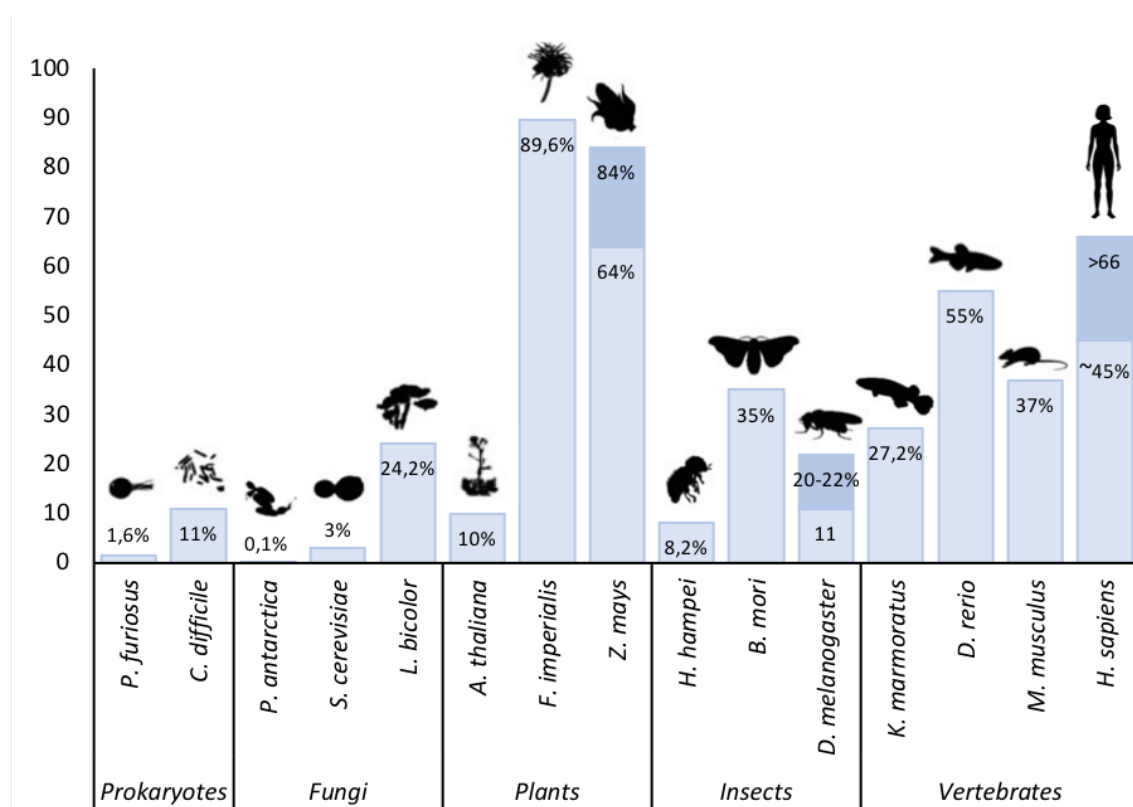
TEs are virtually in all eukaryotic and in almost all prokaryotic genomes, being lost only from the reduced genomes of apicomplexan parasites (DeBarry and Kissinger, 2011; Hua-Van et al., 2011). However, they are less ubiquitous in prokaryotes, where complete TEs are not present in more than 20% of the genomes sequenced so far (Touchon and Rocha, 2007; Hua-Van et al., 2011).

TEs usually represent a considerable fraction of the genome, although their abundance is highly variable from one specie to another: from 64-84% in maize to 0.1% in the fungi *Pseudozyma antarctica* (Gao et al., 2016; Sessegolo et al., 2016; Jiao et al., 2017; Guio and González, 2019) (Figure 1.2). It has also been found that TEs are absent in the genome of the parasitic unicellular eukaryote *Plasmodium falciparum* (Gardner et al., 2002). TE abundance can even vary among different species from the same phylogenetic group (Sessegolo et al., 2016). Furthermore, TE families are not equally represented in all species. For instance, *LINE-1* elements are the most abundant type in humans, while *LTR* elements are more abundant in *Drosophila* (Lander et al., 2001, Hua-Van et al., 2011, Rahman et al., 2015, Sessegolo et al., 2016).

Yet, TE diversity is still biased towards insertions described in reference genomes, missing novel insertions or insertions that differ at population level. This deficiency was recently



pointed out in an extensive genome analysis of 177 *Drosophila melanogaster* strains from the Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP) in which, on average, more than 500 novel insertions were found in every strain (Rahman et al., 2015). Despite the increase availability of whole-genome data, TE annotation has been often ignored. This can be due to the fact that a throughout TE annotation requires an important manual curation effort, whereby leaving repetitive regions excluded in genome assemblies (Arkhipova, 2017). Only with the use of third-generation long-read assemblies, a comprehensive TE repertoire will be eventually obtained (Sotero-Caio et al., 2017; Arkhipova, 2017).



**Figure 1.2. Percentage of TE abundance in different organisms.** Figure adapted from Guio and González, (2019).

#### 1.4. Transposable elements are not randomly distributed in the genome

TEs are not randomly distributed in the genome, in fact, they are preferentially inserted in heterochromatic, pericentromeric and telomeric regions (Bourque et al., 2018; Arkhipova, 2018). These regions are associated with low recombination rates and low gene content, properties that reduce the potential deleterious impact of TEs (Bourgeois and Boissinot, 2019). In addition, TEs can also be related with low recombination regions because epigenetic modifications promoted by TE silencing mechanism are often negatively associated with recombination (Bourgeois and Boissinot, 2019). Nevertheless, in some cases, TEs present in heterochromatic regions have acquired essential roles in the genomes. For instance, in *D. melanogaster*, telomeres are composed of tandem head-to-tail arrays of transposons, adopting a critical role of telomere structure and maintenance (Mason and Biessmann, 1995).

Despite being preferentially inserted in low recombination regions as shown in *D. melanogaster*, humans and other mammals, the correlation between TEs and recombination not always follows the same pattern (Cridland et al., 2013; Skaletsky et al., 2003; Bourgeois and Boissinot, 2019). Insertion preference for recombination hotspots has been described for some TE families and in different organisms such as *Ficedula* birds and *Caenorhabditis elegans* (Duret et al., 2000; Myers et al., 2008; Kawakami et al., 2017; Laricchia et al., 2017). The shared preference of recombination and transposition machineries for open chromatin and double-stranded DNA breaks are possible explanations for these observations (Bourgeois and Boissinot, 2019).

Insertion preferences for specific euchromatic regions have also been described for some TEs. Retrotransposons in mold and budding and fission yeast have convergently evolved to target upstream regions of genes transcribed by RNA polymerase III, where they can be transcribed by themselves without altering the host gene expression (Spaller et al., 2017; Sultana et al., 2017; Cheung et al., 2018). Thus, these TEs favour their own propagation while ensuring a less detrimental effect for the host. In *Anolis* lizards, a burst of transposition resulted in high numbers of TEs in *Hox* gene clusters, regions that regulate development and morphological adaptation. Considering that, these TEs may have been a source for phenotypic variation, thus contributing to lizard speciation processes (Feiner, 2016). Similarly, some TE families are preferentially found in 5' gene regulatory regions, such as *P-elements* in *Drosophila* (Spradling et al., 1995; Liao et al., 2000), *Mutator* elements in maize (Liu et al., 2009), *mPing* MITEs in rice (Naito et al., 2009), and *Tf1* retroelements in fission yeast (Leem et al., 2008). In *D.*

*melanogaster*, target site motifs for some TE families have been described using population genomic data of 166 strains (Linheiro and Bergman, 2012). However, in some cases, local preference depends more on DNA structure than on primary sequence, being especially true for *P-elements* (Liao et al., 2000). However, the study of *de novo* insertions will be crucial to further investigate the mechanisms of TE integration site preference.

#### **1.4.1. Recurrent insertion of transposable elements in specific genomic regions**

Recurrent insertion of TEs in specific genomic regions has been described in *D. melanogaster*. 23 extreme TE-density regions were identified in pericentromeric regions or on chromosome 4 (Bergman et al., 2006). Besides transposition, TE duplication was also one of the factors contributing to the accumulation of insertions in those extreme TE-density regions (Bergman et al., 2006). Multiple insertions in gene regions were also found in the large genes *RNA-binding protein 6 (Rbp6)* (179.5 kb), *klarsicht* (106.5 kb), and *derailed-2* (24 kb) analysing two different *D. melanogaster* panels of lines: the DGRP and the Drosophila Synthetic Population Resource (DSPR) (Cridland et al., 2013). The vast majority of the insertions found were unique to a single strain or present at very low frequencies. Moreover, all the insertions were located in intronic regions, except two TEs inserted in exons of *klarsicht* and *derailed-2* genes, respectively (Cridland et al., 2013). In the same organism, it has been reported that proximal promoter regions of *hsp* genes are a natural target for *P-element* insertions (Walser et al., 2006). Transposition into *hsp* promoter regions could affect promoter architecture, thus having an impact on *hsp* expression (Lerman and Feder, 2005). Besides *hsp* promoter regions, no other region in *D. melanogaster* genome has shown such number of recurrent insertions of the same TE family.

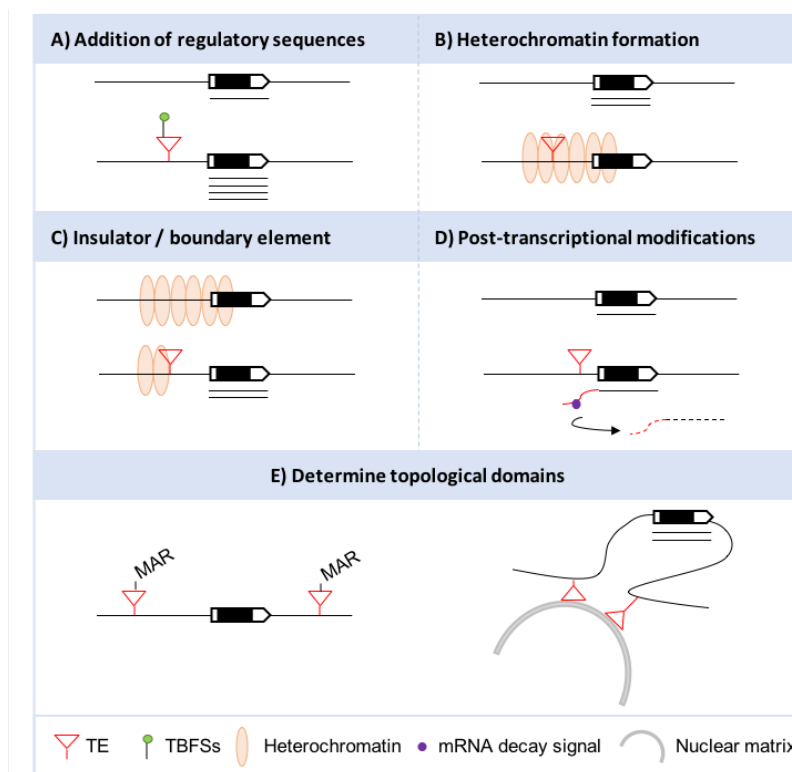
#### **1.5. Transposable elements are a source of genomic variation**

TEs, as mobile DNA sequences, are an incredible source of genomic variation. DNA breaks and insertions associated with transposition events cause an obvious alteration to the host genome. Besides affecting the host genome depending on where they insert, TEs can produce RNAs or proteins altering cell functions. They can also perform chromosomal rearrangements as a result of ectopic recombination between copies dispersed along the genome (Bourque et al., 2018; Bourgeois and Boissinot, 2019) (Figure 1.3 and 1.4).

The consequences of TE mobilization can also be more global while altering gene expression and structure or chromosome dynamics mainly as a result of ectopic recombination. It has been described that ectopic recombination between TE copies account for a number of human disorders (Sasaki et al., 2010). Changes performed by TEs in gene expression or structure can be both genetic (e.g. introducing new cis-regulatory elements) or epigenetic (altering chromatin structure) (Klein et al., 2018; Bourgeois and Boissinot, 2019).

### 1.5.1. Transposable elements as modulators of gene expression

In line with McClintock predictions, nowadays there are several studies evidencing that TEs have been a source of material for the modulation of gene expression (Bourque et al., 2018). There are myriad mechanisms by which TEs can alter host gene expression both in cis and in trans, transcriptional or post-transcriptionally (Elbarbary et al., 2016; Chuong et al., 2017) (Figure 1.3).



**Figure 1.3. TEs can modulate gene expression through different mechanisms. A)** TEs can add new regulatory sequences such as promoters, enhancers or repressive elements that fine-tune nearby genes expression. **B)** TEs can contribute to the formation of heterochromatin, hence affecting the expression of their nearby genes. **C)** TEs can act as insulators or boundary elements preventing the spread of heterochromatin. **D)** TEs can modulate gene expression through post-transcriptional modifications. They can provide sequences for mRNA decay, localization or translation efficiency. **E)** TEs can determine topological domains in the nucleus thereby participating in the determination of chromatin loops. Black and white boxes represent exons and UTR regions, respectively. Gene transcripts are represented as short black lines.

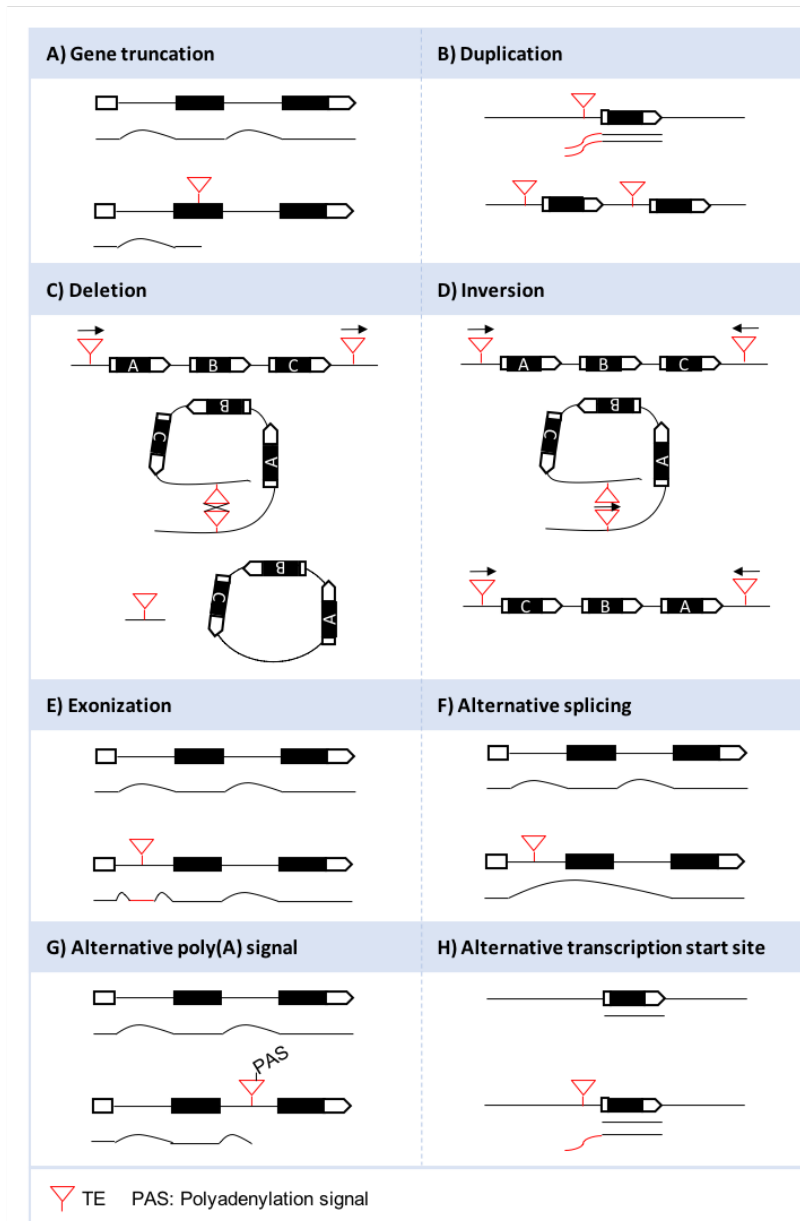
TEs can harbour cis-regulatory elements that regulate gene expression. In primates, different reporter assay techniques validated that newly evolved cis-regulatory elements were enriched in *LTR* and *SVA* elements with the capacity to modulate gene expression (Trizzino et al., 2017). This study thus concluded that TEs had an important role in rewiring ape gene regulation (Trizzino et al., 2017). Transcription factor binding sites (TFBSs), important cis-regulatory elements, have been repeatedly identified in TE sequences. Chip-seq studies discovered that TEs contribute a substantial fraction (5-40%) of binding sites across the genome in mammals (Sundaram et al., 2014; Chuong et al., 2017; Bourque et al., 2018). And, in the *Drosophila* genus, several TFBSs within TE sequences have been identified and often functionally validated demonstrating that TEs can provide material for the emergence of new regulatory networks (Brönner et al., 1995; Carareto et al., 2014; Loreto et al., 2018; Palazzo et al., 2019; Villanueva-Cañas et al., 2019). Among all TE types, *LTR* elements seem to contribute more to disperse TFBSs since they have intrinsic ability to recruit RNA polymerase II and they are more likely to retain the ancestral cis-regulatory activity (Feschotte, 2008; de Souza et al., 2013; Jacques et al., 2013; Thompson et al., 2016; Chuong et al., 2017).

Besides modulating gene expression, TEs can also alter chromatin structure by recruiting heterochromatin proteins that silence nearby genes. Similarly, they have also been described to function as insulators and/or boundary elements, preventing the spread of heterochromatin (de Souza et al., 2013; Chuong et al., 2017). Furthermore, TEs are also contributing regulatory sequences that modulate gene expression post-transcriptionally. For example, they can provide recognition sequences for mRNA decay, localization or translation efficiency (Gong and Maquat, 2011; Shen et al., 2011; Hu et al., 2015; Elbarbary et al., 2016). Finally, TEs may have an important role in the three-dimensional organization of the genome isolating regions and thus controlling the transcriptional regulation of large chromosomal regions (Chuong et al., 2017). In *D. melanogaster*, it has been described that *LTR* elements harbour matrix attachment regions with the ability to determine topological domains (Mamillapalli et al., 2013).

TEs might also play a role in rewiring gene regulatory networks. It has been shown that they participate in important physiological responses such as early development and immune response in mammals (Gerdes et al., 2016; Chuong et al., 2016) or sex dosage compensation in *Drosophila miranda* (Ellison and Bachtrog, 2013).

### 1.5.2. Transposable elements as modulators of gene structure

There are a great variety of mechanisms by which TEs can impact gene structure depending on whether they are inserted into introns or in gene non-coding regions (Figure 1.4).



**Figure 1.4. TEs can affect gene structure.** **A)** Depending on where they are inserted, TEs can truncate essential sequences such as gene promoters or gene coding regions. TEs can act as substrate for ectopic recombination due to its sequence similarity between copies from the same family. As a result, they can generate **B)** duplications, **C)** deletions and **D)** inversions. When inserted into introns, TEs can generate new transcripts through processes like **E)** exonization, **F)** the addition of alternative splicing sites or **G)** the addition of alternative poly(A) signals. **H)** TEs are also a source of new transcripts by contributing with alternative TSS for a gene. Black boxes represent exons and white boxes represent UTR regions. Gene transcripts are represented as short black lines.

When inserted into introns, TEs can be incorporated as new exons (exonization), provide alternative splicing sites, or introduce alternative poly adenylation (poly(A)) signals (Schmitz and Brosius, 2011; Chenais et al., 2012; Casacuberta and González, 2013; Warren et al., 2015). Exonization defines the process of creation of a new exon due to mutations in intronic regions. In humans, this process was first described when *Alu* elements were found within a large number of mature mRNAs (Makalowski et al., 1994). Exonization was later confirmed in other different studies, showing that these events are more frequent in vertebrates than in invertebrates (Nekrutenko and Li, 2001; Sela et al., 2010). New alternative splice variants are sometimes acquired by the use of alternative splice sites added by TE insertions. It is estimated that 5% of human alternative spliced exons derived from *Alu* sequences (Sorek et al., 2002). Alternative poly(A) can also be introduced by TE insertions leading to a shorter or truncated transcript. It has been shown that nonconserved poly(A) sites are more frequently associated with TEs, suggesting a significant role in poly(A) site evolution and defining the 3' end of genes (Lee et al., 2008).

Besides being inserted into introns, TEs can also alter gene structure when inserted in other non-coding regions such as 5'UTR regions. There, they can introduce alternative transcription start sites (TSS), hence modulating gene transcript lengths. Studies of transcription initiation mapping using cap analysis of gene expression followed by sequencing (CAGE-seq) showed remarkable amounts of *Pol II* initiation within TEs in humans, mouse as well as in *D. melanogaster* (Faulkner et al., 2009; Batut et al., 2013).

### **1.5.3. Co-option of transposable element sequences**

Some TE-derived sequences are sometimes used by the host genome as elements that modulate gene expression. However, the recruitment of TE coding sequences to generate functional proteins is an evolutionary process that turned out to be surprisingly common. These processes of TE sequence recruitment create innovations at both molecular and phenotypic levels that are beneficial for the host organism. Several terms have been used to describe these events such as domestication (Miller et al., 1997), co-option (Sarkar et al., 2003), or exaptation (Brandt et al., 2005), although the term exaptation is better used when the evolved trait has a different usage of nucleotides or a different function (Schrader and Schmitz, 2019).

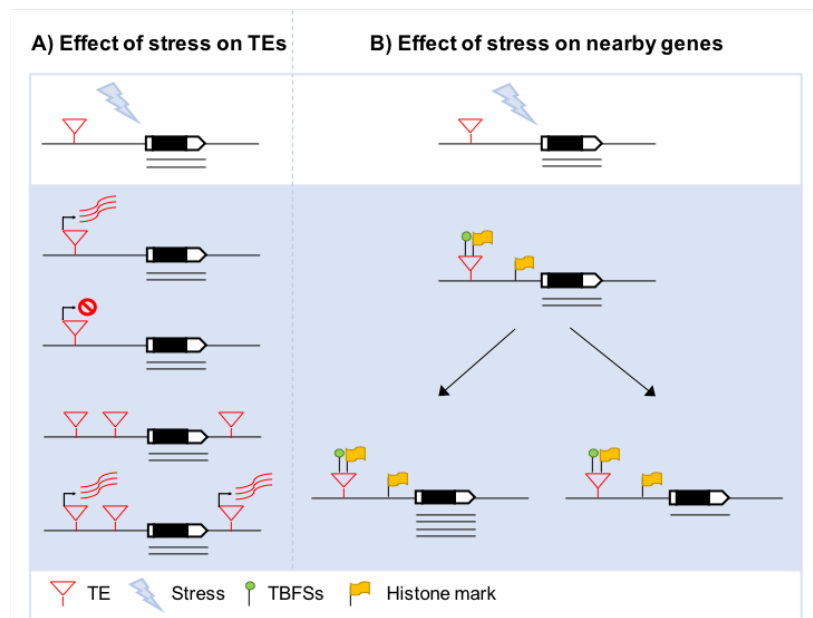
Domestication of TE proteins has been repeatedly described to function against retroviruses or TEs themselves. In those cases, cells have evolved to reduce the potential deleterious effect of invasive genetic elements like retroviruses and TEs with the recruitment of TE proteins. In *S. pombe*, the control of *Tf2* retrotransposons is achieved by the cooperation of three transposase-derived proteins called Abp1, Cbh1 and Cbh2 with histone deacetylases (Cam et al., 2008; Lorenz et al., 2012). Similarly, in *Arabidopsis*, the two genes derived from *Ty3/gypsy* retrotransposons *MAIL1* and *MAIN* participate in an epigenetic silencing pathway that suppress many TEs (Ikeda et al., 2017). Another example of domestication is the *LINE-1* type transposase domain-containing 1 (L1TD1) in mammals, which has been suggested to protect against *LINE-1* and other TE types (McLaughlin et al., 2014). This domain was co-opted from the open reading frame 1 (ORF1) of *LINE-1* elements by the ancestor of placental mammals (McLaughlin et al., 2014). In addition, it has also been described that the human *L1TD1* element plays an important role in the maintenance of embryonic stem cell pluripotency (McLaughlin et al., 2014).

The process of domestication has also contributed to novel biological processes such as adaptive immune systems (Jangam et al., 2017). A well-known example is the domestication of the RAG1 and RAG2 catalytic proteins and the cis-acting DNA sequences RSSs which are crucial components of V(D)J recombination mechanism (Kapitonov et al., 2005). In jawed vertebrates, V(D)J recombination is a process that creates an illimitable collection of antibodies in B and T cells. In a study performed in the cephalochordate lancelet, it has been postulated that RAG1, RAG2, and RSS descend from an ancestral *Transib* transposon named ProtoRAG (Huang et al., 2016). Thus, it has been suggested that this ancestral element was transmitted vertically through chordate and vertebrate evolution (Huang et al., 2016). In prokaryotes, TE domestication could have been responsible of the emergence of the Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats / CRISPR-associated nuclease (CRISPR/Cas) system. Cas proteins have shown sequence similarities to the transposases encoded by the Casposon group (Krupovic et al., 2014). Moreover, CRISPR repeats may derived from TIR sequences in those *Casposon* elements (Béguin et al., 2016; Krupovic et al., 2017). Finally, in humans, the insertion of an *ERV* element (*MER41*) introduces interferon-inducible enhancers to the *AIM2* gene that have been co-opted to regulate inflammation in response to infection (Chuong et al., 2016).



## 1.6. Transposable elements and stress

Stress conditions have been repeatedly related with TE activation and, consequently, associated with an adaptive role of TEs under challenging environments (McClintock, 1984; Capy et al., 2000; Fablet and Vieira, 2011; Chénais et al., 2012; Casacuberta and González, 2013; Negi et al., 2016; Rey et al., 2016, Horváth et al., 2017). Both biotic and abiotic stresses can promote TE activation increasing both TE transcriptional and mobilization rates (Figure 1.5). This process of TE activation increases population variability potentiating both evolutionary plasticity and evolvability (Horváth et al., 2017). In addition, stress can also activate stress-response regulatory sequences inside TEs, thus spreading stress-responsive sequences throughout the genome and rewiring stress response networks (Cowley et al., 2013) (Figure 1.5).



**Figure 1.5. Effect of stress on TEs and on nearby genes. A)** Stress can affect TEs both promoting and inhibiting their transcriptional activation. Moreover, it can also increase TE transposition. **B)** TEs can harbor stress-response regulatory sequences that may be activated by stress, thus affecting the expression of their nearby genes. Black boxes represent exons and white boxes represent UTR regions. TE transcripts are represented as red lines while gene transcripts are represented as short black lines.

There are several studies evidencing TE activation under stress in different organisms. In *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*, TE mobility was reported under different stressors such as heavy metals, caffeine, and plasticizer phthalate (Esnault et al., 2019) and in the tomato plant, drought stress triggered the accumulation of transcripts from the *Rider* element (Benoit et al., 2019).

Sometimes, the molecular mechanisms behind the activation of TEs under stress have been identified. For example, in humans, stress causes the relocation to DNA damage sites of the longevity regulating protein Sirtuin 6 (SIRT6) that under normal conditions is silencing *LINE-1* elements, therefore leading to TE activation (Van Meter et al., 2014). In the *Drosophila* germline, the Piwi-interacting RNA (piRNA) pathway operates to control TE activity. Heat-shock stress has been reported to alter piRNA biogenesis through the action of the inducible chaperone *Hsp70* causing an increased TE activation at a post-transcriptional level (Cappucci et al., 2019). However, besides TE activation, stress has sometimes been related with TE repression. The expression of the *Ty3* element in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* was repressed under heat stress and after an ethanol exposure (Menees and Sandmeyer, 1996). Similarly, a short-term treatment with morphine reduced the expression of *LINE-1* elements in human neuronal cells (Trivedi et al., 2014).

TE activation under stress is often associated with changes in the expression of their nearby genes (Guio et al., 2014; Mateo et al., 2014; Makarevitch et al., 2015; Bouttier et al., 2016; Chuong et al., 2016; Forestan et al., 2016; Persson et al., 2016; Zovoilis et al., 2016; Hummel et al., 2017; Le et al., 2017; Villanueva-Cañas et al., 2019) (Figure 1.5). In a recent study that analyses the role of TEs in six different *Drosophila* stress regulatory networks, the authors found that TEs have a relevant role in the transcriptional regulation of stress-response genes (Villanueva-Cañas et al., 2019). The authors functionally validate the regulatory activity of 6 different TEs by performing *in vivo* enhancer reporter assays. They found that while some TEs down-regulated the expression of the reporter gene, others were promoting its expression (Villanueva-Cañas et al., 2019). Besides adding cis-regulatory regions, other mechanisms have been described to alter gene expression under stress conditions (Figure 1.5). For instance, the *Bari-Jheh* insertion has been associated with the addition of histone marks in the intergenic region of its nearby genes modulating their expression (Guio et al., 2018).

Finally, a positive fitness effect of TEs under stress conditions is often assumed although only a small number of studies have provided evidence at the phenotypic level (Guio et al., 2014; Mateo et al., 2014; Zhao et al., 2014; Bouttier et al., 2016; Chuong et al., 2016; Horváth et al., 2017). However, the effect of stress on TEs has also been related with negative effects such as cancer and neurodegenerative diseases (Rishishwar et al., 2017).

With all, the relationship between TEs and stress is quite complex and seems context dependent. Nevertheless, there vast majority of studies assume that the activation of TEs under stress generates genome variability upon which natural selection can act.

### **1.7. Transposable elements as effective drivers of adaptation**

Due to its mutagenic nature, the vast majority of TE insertions have deleterious or neutral effects. In humans, the insertion of a *LINE-1* element into one of the exons of the factor VIII gene causes a disruption of the gene that triggers haemophilia (Kazazian et al., 1988). Another *LINE-1* element inserted in the last exon of the adenomatous polyposis coli (APC) gene was associated with the disruption of this tumour suppressor gene producing colon cancer (Miki et al., 1992). Taking advantage of this mutagenic capacity, TEs have been used as mutagenic agents in genetic experiments with *Drosophila*. Several *Drosophila* collections exist nowadays with TE mutations in different genes (Peter et al., 2002; Beinert et al., 2004; Bellen et al., 2004; Thibault et al., 2004; Metaxakis et al., 2005; Staudt et al., 2005).

Besides having deleterious or neutral effects, TEs have been sometimes related with adaptive processes. Organisms have to deal with continuous and diverse environmental changes, both biotic and abiotic. One of the mechanisms by which organisms react to these challenges is through adaptive evolution to the new environmental conditions. The process of adaptive evolution takes place by natural selection when organisms that are better suited to the new environment transfer more genes to the next generation. Considering that, the genetic variance conferring the advantage can increase in frequency within the population. Adaptation, as a result of natural selection, relies in the capacity of mutations to generate genetic diversity. TEs are a remarkably source of genetic and epigenetic variation and in the same way, their activity can be susceptible to environmental changes. For this reason, TEs are considered to play a role in adaptation in different organisms. However, they have long been ignored as candidate mutations involved in adaptation.

*IS* elements in bacteria have been associated to environmental adaptation in several studies. For instance, a cause-effect relationship has been established between *IS* elements and adaptation to high osmolarity (Stoebel et al., 2009; Stoebel and Dorman, 2010) and to conditions with limited amounts of metals and nutrients (Chou et al., 2009; Gaffé et al., 2011).

In plants, adaptation has also been associated to TE-induced mutations. TE insertions are associated with adaptation to high latitudes in the soybean (Liu et al., 2008; Kanazawa et al., 2009) and to changing light environments in *Arabidopsis* (Lin et al., 2007). In addition, the peppered moth *carb* insertion was found to up-regulate the *cortex* gene resulting in an increased dark coloration of this organism. This phenotype is thought to improve fitness in polluted areas (Van't Hof et al., 2016).

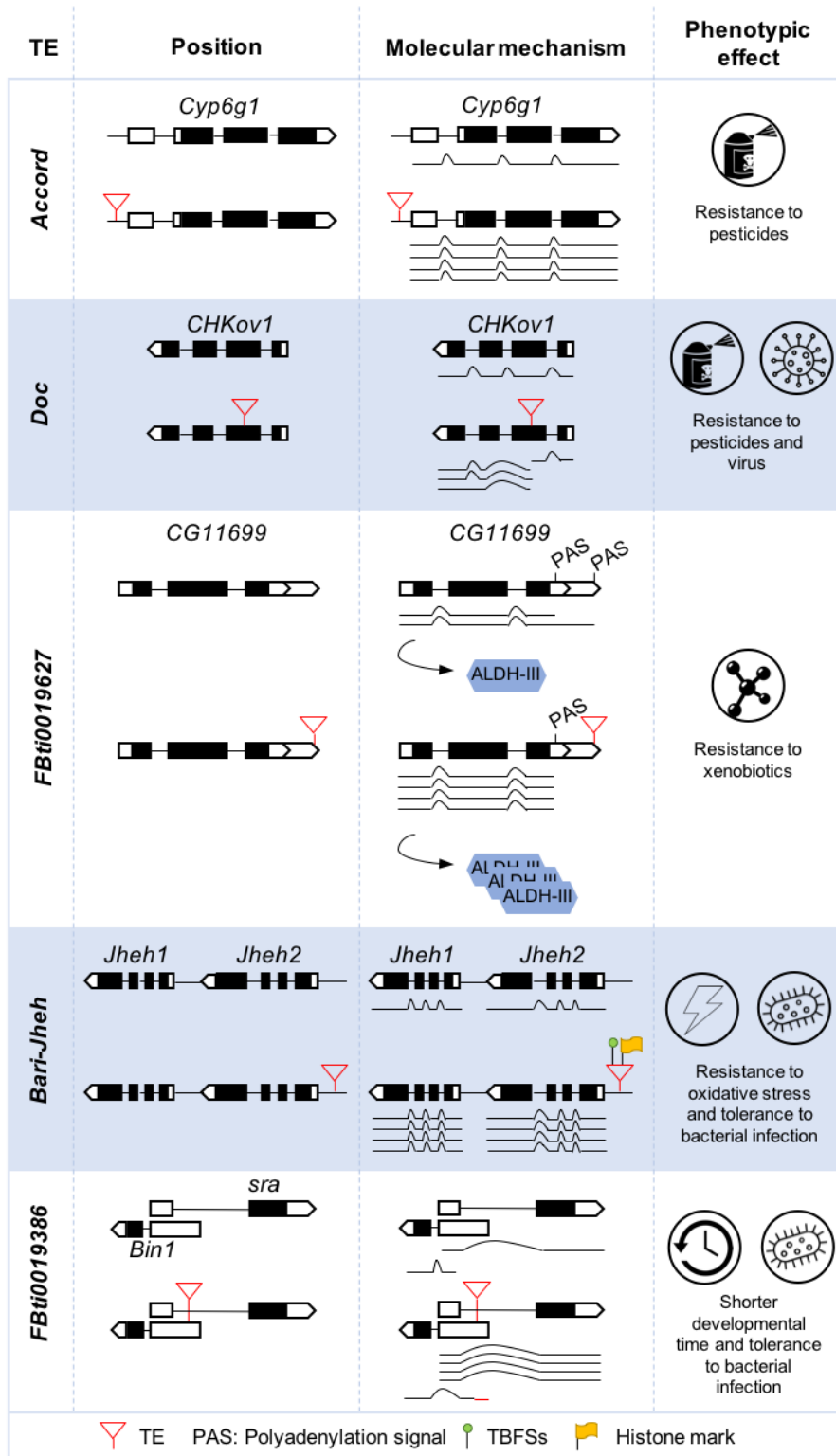
### **1.7.1. Transposable elements as effective drivers of adaptation in *Drosophila melanogaster***

As mentioned above, the vast majority of TE-induced mutations are deleterious and thus present at low population frequencies. Then, TEs present at high population frequencies are more likely to play a role in adaptation (Barrón et al., 2014). This reasoning was applied in *D. melanogaster* where the efficiency of selection in removing deleterious mutations is high due to its big population size (Kofler et al., 2012; Cridland et al., 2013; Barrón et al. 2014., Blumenstiel et al., 2014). *D. melanogaster* was originated from southern Africa and it spread around the world in a short period of time (19,000 years ago) suggesting that recent adaptation to different environments must be common (David and Capy, 1988; Li and Stephan, 2006; Arguello et al., 2019).

In the first genome-wide study analysing TE-induced adaptive mutations, authors showed that TEs have contributed to *D. melanogaster* recent adaptation to out-of-Africa (González et al., 2008). Based on a pooled-PCR screening in North America natural populations, they found 18 putatively adaptive TEs (González et al., 2008; González et al., 2010). Five of them showed signatures of selection in their flanking regions and eight present population differentiation (González et al., 2008). Later, an *in-silico* genome-wide study using pooled DNA sequences from a European population found 13 TE candidates for adaptation (Kofler et al., 2012). These 13 TEs were found at high population frequencies and had evidences of positive selection in their flanking regions (Kofler et al., 2012). Another genome-wide study analysed by PCR two populations from North America and Africa, and identified a total of nine candidate adaptive TEs (Blumenstiel et al., 2014). Finally, a more recent analysis of 1,615 annotated TE insertions in 60 worldwide natural populations identified 300 TEs present at high population frequencies likely due to the action of positive selection (Rech et al., 2019). 84 of these putatively adaptive insertions showed evidences of selection (Rech et al., 2019). Moreover, gene ontology analysis

revealed that their nearby genes are involved in stress response, behaviour, and developmental processes (Rech et al., 2019).

So far, the link between the genotype and the adaptive phenotype has been established for some of these putatively adaptive TEs (Daborn et al., 2002; Aminetzach et al., 2005; Schmidt et al., 2010; Magwire et al., 2011; Mateo et al., 2014; Guio et al., 2014; Ullastres et al., 2015; Ullastres et al., 2019) (Figure 1.6). One of these TEs is the *Accord* element inserted in the 5' end of the *Cyp6g1* gene that has been associated with resistance to pesticides (Daborn et al., 2002). Moreover, duplications of the region containing the *Cyp6g1* allele and additional TE insertions resulted in further resistance to pesticides (Schmidt et al., 2010). Another TE belonging to the *Doc* family inserted into the protein coding region of *CHKov1* has been related to resistance to organophosphate insecticides and to viral infection. The insertion truncates the *CHKov1* gene and generates a functional protein during the process that confers resistance to pesticides (Aminetzach et al., 2005). The same insertion was later associated with resistance to viral infection (Magwire et al., 2011). On top of that, a complex rearrangement that results in a duplication of the allele containing the *Doc* element, further increases resistance to virus (Magwire et al., 2011). The *pogo* transposon *FBti0019627* provides an alternative poly(A) signal to the *CG11699* gene causing a shorter transcript (Mateo et al., 2014). The presence of this insertions was also associated with increased expression levels of *CG11699* leading to resistance to different xenobiotics through an increased ALDH-III activity (Mateo et al., 2014). Altogether, the fact that *FBti0019627* has recently increased its frequency in out-of-Africa populations could be due to positive selection (González et al., 2008; Mateo et al., 2014). Another candidate TE, the *Bari-Jheh* element, was associated with increased expression levels of its nearby genes *Jheh1* and *Jheh2* and with resistance to oxidative stress and tolerance to bacterial infection (Guio et al., 2014; Guio et al., 2016). Finally, the *FBti0019386* insertion belonging to the *invader4* family was associated with increased expression of its nearby gene *sra* and with the addition of an alternative TSS to *Bin1* only under immune-stress conditions. Flies with *FBti0019386* were associated with shorter developmental time and with tolerance to bacterial infection (Ullastres et al., 2015; Ullastres et al., 2019).



**Figure 1.6. Schematic representation of the molecular and phenotypic effect of five adaptive TE insertions described in *D. melanogaster*.** The link between the genotype and the adaptive phenotype has been established for five putatively adaptive TEs in *D. melanogaster*. Black boxes represent exons and white boxes represent UTR regions. Gene transcripts are represented as short black lines.

All the studies mentioned above were performed based on association studies analysing the organismal phenotypic response under different conditions in populations with and without the candidate TE insertions. However, complementary experiments would be necessary to further confirm the causal links between the TE-induced mutations and their phenotypic effect. The discovery of the novel CRISPR/Cas system has improved the field of genotype to phenotype mapping thanks to its capacity to generate precise cuts on target sequences. The use of CRISPR/Cas system has already been used to precisely excise TEs in different organisms such as *Drosophila simulans* (Ding et al., 2016), humans (Chuong et al., 2016), and mouse (Todd et al., 2019) allowing the characterization of TE-derived effects.

### **1.7.2. The *Drosophila melanogaster* transposable element insertion *FBti0019985***

*FBti0019985* is a 428bp retroelement belonging to the *roo* family found in *D. melanogaster*. It is a non-full-length element comprised of a single *LTR* sequence (*solo-LTR* element) (Thurmond et al., 2019). Thus, *FBti0019985* is a non-autonomous TE with no transposition activity. It is inserted in the 5'UTR region of *CG18446* gene, which overlaps with the first intron of *cbx* gene (Thurmond et al., 2019). It has been found that *FBti0019985* provides an alternative TSS to its nearby gene *CG18446* (Batut et al., 2013).

*FBti0019985* was first analysed in a genome-wide screening for adaptive insertions in *D. melanogaster* (González et al., 2008). In this study, authors found that *FBti0019985* was frequent in North American while rare in African population pools (González et al., 2008). However, *FBti0019985* PCR screenings with different individual strains from North America showed variability in the amplicon length, thus do not guaranteeing its high frequency in North America (González et al., 2008). Because the population frequency of *FBti0019985* was not accurately determined, this insertion was not further studied and therefore, not categorized as a putative adaptive TE insertion (González et al., 2008).

In this work, we study in detail the genomic region where *FBti0019985* is inserted in order to figure out why PCR results showed inconsistent band lengths. Furthermore, we also investigate its molecular and phenotypic function trying to link them with positive fitness-effects related to an out-of-Africa adaptation process.





# SECTION 2

## OBJECTIVES



## 2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the present thesis are:

### 1. To study in detail the genomic region where *FBti0019985* is inserted

I will study the region where *FBti0019985* is inserted to figure out why previous PCR results with different individual strains from North America showed variability in the amplicon lengths. To that end, I will screen the *CG18446* promoter region in different natural populations from different geographic locations.

### 2. To molecularly and phenotypically characterize the effect of *FBti0019985*

I will explore the possible adaptive phenotypes associated with *FBti0019985* and the molecular mechanisms behind its effects. To do that, I will perform phenotypic experiments, expression analysis, and *in vivo* enhancer assays under different environmental conditions and in different developmental stages. I will also generate mutant fly strains without *FBti0019985* using the CRISPR/Cas9-mediated homology-directed repair technique.



# SECTION 3

## RESULTS



### 3. RESULTS

#### 3.1. Structure of the research

The results of the present thesis are divided in three sections. Section 3.3 and section 3.4 correspond to published articles.

**Section 3.3.** Multiple independent retroelement insertions in the promoter of a stress response gene have variable molecular and functional effects in *Drosophila*.

In this section, we analysed by PCR the proximal promoter region of *CG18446* in four different *D. melanogaster* natural populations. We identified nine independent *roo* transposable element insertions in this proximal promoter region. We also investigated whether the identified insertions were functionally equivalent by performing 5'RACE, gene expression, and cold-stress survival experiments. We found that *FBti0019985* and *roo-7* provided an alternative transcription start site to *CG18446*. Finally, we found that only *FBti0019985* was associated with *CG18446* up-regulation in embryos and with increased viability in nonstress and under cold-stress conditions.

**Section 3.4.** A unique cluster of *roo* insertions in the promoter region of a stress response gene in *Drosophila melanogaster*

In this section, we further analysed the proximal promoter region of *CG18446* performing a PCR screening in 218 strains from 15 different natural population. In this exhaustive screening we identified 11 *roo* insertions not described before in the proximal promoter region of *CG18446*. We also suggested that the presence of recurrent *roo* insertions in this region is likely to be the result of several bursts of transposition. Finally, we found that the *roo* insertional cluster in *CG18446* is unique in the *D. melanogaster* genome.

**Section 3.5.** A versatile transposable element affects the expression of a transcription factor depending on the developmental stage and the environmental conditions in *Drosophila melanogaster*

In this section, we further investigated the molecular and phenotypic effects of *FBti0019985*. Performing *in vivo* enhancer reporter assays and gene expression analysis we found that *FBti0019985* affects the expression of its nearby gene *CG18446* depending on the developmental stage and the environmental conditions. Moreover, we generated *FBti0019985* deletions in *D. melanogaster* natural populations using the CRISPR/Cas9-mediated homology-

directed repair technique. We then associated the presence of *FBti0019985* with tolerance to *P. entomophila* infection.

The main findings of all three sections are then discussed in Section 4 (Discussion) and conclusions are presented in Section 5. References quoted in Section 1 (Introduction) and Section 4 (Discussion) are included in Section 6 (References), while Sections 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5 include their own References section.



### 3.2. Thesis advisor's report about authorship and impact factor of the publications of this doctoral thesis presented by Miriam Merenciano González

**Publication 1:** Multiple Independent Retroelement Insertions in the Promoter of a Stress Response Gene Have Variable Molecular and Functional Effects in *Drosophila*

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PLOS Genetics impact factor is 6.100 and it is ranked the 16<sup>th</sup> of 167 journals in the "Genetics and Heredity" category (JCR 2016).

**Publication 2:** A unique cluster of *roo* insertions in the promoter region of a stress response gene in *Drosophila melanogaster*

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**Publication 3 (in preparation):** A versatile transposable element affects the expression of a transcription factor depending on the developmental stage and environmental conditions in *Drosophila melanogaster*

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This article will be submitted to Molecular Biology and Evolution. Molecular Biology and Evolution impact factor is 14.797 and it is ranked the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 50 journals in the "Evolutionary Biology" category (JCR 2018).

Josefa González Pérez  
Barcelona, December 2019



### 3.3. Multiple Independent Retroelement Insertions in the Promoter of a Stress Response Gene Have Variable Molecular and Functional Effects in *Drosophila*

#### Resum

Els promotors són regions reguladores de gens estructural i funcionalment diversos. La presència o absència d'unitats de seqüència i l'espai que hi ha entre elles defineixen les propietats dels promotors. Anàlisis recents d'usos alternatius de promotors en *Drosophila melanogaster* han revelat que els transposons contribueixen considerablement a promoure'n la seva diversitat. En aquest treball, analitzem en detall un transposó anomenat *FBti0019985* que ha estat incorporat per promoure l'expressió del gen *CG18446*, un gen candidat de resposta a estrès. Es van analitzar soques de diferents poblacions naturals i es va trobar que a part del transposó *FBti0019985*, hi ha unes altres vuit insercions independents a la regió promotora proximal de *CG18446*. Les nou insercions són solo-LTRs que pertanyen a la família *roo*. Es van analitzar les seqüències de les nou insercions *roo* i es va investigar si les diferents insercions eren equivalents funcionalment realitzant 5'-RACE, anàlisis d'expressió gènica i experiments de supervivència al fred. Es va trobar que les diferents insercions tenen diferents conseqüències tant moleculars com funcionals. La posició exacta on els transposons es troben inserits importa, ja que tots ells mostren un alta similitud en la seva seqüència, però només dos de les insercions analitzades proporcionen un inici de transcripció alternatiu i només la inserció *FBti0019985* afecta consistentment l'expressió de *CG18446*. Les conseqüències fenotípiques de les diferents insercions també varien: només *FBti0019985* es va associar amb tolerància al fred. Curiosament, l'única informació anterior sobre transposons inserits repetida i independentment en una regió promotora en *D. melanogaster* també va ser localitzada riu amunt d'un gen de resposta a estrès. Els nostres resultats suggereixen que la validació funcional de variants estructurals individuals és necessària per resoldre la complexitat de les agrupacions d'insercions.



RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Multiple Independent Retroelement Insertions in the Promoter of a Stress Response Gene Have Variable Molecular and Functional Effects in *Drosophila*

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## Abstract

Promoters are structurally and functionally diverse gene regulatory regions. The presence or absence of sequence motifs and the spacing between the motifs defines the properties of promoters. Recent alternative promoter usage analyses in *Drosophila melanogaster* revealed that transposable elements significantly contribute to promote diversity. In this work, we analyzed in detail one of the transposable element insertions, named *FBti0019985*, that has been co-opted to drive expression of *CG18446*, a candidate stress response gene. We analyzed strains from different natural populations and we found that besides *FBti0019985*, there are another eight independent transposable elements inserted in the proximal promoter region of *CG18446*. All nine insertions are solo-LTRs that belong to the *roo* family. We analyzed the sequence of the nine *roo* insertions and we investigated whether the different insertions were functionally equivalent by performing 5'-RACE, gene expression, and cold-stress survival experiments. We found that different insertions have different molecular and functional consequences. The exact position where the transposable elements are inserted matters, as they all showed highly conserved sequences but only two of the analyzed insertions provided alternative transcription start sites, and only the *FBti0019985* insertion consistently affects *CG18446* expression. The phenotypic consequences of the different insertions also vary: only *FBti0019985* was associated with cold-stress tolerance. Interestingly, the only previous report of transposable elements inserting repeatedly and independently in a promoter region in *D. melanogaster*, were also located upstream of a stress response gene. Our results suggest that functional validation of individual structural variants is needed to resolve the complexity of insertion clusters.

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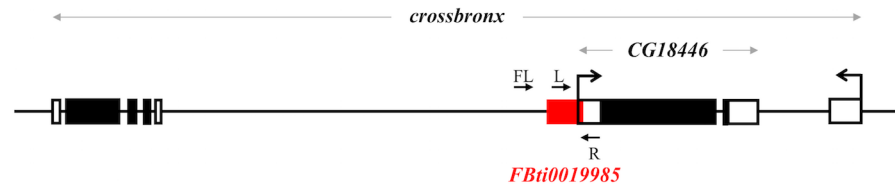
The presence of several transposable element insertions in the promoter region of a *Drosophila melanogaster* gene has only been described in *heat shock protein* genes. In this work, we have discovered and characterized in detail several naturally occurring independent transposable element insertions in the promoter region of a cold-stress response gene in the fruitfly *Drosophila melanogaster*. The nine transposable element insertions described are clustered in a small 368 bp region and all belong to the same family of transposable elements: the *roo* family. Each individual insertion is present at relatively low population frequencies, ranging from 1% to 17%. However, the majority of strains analyzed contain one of these nine *roo* insertions suggesting that this region might be evolving under positive selection. Although the sequence of these insertions is highly similar, their molecular and functional consequences are different. Only one of them, *FBti0019985*, is associated with increased viability in nonstress and in cold-stress conditions.

## Introduction

Promoters are crucial regions for the transcriptional regulation of gene expression. Recent computational and experimental advances in functional genomics techniques have allowed defining the promoter architecture to an unprecedented level. Several core promoter motifs such as the *Initiator (Inr)* and the *Downstream core Promoter Element (DPE)* have been described, and it is likely that many others remain to be discovered. The presence or absence of the core promoter motifs influences enhancer-promoter communication and thus gene regulation [1]. Promoter regions also harbour transcription factor binding motifs, which are another important component in the regulation of gene expression [2]. Besides cis-regulatory elements that influence the temporal and spatial expression patterns of genes, proximal promoters often contain alternative transcription start sites (TSSs) [1, 3]. Rather than being “biological noise” from imprecise binding of the transcription initiation machinery, genome-wide analyses of TSSs usage showed that alternative TSSs play an important role in the diversification of gene expression patterns [4–8].

Transposable elements (TEs), long proposed to play an important role in gene regulation [9, 10], have recently been found to provide at least 1,300 alternative TSSs in the *Drosophila melanogaster* genome [8]. TEs can also add Transcription Factor Binding Sites (TFBSs) to the promoter of genes as has been recently shown in *Drosophila* and humans [11–13]. As a result of adding particular sequence elements, many TEs confer their intrinsic regulatory properties to nearby genes demonstrating that they distribute cis-regulatory modules [8]. Finally, TEs inserted in promoter regions can also influence gene expression by disrupting the promoter architecture. This is the case, for example, of naturally occurring *P-element* insertions in the promoter of *heat shock protein (hsp)* genes [14].

One of the TEs identified as providing an alternative TSS by Batut *et al* (2013) [8], named *FBti0019985*, was previously reported in a screening designed to identify putatively adaptive TE insertions in *D. melanogaster* [15]. However, this particular TE was not further studied because its population frequency could not be accurately determined [15]. *FBti0019985* is a *roo* solo-LTR inserted in the 5'-UTR of *CG18446* gene, which is nested in the first intron of *cross-bronx (cbx)* (Fig 1). TEs from the *roo* family have long been proposed to affect the expression of nearby genes by adding and distributing cis-regulatory regions [16–19]. Specifically, *roo* LTRs contain several TFBSs and the *Inr* sequence characteristic of core promoters [8, 20].



**Fig 1. *FBti0019985* is inserted in the first intron of *cbx* gene and it overlaps with *CG18446* 5'-UTR region.** Schematic representation of the genomic region where *FBti0019985* is inserted: chromosome 2R: 9,864,510–9,875,072. *FBti0019985* is shown in red. Black boxes represent exons and white boxes represent the 5'-UTRs and the 3'-UTRs. Primers used to check for the presence/absence of *FBti0019985* are depicted as black arrows (FL, R, and L; see [Materials and Methods](#)).

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Interestingly, *CG18446* has been identified as a candidate gene for cold resistance: it is up-regulated in fly strains that have been selected for increased cold resistance compared with control strains that were not subjected to cold-stress [21]. Cold resistance is an ecologically and evolutionarily relevant trait because it influences the ability of the species to adapt to different climatic conditions and thus, their geographical distribution [22, 23]. There is good evidence suggesting that *D. melanogaster* adapts to cold environments and a growing list of candidate genes involved in this thermotolerance phenotype is being identified [21, 24–28]. However, the molecular variants responsible for the adaptive cold-stress resistance phenotype remain elusive [29].

In this work, we further analyzed the presence/absence of *FBti0019985* in four natural populations of *D. melanogaster*. We found that besides *FBti0019985*, eight other *roo* elements have inserted in a 368 bp region around *CG18446* transcript start site. These *roo* elements differ in the insertion site and in their orientation. On the other hand, all elements have the same size and show high sequence conservation: all cis-regulatory elements previously described in *roo* LTRs are highly conserved [8, 30]. We further investigated whether these different insertions were functionally equivalent by performing 5'-RACE, gene expression, and phenotypic analyses. Our results showed that the functional consequences of the different *roo* insertions depend on the particular position where the element is inserted. Among the nine different *roo* solo-LTR insertions, only *FBti0019985* is consistently associated with increased viability in nonstress and cold-stress conditions across genetic backgrounds.

## Results

### Besides *FBti0019985*, eight other *roo* solo-LTRs are inserted in the promoter region of *CG18446*

We first aimed at estimating the frequency of *FBti0019985* in non-African natural *D. melanogaster* populations. Thus, we checked using PCR whether this insertion was present, polymorphic, or absent in 28 strains from a natural population collected in North Carolina (North America, DGRP strains [31, 32]) and in 15 strains from a natural population collected in Bari (Italy, Europe [33]) (Table 1). We obtained PCR results for 39 of the 43 strains tested: nine strains produced PCR bands consistent with *FBti0019985* being present, five strains appeared as heterozygous, 13 strains showed unexpected band patterns, and 12 strains appeared as absent (Table 1) (see [Material and Methods](#)). To verify these results, we sequenced 32 of the 39 strains including all the strains that showed some evidence of presence (Table 1).

Only four of the nine strains classified as present, according to the PCR results, had the *FBti0019985* insertion. For the rest of this work, we considered the position where *FBti0019985* is inserted as the "reference position". The other five present strains, the five heterozygous strains, and 12 of the 13 strains that gave unexpected PCR bands contained different *roo* solo-

**Table 1. The nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions analyzed in this work.**

Insertion	Fly strain	PCR results	Sequenced band	Insertion position <sup>a</sup>	
<i>FBti0019985</i>	<i>RAL-639</i>	Present	FL-R	Reference position	
	<i>RAL-802</i>	Present	FL-R / L-R	Reference position	
	<i>RAL-810</i>	Present	FL-R	Reference position	
	<i>IV68</i>	Present	FL-R / L-R	Reference position	
<i>roo</i> <sub>+7</sub>	<i>RAL-405</i>	Present	FL-R	+ 7 bp	
	<i>RAL-887</i>	Present	FL-R	+ 7 bp	
	<i>RAL-911</i>	Present	FL-R	+7 bp	
	<i>RAL-441</i> <sup>b</sup>	Larger L-R	FL-R	+ 7 bp	
		Larger FL-R			
	<i>RAL-801</i> <sup>b</sup>	Larger L-R	FL-R	+ 7 bp	
		Larger FL-R			
<i>roo</i> <sub>+175</sub>	<i>IV145</i>	Heterozygous	Larger FL-R	+ 175 bp	
<i>roo</i> <sub>+278</sub>	<i>RAL-502</i>	Smaller L-R	L-R	+ 278 bp	
		No FL-R			
<i>roo</i> <sub>-19</sub>	<i>IV42</i>	Present	FL-R	- 19 bp inverted	
	<i>IV127</i>	Present	FL-R	- 19 bp inverted	
<i>roo</i> <sub>-28</sub>	<i>IV40</i>	Heterozygous	Larger FL-R	- 28 bp inverted	
<i>roo</i> <sub>-44</sub>	<i>RAL-195</i>	Only FL-R	FL-R	- 44 bp inverted	
	<i>RAL-383</i>	Only FL-R	FL-R	- 44 bp inverted	
<i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub>	<i>RAL-75</i>	Only FL-R	FL-R	- 68 bp inverted	
	<i>RAL-716</i>	Only FL-R	FL-R	- 68 bp inverted	
	<i>IV69</i>	Heterozygous	Larger FL-R	- 68 bp inverted	
<i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub>	<i>RAL-21</i>	Larger L-R	FL-R	- 90 bp	
	<i>RAL-88</i>	Larger L-R	FL-R	- 90 bp	
	<i>RAL-177</i>	Larger L-R	FL-R	- 90 bp	
	<i>RAL-737</i>	Larger L-R	FL-R	- 90 bp	
	<i>RAL-820</i>	Larger L-R	FL-R / L-R	- 90 bp	
	<i>RAL-857</i>	Heterozygous	FL-R / L-R	- 90 bp	
	<i>IV50</i>	Heterozygous	Larger FL-R	- 90 bp	
<b>Absent</b>	<i>RAL-40</i>	Smaller L-R	FL-R / L-R	Absent	
	<i>RAL-371</i>	Absent	FL-R	Absent	
	<i>RAL-391</i>	Absent	FL-R	Absent	
	<i>RAL-508</i>	Absent	NS	Absent	
	<i>RAL-783</i>	Absent	FL-R	Absent	
	<i>RAL-822</i>	Absent	NS	Absent	
	<i>RAL-855</i>	Absent	NS	Absent	
	<i>RAL-908</i>	Absent	FL-R	Absent	
	<i>IV22</i>	Absent	FL-R	Absent	
	<i>IV49</i>	Absent	NS	Absent	
	<i>IV52</i>	Absent	NS	Absent	
	<i>IV72</i>	Absent	NS	Absent	
	<i>IV75</i>	Absent	NS	Absent	
	<b>No data</b>	<i>RAL-776</i>	No results		
		<i>IV33</i>	No results		
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<i>IV148</i>		No results			

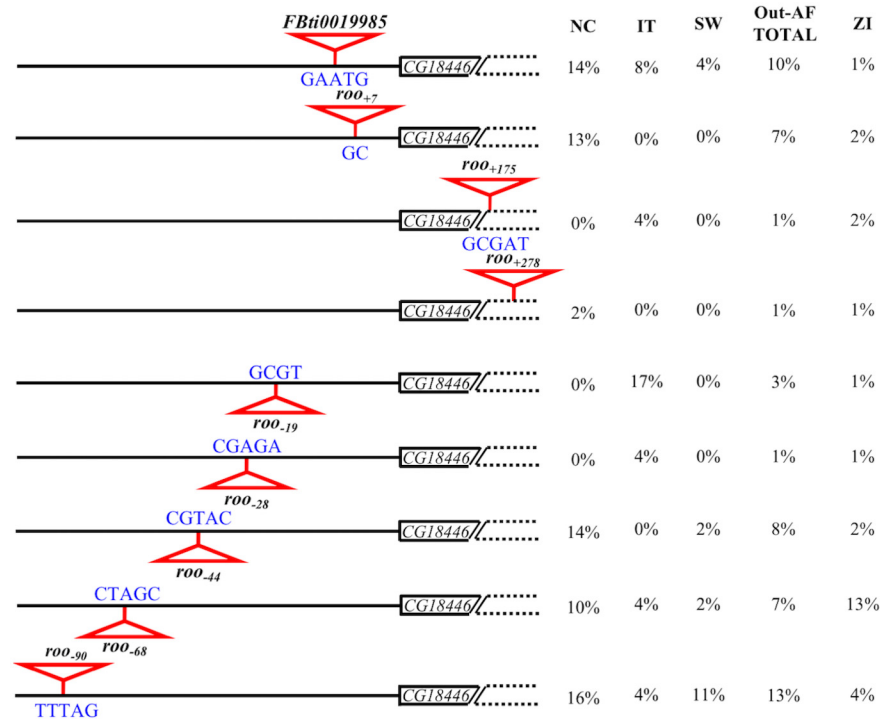
NS, not sequenced

<sup>a</sup> "+" indicates the insertion is downstream of *FBti0019985* and "-" indicates the insertion is upstream of *FBti0019985*

<sup>b</sup>These strains have a 95 bp duplication upstream of the insertion

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**Fig 2. Besides *FBti0019985*, eight other *roo* solo-LTR are inserted in the proximal promoter of *CG18446*.** Schematic representation of the genomic region where the nine solo-LTRs are inserted. *roo* insertions are depicted as red triangles. White boxes represent *CG18446* 5'-UTR. Regions depicted with dotted lines are not drawn to scale. Target Site Duplications (TSDs) are shown in blue. NC, allele frequency (%) in the North American population; IT, allele frequency (%) in the Italian population; SW, allele frequency (%) in the Swedish population; Out-AF total, allele frequency (%) in all the out-of-Africa populations; ZI, allele frequency (%) in the Zambia population.

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LTR insertions (Table 1). Overall, besides *FBti0019985*, we found eight other 428 bp *roo* solo-LTRs inserted in eight different positions (Fig 2). Three *roo* insertions are located downstream of the reference position: *roo*<sub>+7</sub>, *roo*<sub>+175</sub>, and *roo*<sub>+278</sub> (Fig 2). Two of the four strains carrying *roo*<sub>+7</sub> have a duplication of the 95 bp region located immediately upstream of the insertion (Table 1). *roo*<sub>+175</sub> element is inserted in the 5'-UTR region, and *roo*<sub>+278</sub> is inserted in the first exon of *CG18446* gene. Both *roo*<sub>+175</sub> and *roo*<sub>+278</sub> have a conserved *Inr* motif. If transcription starts in these insertions, flies carrying *roo*<sub>+175</sub> would have a 100 bp shorter 5'-UTR, and flies carrying *roo*<sub>+278</sub> would have a 35 amino acids shorter *CG18446* protein. The other five *roo* insertions are located upstream of the reference position: *roo*<sub>-19</sub>, *roo*<sub>-28</sub>, *roo*<sub>-44</sub>, *roo*<sub>-68</sub>, *roo*<sub>-90</sub> (Fig 2). Four of them, *roo*<sub>-19</sub>, *roo*<sub>-28</sub>, *roo*<sub>-44</sub>, and *roo*<sub>-68</sub>, are inserted in reverse orientation.

We used *Tlex-2* software to further analyze the frequency of the nine *roo* insertions in 21 additional DGRP strains, in 26 strains from a Swedish natural population, and in 42 strains from a population collected in the ancestral range of the species, Zambia (Fig 2 and S1 Table) (see Material and Methods) [34]. Overall, we found that 67 strains, out of the 128 strains analyzed, contained one of the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions. The two most common *roo* insertion in out-of-Africa populations are *roo*<sub>-90</sub> and *FBti0019985* present in 13% and 10% of the strains tested, respectively (Fig 2). Besides, some insertions are only present in the North Carolina natural population while others are specific to the Italian natural population (Fig 2). Only three of the nine insertions described in North Carolina and Italian populations are present in the Swedish population. However, we did not perform *de novo* discovery of TEs in this population.

Thus, it could be that other private insertions are present in the Swedish population. Finally, all the nine insertions were present in the African population although most of them were present at very low frequencies (Fig 2).

In summary, we have found that besides the *FBti0019985* insertion annotated in the reference genome, eight other 428 bp *roo* solo-LTRs are inserted nearby *CG18446* TSS in natural populations of *D. melanogaster* (Fig 2) [35]. Each one of the strains analyzed contains a single solo-LTR *roo* insertion and most of the analyzed strains contain one of the nine solo-LTR *roo* insertions.

### The nine *roo* solo-LTR are independent insertions that occurred at different evolutionary timepoints

We identified the Target Site Duplications (TSD) of the nine different *roo* insertions using data from the 26 present strains sequenced in this work (Table 1). We could identify the TSD for all *roo* insertions except for *roo*<sub>+278</sub>. We found that six of the eight TSDs identified are five nucleotides long as has been previously described for this family [36] (Fig 2). However, the TSD sequences did not match the proposed TSD consensus sequence [34, 36, 37]. We thus used all the available *roo* TSD sequences to build a new consensus (S1 Fig). The different *roo* solo-LTR insertions had different TSDs suggesting that they are independent insertions (Fig 2). Furthermore, all the *roo* elements located in a given insertion site have the same exact TSD and are inserted in the same orientation suggesting that each one of them is a unique insertion event (Fig 2).

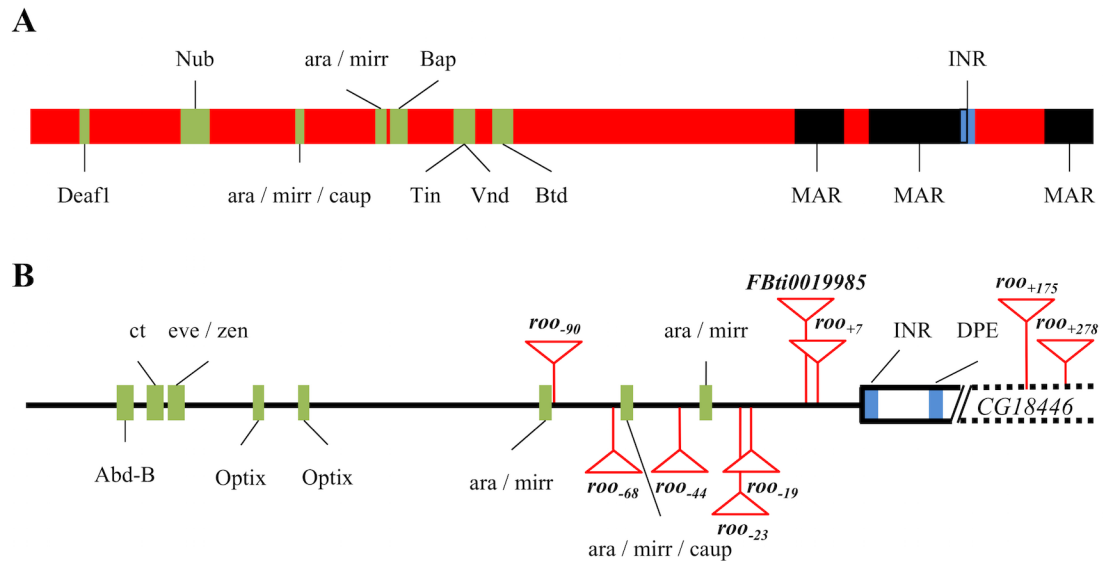
To test whether these nine insertion events were the result of a burst of transposition, we constructed a phylogenetic tree. We included the nine *roo* insertions sequenced in this work and 115 other *roo* insertions present in the *D. melanogaster* genome (S2 Fig and S1 Text). We found that not all the newly described *roo* insertions clustered together suggesting that they did not insert at the same time (S2 Fig and S1 Text).

All the TEs identified in *CG18446* proximal promoter region belong to the *roo* family. Thus, we also investigated whether *roo* elements annotated in the reference genome are preferentially inserted into gene proximal promoter regions as has been previously described for other TE families [38, 39]. We analyzed the 138 insertions belonging to the *roo* family annotated in the *D. melanogaster* reference genome (v5). We found 21 insertions located in the 1 kb region upstream of a gene or overlapping the 5'-end of a gene. Thus, only 15.2% of the *roo* elements in the *D. melanogaster* genome are located in gene promoters and/or 5'-UTRs.

In summary, TSD analyses of the nine insertions characterized in this work suggested that they are independent insertions, and confirmed the length but not the sequence previously reported as the TSD consensus for this family. Our results are not consistent with the nine *roo* insertions being the result of a single burst of transposition. Finally, our analyses also suggested that *roo* elements do not preferentially insert in 5' gene regions.

### The nine *roo* insertions add the same cis-regulatory sequences

We analyzed multiple sequence alignments of all the *roo* insertions located nearby *CG18446*. We identified TFBSs using the JASPAR database (see Material and Methods). We also specifically looked for conservation of the regulatory regions previously described in the *roo* family [8, 30], and for conserved core promoter motifs [1] (Fig 3A and S2A Table). Overall, there was very little diversity among the nine solo-LTRs (S3A Fig). The five TFBSs and the *Inr* sequence previously identified in the consensus sequence of *roo* LTRs are conserved in all the *roo* copies located in the proximal promoter of *CG18446* [8]. Additionally, we found another four TFBSs that are also highly conserved in all the copies (Fig 3A and S3A Fig). The nine transcription factors are involved in developmental processes. Additionally, *Deaf1* and *Nub* are also involved in immune response [40, 41]. Finally, three previously identified Matrix Associated Regions



**Fig 3. Conserved regulatory regions in the the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions and in the proximal promoter region of *CG18446*.** (A) Location of the nine transcription factor binding sites (green boxes), the *Inr* motif (blue box), and regions with matrix association potential (MARs) (black boxes), in the *roo* solo-LTR consensus sequence. *Deaf1*, *ara*, *mirr* and *caup* TFBS have been identified in this work. (B) Location of the eight transcription factor binding sites (green boxes) and the two core promoter motifs (blue boxes) in the proximal promoter region of *CG18446*. Different *roo* insertions are depicted as red triangles. The positions of *roo*<sub>+175</sub> and *roo*<sub>+278</sub> are not drawn to scale.

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(MARs) in LTRs from the *roo* family are also highly conserved in the nine insertions (Fig 3A and S3B Fig) [30]. These results suggest that these *roo* solo-LTR insertions are introducing the same cis-regulatory regions in the *CG18446* proximal promoter region. Still, the functional effect of these insertions might be different because they are located in different positions and have different orientations (Fig 2).

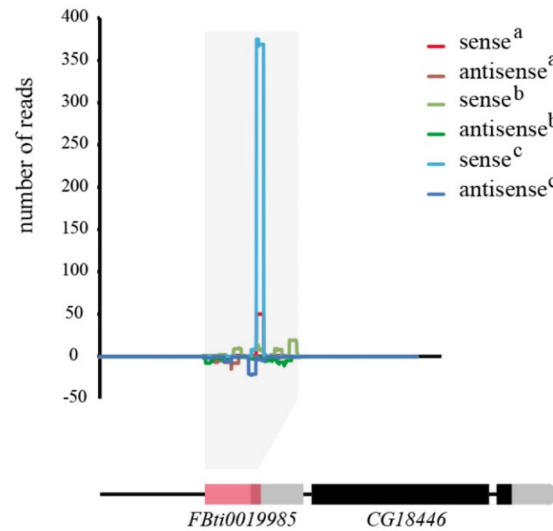
### *roo* insertions affect the spacing of Transcription Factor Binding Sites in the proximal promoter region of *CG18446*

We analyzed the proximal promoter region of *CG18446* in the 30 strains sequenced in this work. We could not identify the TATA box suggesting that *CG18446* has a DPE promoter [1]. We identified eight TFBSs in the proximal promoter of *CG18446* (Fig 3B and S2C Table). These eight TFBSs are highly conserved in all the strains analyzed (S3C Fig). The different *roo* insertions characterized in this work do not disrupt any of the identified core promoter motifs or TFBSs (Fig 3B). However, they do affect the spacing between the different regulatory motifs, which might affect the protein-protein interaction at the *CG18446* promoter and thus the expression level of this gene (Fig 3B) [14].

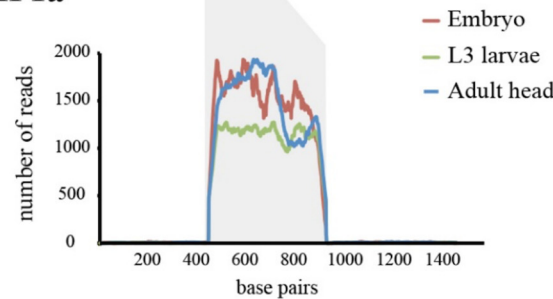
### *roo* insertions could be recruiting the HP1a protein

Besides affecting the spacing of transcription factor binding site, another mechanism by which *roo* insertions could be affecting *CG18446* expression is by recruiting piRNAs that would lead to heterochromatin formation [42, 43]. We mapped piRNA reads from three different available libraries to a 1.4 kb region including *FBti0019985* (Fig 4A) (see Material and Methods) [44–46]. We found that most of the piRNAs mapping to the insertion were sense reads, suggesting that *FBti0019985* is not acting as a target for heterochromatin assembly [42].

### A. piRNA



### B. HP1a



**Fig 4. Mapping of piRNA reads and HP1a reads to the *FBti0019985* region.** (A) Number of piRNA reads mapped to a 1.4 kb region including *FBti0019985*. <sup>a</sup>Li *et al* (2009) piRNA library, <sup>b</sup>Satyaki *et al* (2014) piRNA library and <sup>c</sup>Shpiz *et al* (2014) piRNA library. (B) Number of HP1a reads mapped to the same 1.4 kb region.

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We also looked for evidence of HP1a binding to *FBti0019985* using modENCODE data (see [Material and Methods](#)) [47]. HP1a is a structural chromosomal protein that mediates both gene expression and gene silencing [48]. We did find evidence of HP1a reads binding to *FBti0019985* (Fig 4B). Thus, by recruiting HP1a, *FBti0019985* could be affecting the expression of *CG18446*. The same results were obtained for the other eight *roo* solo-LTR insertions: most of the piRNAs mapping to the insertions were sense reads and we found evidence of HP1a binding to all of them (S3 Table). Overall, our results are suggestive but not conclusive of HP1a binding to the nine *roo* insertions described in this work.

To further investigate the possible functional consequences of the *roo* insertions, we focused on the five insertions present at higher population frequencies in out-of-Africa populations: *FBti0019985*, *roo*<sub>+7</sub>, *roo*<sub>-44</sub>, *roo*<sub>-90</sub>, and *roo*<sub>-68</sub> (Fig 2).

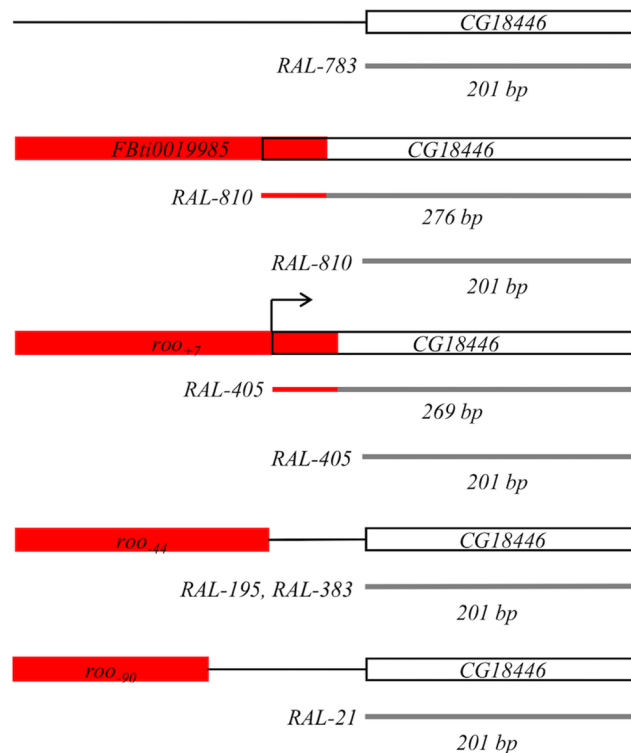
### Only *FBti0019985* and *roo*<sub>+7</sub> affect the transcription start site of *CG18446*

We investigated whether *roo* insertions could be providing an alternative TSS to *CG18446*. Batut *et al* (2013) [8] reported that the TSS of *CG18446* is located inside *FBti0019985*. However,

this finding was obtained using RAMPAGE and was not further validated using 5'-RACE. For this reason, we performed a 5'-RACE with the *RAL-810* strain that carries *FBti0019985* and with the *RAL-783* strain that does not carry any of the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions. As expected, we found that the TSS of *CG18446* is inside the TE: the first 50 bp of the 276 bp 5'-UTR correspond to *FBti0019985* (Fig 5). Additionally, flies with the insertion have also a shorter transcript, with a 201 bp 5'-UTR, that does not start in *FBti0019985* (Fig 5). Most of the sequenced transcripts start in the *FBti0019985* insertion (14 out of 20 transcripts analyzed). Flies without the *FBti0019985* insertion only have the 201 bp 5'-UTR transcript (Fig 5).

We then checked whether *roo*<sub>+7</sub>, located only 7 bp downstream of *FBti0019985*, *roo*<sub>90</sub>, which is the most distal insertion, and *roo*<sub>44</sub>, which is inserted in reversed orientation, also provide an alternative TSS to *CG18446*. We found that *roo*<sub>+7</sub> affects the TSS of *CG18446* (Fig 5). Indeed, the TSS in *roo*<sub>+7</sub> is in the same nucleotide position as in *FBti0019985*. Thus, *CG18446* transcript in flies with *roo*<sub>+7</sub> is 7 bp shorter compared with the transcript in flies with *FBti0019985*. Similarly to *FBti0019985*, most of the sequenced transcripts started in the *roo*<sub>+7</sub> insertion (18 out of 22 transcripts analyzed). On the other hand, we did not find evidence of a TSS inside *roo*<sub>90</sub>, which might indicate that the distance of the TE to the nearby gene affects its ability to provide an alternative TSS (Fig 5). Finally, we analyzed two different strains carrying the *roo*<sub>44</sub> insertion in the same position and we could not find evidence for a transcript with the TSS in *roo*<sub>44</sub> (Fig 5).

Overall, we found that only *FBti0019985* and *roo*<sub>+7</sub> insertions modify the length of *CG18446* transcript. These two *roo* insertions are located a few nucleotides from the gene and both are inserted in 5' to 3' orientation.



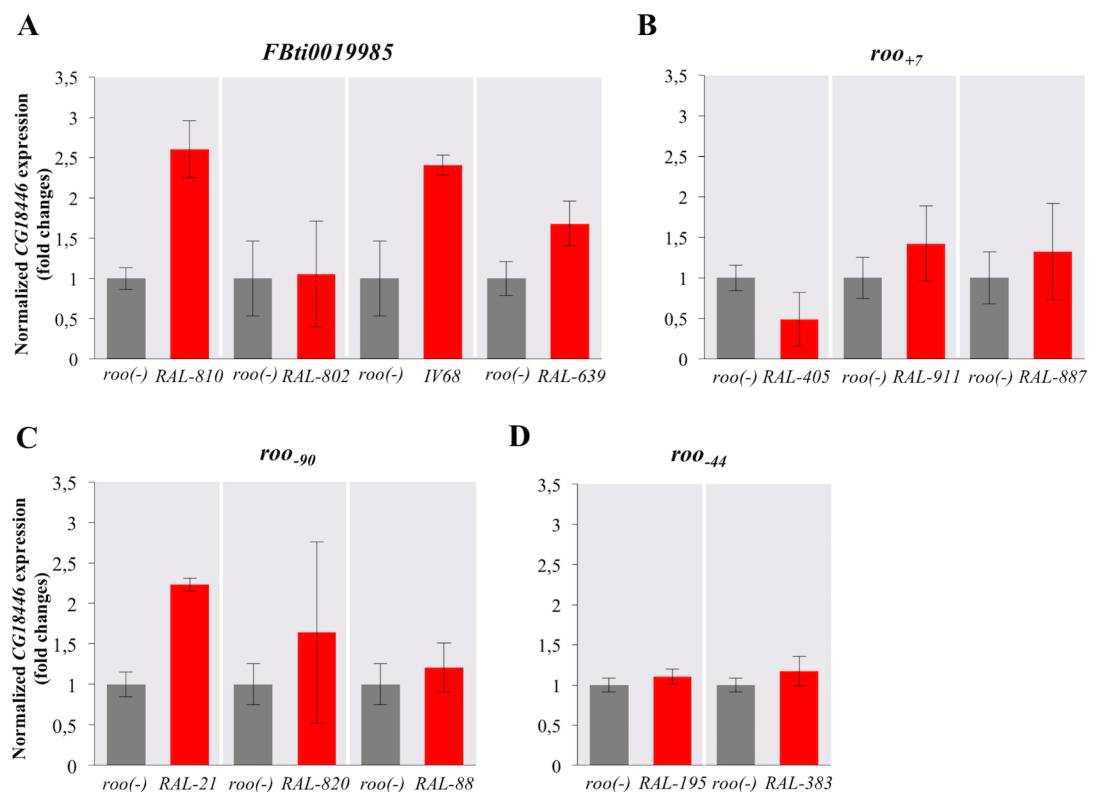
**Fig 5. *FBti0019985* and *roo*<sub>+7</sub> affect the transcription start site of *CG18446*.** Schematic representation of the results obtained using the 5'-RACE technique. Red boxes represent different *roo* insertions and white boxes represent *CG18446* 5'-UTRs. Partial transcripts obtained by 5'-RACE are depicted as grey lines. The region of the transcript that overlaps with a *roo* insertion is shown as a red line. The last 50 bp of *FBti0019985* and *roo*<sub>+7</sub> are included in the 5'-UTR of *CG18446*.

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### *FBti0019985* is associated with changes in embryonic *CG18446* expression

We further analyzed whether different *roo* insertions were associated with changes in *CG18446* expression in embryos, where this gene is highly expressed [49]. For *FBti0019985*, we analyzed the expression of *CG18446* in flies with four different genetic backgrounds. In three of the four backgrounds, *FBti0019985* is associated with upregulation of *CG18446* (Fig 6A). This result is significant in two genetic backgrounds, *RAL-810* and *IV68*, and marginally significant in a third background, *RAL-639* (t-test p-value = 0.045, p-value = 0.005 and p-value = 0.062, respectively) (Fig 6A). On the other hand, only in one of the three genetic backgrounds analyzed for *roo*<sub>+7</sub>, the insertion is associated with downregulation of this gene (t-test p-value = 0.015 for *RAL-405*) (Fig 6B).

We also checked the expression of *CG18446* in flies with two *roo* solo-LTR insertions that do not provide an alternative TSS to this gene: *roo*<sub>.90</sub> and *roo*<sub>.44</sub>. We found that *roo*<sub>.90</sub> is only associated with *CG18446* upregulation in one of the three backgrounds analyzed (p-value = 0.001, for *RAL-21*) (Fig 6C). Two different strains with the *roo*<sub>.44</sub> solo-LTR insertion



**Fig 6. *FBti0019985* is associated with changes in *CG18446* expression.** Normalized *CG18446* expression level relative to *Act5C* in embryos without *roo* insertion (grey) and in embryos with different *roo* insertions (red). (A) For *FBti0019985*, we compared the expression of *CG18446* in flies with four different genetic backgrounds. In three backgrounds, the presence of *FBti0019985* was associated with *CG18446* upregulation. These results were significant in two backgrounds, *RAL-810* and *IV68*, and marginally significant in the third background, *RAL-639*. (B) *roo*<sub>+7</sub> was only associated with changes of expression in one of the three backgrounds analyzed: *RAL-405*. (C) *roo*<sub>.90</sub> was also only associated with changes of expression in one of the three backgrounds analyzed: *RAL-21*. (D) Finally, *roo*<sub>.44</sub> was not associated with changes in expression in any of the two backgrounds analyzed. Error bars represent the standard error of the mean (SEM) for the three biological replicates performed for each experiment.

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did not show differences in the level of expression of *CG18446* compared with strains without the insertion (p-values > 0.05 in both cases) (Fig 6D).

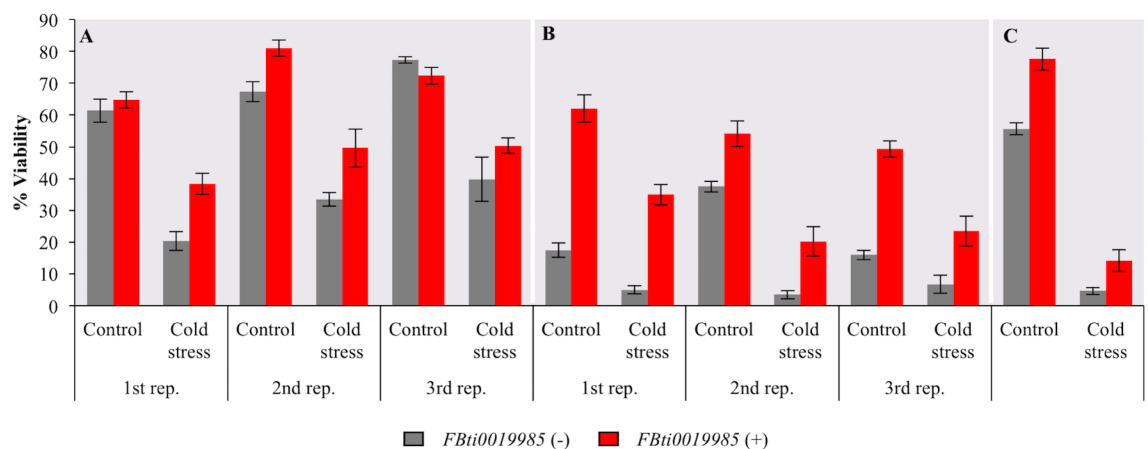
Overall, we found that *FBti0019985* is associated with *CG18446* upregulation in three of the four backgrounds analyzed (Fig 6A). In the majority of strains, *roo*<sub>+7</sub>, *roo*<sub>-90</sub>, and *roo*<sub>-44</sub> are not associated with changes in *CG18446* expression level (Fig 6B–6D). However, we can not discard that the presence of these insertions is associated with changes in the expression of *CG18446* in other developmental stages and/or in tissues not analyzed in this work.

### *FBti0019985* is associated with increased viability in nonstress and in cold-stress conditions

We have shown that *FBti0019985* affects the transcript length and it is associated with upregulation of *CG18446* in most of the genetic backgrounds analyzed (Figs 5 and 6A). Because *CG18446* has been previously identified as a cold-stress candidate gene, we tested whether flies with and without *FBti0019985* differed in their sensitivity to cold-stress [21]. We first compared *RAL-810*, which carries *FBti0019985*, with *RAL-783*, which does not carry any of the nine *roo* insertions (Fig 7A). We performed three biological replicates. ANOVA analyses showed that the experimental condition (nonstress or cold-stress) and the insertion genotype (presence or absence of *FBti0019985*) were significant (Table 2). Flies with *FBti0019985* had a higher viability than flies without this insertion in both nonstress and cold-stress conditions. Furthermore, the interaction between these two factors was also significant suggesting that the effect of the insertion is larger in cold-stress conditions (Fig 7A and Table 2).

We repeated the experiment using flies with different genetic backgrounds: *RAL-802* that carries *FBti0019985* and *RAL-908* that does not carry this insertion (Fig 7B). ANOVA analyses showed that the experimental condition and the insertion genotype are significant while the interaction between these two factors was not significant (Table 2). *RAL-802* flies had a higher egg-to-adult viability in nonstress and in cold-stress conditions compared with flies without *FBti0019985*.

Finally, we tested whether flies from a different population, *IV68* carrying *FBti0019985* and *IV22* without this particular insertion both collected in Italy, also showed significantly increased viability in nonstress and in cold-stress conditions (Fig 7C and Table 2). We found



**Fig 7. Flies with *FBti0019985* showed increased egg-to-adult viability under nonstress and under cold-stress conditions in three different genetic backgrounds.** Egg-to-adult viability of strains without *FBti0019985* (grey) and with the *FBti0019985* insertion (red) in nonstress (control) and in cold-stress conditions. Results of the three replicates performed with (A) *RAL-783* and *RAL-810*, (B) *RAL-908* and *RAL-802*, and (C) *IV22* and *IV68*. Error bars represent the SEM of the different vials analyzed in each experiment.

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**Table 2. ANOVA for cold-stress assays in flies with and without different *roo* solo-LTR insertions.**

Two-way ANOVA							
Insertion	Strains	Experimental condition		Insertion genotype		Experimental condition * Insertion genotype	
		P-value	Effect size <sup>a</sup>	P-value	Effect size <sup>a</sup>	P-value	Effect size <sup>a</sup>
<b><i>FBti0019985</i></b>	<i>RAL-810 (FBti0019985) /</i>	≪0.001	0.69	≪0.001	0.13	0.034	0.04
	<i>RAL-783 (roo-)</i>						
	<i>RAL-802 (FBti0019985) /</i>	≪0.001	0.56	≪0.001	0.57	0.932	-
	<i>RAL-908 (roo-)</i>						
	<i>IV68 (FBti0019985) /</i>	≪0.001	0.74	0.003	0.25	0.981	-
	<i>IV22 (roo-)</i>						
<b><i>roo+7</i></b>	<i>RAL-405 (roo+7) /</i>	≪0.001	0.75	0.001	0.59	0.497	-
	<i>RAL-783 (roo-)</i>						
	<i>RAL-911 (roo+7) /</i>	≪0.001	0.76	0.530	-	0.220	-
	<i>RAL-783 (roo-)</i>						
<b><i>roo-90</i></b>	<i>RAL-21 (roo-90) /</i>	≪0.001	0.88	0.358	-	0.118	-
	<i>RAL-783 (roo-)</i>						
	<i>RAL-820 (roo-90) /</i>	≪0.001	0.71	0.681	-	0.123	-
	<i>RAL-783 (roo-)</i>						
<b><i>roo-44</i></b>	<i>RAL-195 (roo-44) /</i>	≪0.001	0.79	0.038	0.31	0.027	0.35
	<i>RAL-783 (roo-)</i>						
	<i>RAL-383 (roo-44) /</i>	≪0.001	0.95	≪0.001	0.76	0.991	-
	<i>RAL-783 (roo-)</i>						
<b><i>roo-68</i></b>	<i>RAL-75 (roo-68) /</i>	≪0.001	0.66	0.505	-	0.004	0.51
	<i>RAL-783 (roo-)</i>						
	<i>RAL-716 (roo-68) /</i>	≪0.001	0.87	0.002	0.56	0.032	0.33
	<i>RAL-783 (roo-)</i>						

<sup>a</sup>Partial eta-squared values calculated as a measure of effect size.

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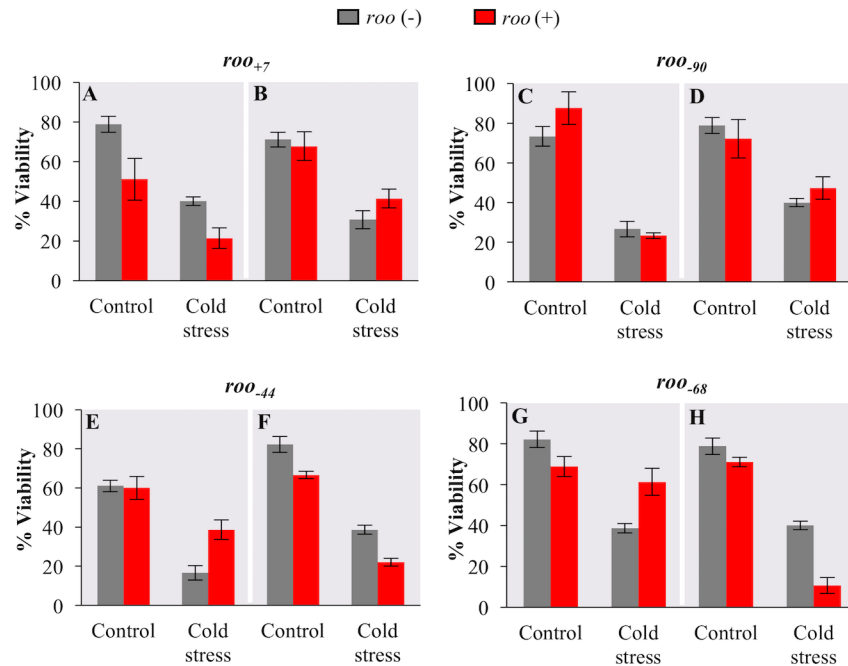
that *IV68* flies had a higher viability than flies without the *FBti0019985* insertion in both nonstress and cold-stress conditions (Table 2).

Overall, we found consistent results, across genetic backgrounds from two different natural populations, suggesting that flies with the *FBti0019985* insertion are associated with increased viability compared to flies without this insertion in nonstress and in cold-stress conditions. In all cases, the effect of the presence of the insertion was either medium or large (Table 2). In one of the genetic backgrounds, the effect was larger under cold-stress conditions (Fig 7A) while no interaction between experimental condition and insertion genotype was found in the other two backgrounds (Fig 7B and 7C).

### Other *roo* solo-LTR insertions in the proximal promoter of *CG18446* are not consistently associated with cold-stress phenotypes

We further checked whether another four *roo* solo-LTR insertions described in this work are associated with cold-stress phenotypes. For each insertion, we compared the egg-to-adult viability of flies with two different genetic backgrounds with the egg-to-adult viability of *RAL-783* that does not carry any of these insertions (Fig 8). In all cases, we performed ANOVA analyses to check whether the experimental conditions, insertion genotype, and/or the interaction between these two factors were significant (Table 2).





**Fig 8. Other *roo* solo-LTR insertions are not consistently associated with cold-stress resistant phenotypes.** Egg-to-adult viability in nonstress (control) and in cold-stress conditions of the *RAL*-783 strain without any of the nine *roo* insertions (grey) and of different strains with *roo* insertions (red). (A) *RAL*-405 (*roo*<sub>+7</sub>), (B) *RAL*-911 (*roo*<sub>+7</sub>), (C) *RAL*-21 (*roo*<sub>-90</sub>), (D) *RAL*-820 (*roo*<sub>-90</sub>), (E) *RAL*-195 (*roo*<sub>-44</sub>), (F) *RAL*-383 (*roo*<sub>-44</sub>), (G) *RAL*-75 (*roo*<sub>-68</sub>), and (H) *RAL*-716 (*roo*<sub>-68</sub>). Error bars represent the SEM of the different vials analyzed in each experiment.

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We found that the experimental condition had a significant effect on egg-to-adult viability in all the strains tested (Table 2). On the other hand, the effect of the insertion was only significant in some of the genetic backgrounds (Table 2). Among strains that carry the *roo*<sub>+7</sub> insertion, the insertion genotype had an effect only in one of the two backgrounds tested (Fig 8A and 8B and Table 2). *RAL*-405 flies with *roo*<sub>+7</sub> insertion showed decreased viability (Fig 8A and Table 2). The presence/absence of *roo*<sub>-90</sub> did not have a significant effect on egg-to-adult viability (Fig 8C and 8D and Table 2). For *roo*<sub>-44</sub>, while the insertion genotype had a significant effect on the two backgrounds tested, results were not consistent. In one background, the presence of the insertion is associated with increased viability under cold-stress conditions and the interaction between the treatment and the insertion genotype is significant (Fig 8E and Table 2), while in the other background the presence of *roo*<sub>-44</sub> is associated with decreased viability (Fig 8F and Table 2). Finally, the presence of *roo*<sub>-68</sub> significantly affected viability in only one of the two backgrounds tested: *RAL*-716 flies carrying *roo*<sub>-68</sub> showed decreased viability (Fig 8H and Table 2).

Overall our results suggested that the presence of *roo*<sub>+7</sub>, *roo*<sub>-90</sub>, *roo*<sub>-44</sub>, and *roo*<sub>-68</sub> solo-LTR insertions reported in this work was not consistently associated with cold-stress phenotypes (Fig 8). These other insertions could have no phenotypic effect or could be involved in phenotypes not analyzed in this work.

### Inference of selection in the region flanking the *FBti0019985* insertion

We looked for evidence of positive selection in the 2 kb region flanking the *FBti0019985* insertion. We analyzed the number of segregating sites (*S*) in this region and estimated Tajima's *D*,

*iHS*, *nSL*,  $H_{12}$  and *XP-EHH* (see [Material and Methods](#)). We found reduced diversity in the strains with *FBti0019985*: the number of segregating sites in this region is significantly smaller than the number of segregating sites found in 2 kb regions of chromosome 2R, where the *FBti0019985* insertion is located ( $p$ -value = 0.015) ([S4 Table](#)). We also found that Tajima's *D* was significantly negative in the 2 kb region where *FBti0019985* is inserted, as expected if this region is under positive selection ( $p$ -value = 0.009) ([S4 Fig](#) and [S4 Table](#)). Finally, we also found significant values of *iHS* and  $H_{12}$  in the region flanking the *FBti0019985* insertion ( $p$ -value = 0.048 and  $p$ -value = 0.023, respectively) ([S5 Fig](#) and [S4 Table](#)).

We also looked for evidence of selection taking into account not only the strains in which *FBti0019985* is inserted, but all the strains that contain one of the nine *roo* insertions described in this work. In this case, only *iHS* showed a marginally significant value ( $p$ -value = 0.049) ([S6 Fig](#)).

Overall, our results suggest that the strains carrying *FBti0019985* might be evolving under positive selection while the evidence for positive selection taking into account all the strains with one of the nine *roo* solo-LTRs, was only marginally significant.

## Discussion

Besides *FBti0019985*, we have discovered eight other *roo* solo-LTR elements inserted in the 368 bp region nearby the TSS of the cold-stress response gene *CG18446* ([Fig 2](#)) [21]. Each strain contained a single *roo* insertion and the population frequency of the different individual insertions varies from 1% to 17% ([Fig 2](#)). Full-length elements from the *roo* family are 8.7 kb long. Such long insertions in the proximal promoter of *CG18446* located in the first intron of *cbx*, might be deleterious, which could explain why all the identified insertions were solo-LTR elements. In *D. melanogaster*, repeated insertions of TEs have only been described in the proximal promoters of a particular gene class: *hsp* genes [50]. The susceptibility of *hsp* genes to TE insertions was attributed to their peculiar chromatin architecture: constitutively decondensed chromatin and nucleosome-free regions [51, 52]. However, promoter regions of non-*hsp* genes with similar chromatin architecture are not targets for TE insertions suggesting that chromatin accessibility is not sufficient to explain the susceptibility of *hsp* genes to TE insertions [50]. From a functional point of view, the presence of TEs in the promoter regions of *hsp* genes has been suggested to allow a rapid gene expression response to unpredictable temperature changes [50]. Similarly, the presence of *roo* insertions in the promoter of *CG18446* could also be enhancing the ability of this gene to respond to environmental challenges, although only one of the nine *roo* insertions was associated with cold-stress tolerance (see below). Interestingly, almost 100% of the insertions described in heat-shock genes are *P-element* insertions, and all the insertions described here are *roo* elements. *P-elements* preferentially insert in the 5' end of genes where they recognize a structural motif rather than a sequence motif [38, 39]. While 81% of *P-elements* insert in 5' gene regions, our results showed that only 15.2% of the *roo* elements annotated in the reference genome are inserted in 5' gene regions. Thus, with the data currently available, *roo* insertions do not seem to preferentially insert into 5' gene regions although analyses of *de novo* insertions should shed more light on this issue.

Our results showed that the different *roo* elements inserted in the proximal promoter of *CG18446* differ in their molecular and functional effects ([Table 3](#)). We found that the two insertions that are more closely located to *CG18446*, *FBti0019985* and *roo*<sub>+7</sub>, provided an alternative TSS to this gene ([Fig 5](#) and [Table 3](#)). However, only *FBti0019985* is associated with up-regulation of *CG18446* expression ([Fig 6](#) and [Table 3](#)). Besides providing an alternative TSS, the effect of the *FBti0019985* insertion on *CG18446* expression could be due to the addition of new regulatory regions ([Fig 3A](#)), to the disruption of the spacing of pre-existing ones ([Fig 3B](#)), and/

**Table 3. Summary of the experimental results obtained in fly strains with five different *roo* solo-LTR insertions.**

Insertion	Orientation	Strain	5'-RACE	<i>CG18446</i> expression	Effect of the insertion in egg-to-adult viability
<i>FBti0019985</i>	5' to 3'	<i>RAL-810</i>	TSS inside TE	Upregulation	Increase
		<i>RAL-802</i>	-	No differences	Increase
		<i>IV68</i>	-	Upregulation	Increase
		<i>RAL-639</i>	-	Upregulation	-
<i>roo<sub>+7</sub></i>	5' to 3'	<i>RAL-405</i>	TSS inside TE	Downregulation	Decrease
		<i>RAL-911</i>	-	No differences	No differences
		<i>RAL-887</i>	-	No differences	-
<i>roo<sub>-44</sub></i>	3' to 5'	<i>RAL-195</i>	TSS outside TE	No differences	Increase
		<i>RAL-383</i>	TSS outside TE	No differences	Decrease
<i>roo<sub>-68</sub></i>	3' to 5'	<i>RAL-75</i>	-	-	No differences
		<i>RAL-716</i>	-	-	Decrease
<i>roo<sub>-90</sub></i>	5' to 3'	<i>RAL-21</i>	TSS outside TE	Upregulation	No differences
		<i>RAL-820</i>	-	No differences	No differences
		<i>RAL-88</i>	-	No differences	-

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or to the recruitment of HP1a protein that could also lead to changes in the expression of *CG18446* (Fig 4B). Finally, we cannot discard that polymorphisms other than the presence/absence of the *FBti0019985* insertion also affect the expression of *CG18446*.

We found that the *FBti0019985* insertion, which is associated with increased *CG18446* expression, is consistently associated with increased viability in nonstress and in cold-stress conditions (Fig 7 and Table 3). Although we cannot exclude that other variants linked to *FBti0019985* contribute to the increased viability phenotypes, we argue that it is unlikely that the association between the *FBti0019985* insertion and increased viability in three different genetic backgrounds from two different natural populations would occur spuriously [53]. These results also suggest that *CG18446* is likely to play a role in cold tolerance as was previously suggested based on cold-stress selection experiments in which this gene was found to be overexpressed [21]. However, *FBti0019985* is present in only 10% of the out-of-Africa natural strains analyzed in this work. Our screening was focused on three out-of-Africa populations, thus we cannot discard that *FBti0019985* is present at higher frequencies in other populations. Alternatively, it is also possible that the relatively low frequency of *FBti0019985* is due to negative fitness effects of this insertion on other phenotypes. Cold-stress resistance has been associated with decreased starvation resistance [54, 55] and reduced fecundity [56, 57]. Therefore, the benefit of flies carrying *FBti0019985* in cold-stress conditions might be a cost, for example, when food resources are scarce.

While *FBti0019985* has a consistent cold-stress tolerance phenotype, four other *roo* insertions also located on the proximal promoter of *CG18446* did not (Fig 8 and Table 3). The insertion that is present at higher frequencies in out-of-Africa populations is *roo<sub>-90</sub>* (Fig 2). However, this insertion is not associated with changes of expression of *CG18446* in embryos (Fig 6) and was not found to be associated with cold-stress tolerance phenotypes (Fig 8C and 8D and Table 3). It could be that this insertion has no phenotypic effect. Alternatively, *roo<sub>-90</sub>* could be affecting a phenotype other than cold tolerance. A recent update in FlyBase revealed that *CG18446* is also an ethanol-regulated gene that could contribute to ethanol sensitivity or tolerance [58]. Another possibility is that *roo<sub>-90</sub>* affects *cbx*. As the other *roo* insertion described in this work and *CG18446* gene, *roo<sub>-90</sub>* is inserted in the first intron of *cbx* which has been functionally classified as a defense response to bacterium and spermatogenesis gene [59] (Fig 1). Elucidating whether *roo<sub>-90</sub>* has an adaptive effect is beyond the scope of this paper.

Overall, we did not find evidence of positive selection at the DNA level in the region where the nine *roo* solo-LTR elements are inserted. We did find evidence of reduced diversity in this region when only the strains containing *FBti0019985* were considered (S4–S6 Figs and S4 Table). Further analyses with a bigger dataset of strains is needed in order to determine whether this region shows signals of positive selection at the DNA level.

In summary, our results showed that different TE insertions in the same gene promoter region might have different molecular and functional consequences. Thus, the description of complex regions, as the one reported in this work, should be followed by functional analysis of the structural variants if we want to elucidate which ones are functionally relevant.

## Materials and Methods

### Fly stocks

We used inbred strains from the *Drosophila* Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP [31, 32]) and iso-female strains from an Italian population collected in Castellana Grotte (Bari, Italy [33]) to perform the molecular and phenotypic assays.

### Analysis of presence/absence by PCR of the nine solo-LTR *roo* insertions

We used a PCR approach to check for presence/absence of *FBti0019985* in 28 strains from the North Carolina population and in 15 strains from Italy. The primers used were *FBti0019985\_FL* (5'-GGCATCATAAAACCGTTGAACAC-3'), *FBti0019985\_L* (5'-AGTCCCTTAGTGGGA GACCACAG-3') and *FBti0019985\_R* (5'-CGTAGGATCAGTGGGTGAAAATG-3') (Fig 1). Primers *FBti0019985\_L* and *FBti0019985\_R* are expected to give a 616 bp band when the TE is present. Primers *FBti0019985\_FL* and *FBti0019985\_R* are expected to give a 638 bp band when the TE is absent and a 1066 bp band when the TE is present. All PCR bands giving evidence of presence and some of the PCR bands giving evidence of absence were cloned using TOPO TA Cloning Kit for Sequencing (Invitrogen) following the manufacturer's instructions and Sanger-sequenced using M13 forward and/or M13 reverse primers to verify the results. Sequences have been deposited in GenBank under accession numbers KU672690-KU672720.

### Analysis of the population frequencies of the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions using *Tlex2*

We estimated the frequencies of the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions described in this work using *Tlex2* software [34]. Because *Tlex2* works only for annotated TEs, we constructed eight new reference sequences including each one of the newly described *roo* solo-LTR insertions. The new reference sequences included 500 bp at each side of the TE and the TSD of each insertion.

We run *Tlex2* in strains from three different populations: 50 strains from North Carolina (DGRP [31, 32]), 27 strains from a population collected in Stockholm, Sweden [33], and 67 strains from a population collected in Siavonga, Zambia [60]. As a control, we also run *Tlex2* in the strains for which we have PCR results (S1 Table). We obtained results for 21 out of 50 DGRP strains, 26 out of 27 Swedish strains and 42 out of 67 Zambian strains. In some of the strains, *Tlex2* detects more than one insertion per strain. However, PCR analyses of these strains revealed that only one insertion was present. These results suggest that *Tlex2* cannot accurately estimate the frequency of insertion when they are closely located to each other. We thus discarded *Tlex2* results indicating the presence of more than one insertion per strain. Other factors such as the quality of the reads and the coverage of the different strains could also be affecting *Tlex2* results.

## Analysis of target site motifs

Target site motifs were constructed in WebLogo (<http://weblogo.berkeley.edu>) using six TSDs sequences obtained in this work and 41 TSDs sequences predicted with *T-lex2* software [34].

## Phylogenetic analysis

For each *roo* solo-LTR insertion, we constructed a consensus sequence taking into account the 26 strains sequenced in this work using *Sequencher* 5.0 software. We aligned the nine *roo* insertion consensus sequences with 115 of the 137 other *roo* insertions present in the *D. melanogaster* genome using the multiple sequence aligner program MAFFT [61]. The quality sequence of the other 22 *roo* insertions was too low to include them in the alignment. A maximum likelihood tree was inferred using RAXML Version 8 [62] under the general time-reversible nucleotide model and a gamma distribution of evolutionary rates. We use the ETE toolkit Python framework for the analysis and visualization of trees [63].

## *roo* insertions and CG18446 promoter sequence analysis

We looked for conservation of the Transcription Factor Binding Sites (TFBSs) previously described in the *roo* family [8] in all the *roo* solo-LTRs characterized in this work. First, we downloaded from FlyBase version r6.06 (<http://flybase.org>) the *fasta* file of *FBti0019985* sequence (genome region 2R: 9,871,090–9,871,523). We also searched for TFBSs in the *roo* insertions and in the *CG18446* promoter regions using all the available JASPAR CORE Insecta matrices (<http://jaspar.genereg.net>). Only those sites predicted with a relative score higher than 0.995 were considered. We identified four new TFBS in *FBti0019985* sequence: *Deaf1*, *ara*, *mir*, and *caup*. We then look for conservation of the identified motifs in all the *roo* solo-LTR sequences described in this work. For some strains, we used the information available in <http://popdrowser.uab.cat> [64].

## Detection of piRNA reads

We used three piRNA libraries [44–46] to map piRNA reads to a 1.4 kb region including *FBti0019985* and to all the *roo* insertions described in this work following the methodology described in Ullastres *et al* (2015) [33]. Briefly, we used BWA-MEM package version 0.7.5 a-r405 [65] to align the reads and then we used SamTools and BamTools [66] to index and filter by sense/antisense reads. The total read density was obtained using R (Rstudio v0.98.507) [67].

## Detection of HP1a binding sites

We used modENCODE ChIP-Seq data [47] to map HP1a reads to a 1.4 kb region including *FBti0019985* and to all the *roo* insertions described in this work following the methodology described in Ullastres *et al* (2015) [33]. We aligned the reads using BWA-MEM package version 0.7.5 a-r405 [65]. The total read density was obtained using R (Rstudio v0.98.507) [67].

## 5'-RACE experiments

5-to-7 day-old flies were placed in a fly cage with egg-laying medium (2% agar with apple juice and a piece of fresh yeast) during 4 hours. Then, adult flies were separated and embryos were collected following the suspension method described in Schou (2013) [68]. Embryo dechorionation was done by bleach (50%) immersion. Total RNA was extracted using TRIzol Plus RNA Purification Kit (Ambion). RNA was then treated on-column with DNase I (Thermo) during purification, and then treated once more after purification. 5'-RACE was performed with First-Choice RLM-RACE Kit and using Small-scale reaction RNA processing with RNA samples of

*RAL-783* (*roo*-), *RAL-810* (*FBti0019985*), *RAL-405* (*roo*<sub>+7</sub>), *RAL-21* (*roo*<sub>.90</sub>), *RAL-383* (*roo*<sub>.44</sub>) and *RAL-195* (*roo*<sub>.44</sub>). The gene specific outer primer was 5'-GACACTCTTCGGTTGGTGGA-3' and the gene specific inner primer was 5'-ACAACGTCTGTAGGATCGC-3'. The control primer was 5'-TAGTCCGCAGAGAAACGTGC-3'. Inner PCR products were then cloned and Sanger-sequenced as mentioned above. Sequences have been deposited in GenBank under accession numbers KU672721-KU672722.

### Quantitative RT-PCR expression analysis

Embryo collection and RNA extraction was performed as described before. Reverse transcription was carried out using 500 ng of total RNA using Transcriptor First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Roche). The cDNA was then used in a 1/50 dilution for qRT-PCR with SYBR green master-mix (Bio-Rad) on an iQ5 Thermal cycler. *CG18446* expression was measured using specific primers (5'-GAGCAGTTGGAATCGGGTTTAC-3' and 5'-GTATGAATCGCAGTCCAGC CATA-3') spanning 99 bp cDNA in the exon 1/exon 2 junction of *CG18446*. The primer pair efficiency was 99,1% ( $r^2$  larger than 0.99). *CG18446* expression was normalized with *Act5C* expression levels (5'-GCGCCCTTACTCTTTCACCA-3' and 5'-ATGTCACGGACGATTT CACG-3').

### Cold-stress resistance assays

Embryo collection was performed as mentioned above. Embryos were put into 50 ml fresh food vials. When embryos were 4–8 hour-old, they were kept at 1 C for 14 hours and then they were kept at room temperature (22–25 C). Simultaneously, control vials were always kept at room temperature (22–25 C) and never exposed to cold-stress. A total of 8–20 vials were analyzed per experiment. The same number of embryos per vial, 30 or 50, were used for all the replicates of a given experiment. Percentage viability was calculated based on the number of emerged flies to the total number of embryos placed in each vial.

Statistical significance was calculated performing two-way ANOVA using SPSS v21. We combined all the data into a full model: experimental condition (stress and nonstress), insertion genotype (presence/absence of the insertion) and interaction between these two factors. For those experiments in which more than one replicate was performed, the replicate effect was also taken into account. Because our dependent variable was a proportion, we used the arcsine transformation of the data before performing statistical analysis. We tested whether the data was normally distributed using Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. When the data was not normally distributed after the arcsine transformation, we applied the rank transformation. When the statistical test was significant, we estimated partial eta-squared values as a measure of the effect size (0.01 small effect, 0.06 medium effect, and 0.14 large effect).

### Inferences of selection in the region flanking the *roo* solo-LTR insertions

We estimated the number of segregating sites (*S*), Tajima's *D*, *iHS*, *nSL* and *XP-EHH* in the 2 kb region flanking the *FBti0019985* insertion (chromosome 2R: 5758000–5760000) in 10 DGRP strains containing this insertion, in the 23 DGRP strains containing one of the *roo* insertions described in this work, and in the 15 strains that do not contain any insertion in the promoter region of *CG18446*. Note that the coordinates of *FBti0019985* in the r5 of the *D. melanogaster* genome used by the DGRP project to generate the *vcf* files are 2R: 5,758,595–5,759,028. *S* and Tajima's *D* are standard measures of neutrality. *iHS* and *nSL* tests identify hard sweeps although they have some power to detect soft sweeps as well [69, 70]. *H<sub>12</sub>* tests for positive selection on new variation and standing genetic variation within a population, that is, it searches both for soft and hard sweeps in a population [71]. Finally, *XP-EHH* is a statistical test



of positive selection in one population that uses between populations comparisons to increase power in regions near fixation in the selected population [72].

We have used *vcftools* to calculate the number of segregating sites, and Tajima's D using parameters  $-maf\ 1/(2n)$ , where  $n$  is the sample size, and  $-remove-indels$ . We have obtained *iHS*, *nSL*, and *XP-EHH* using the *selscan* software with default parameters [73]. Finally, we have calculated  $H_{12}$  with *ad hoc* scripts. The four latter statistics require phased data. Thus, chromosome 2R of the 205 DGRP strains were phased together using ShapeIt [74].

To calculate the significance for the number of segregating sites, we resampled at random the same number of strains from the 205 DGRP strains available and calculated the distribution of segregating sites in the same 2 kb region. To calculate the significance of Tajima's D, *iHS*, *nSL* and *XP-EHH*, we have used the empirical distributions of these statistics obtained from chromosome 2R.

## Supporting Information

**S1 Fig. *roo* consensus Target Site Duplication (TSD).** A frequency plot was built with all the TSD identified in this work, except the TSD of *roo*<sub>-19</sub> and *roo*<sub>+7</sub> that had four and two nucleotides instead of five, respectively, and with the 41 *roo* TSD motifs identified by Fiston-Lavier *et al* (2015) [34] (see [Materials and Methods](#)).  
(TIFF)

**S2 Fig. Phylogenetic tree including the nine *roo* elements analyzed in this work and the 115 *roo* elements annotated in the *D. melanogaster* reference genome.** The nine *roo* elements sequenced in this work are depicted in red.  
(TIFF)

**S3 Fig. Sequence alignments of the regulatory regions identified in *roo* insertions and in the CG18446 promoter region.** Single nucleotide polymorphisms are highlighted in red. (A) Alignment of the different *roo* insertions analyzed in this work. For *RAL-502* and *RAL-857* we could only sequence a partial region of the insertion and thus we only analyzed the *Inr* motif. (B) Alignment of the three regions with matrix association potential. (C) Alignment of the CG18446 promoter region in the different strains analyzed. Underlined sequences are from popdrowser [64]. For additional details see [Fig 3](#) legend.  
(PDF)

**S4 Fig. From top to bottom: Tajima's D in the 23 strains with one of the nine solo-LTR insertions, Tajima's D in the 10 strains with the *FBti0019985* insertion, and Tajima's D in the 15 strains without any of the nine insertions.**  
(PDF)

**S5 Fig. From top to bottom, results for *XP-EHH*,  $H_{12}$ , *nSL*, and *iHS*.**  $H_{12}$  was calculated on haplotypes of 40 segregating sites. All results are for the 10 strains with the *FBti0019985* insertion combined with the 15 strains without any of the nine insertions, except for *XP-EHH*, which is calculated between the 10 strains with the *FBti0019985* insertion and the 15 strains without any of the nine insertions. Horizontal dashed lines show significance levels while vertical dashed lines show the region of the insertion.  
(PDF)

**S6 Fig. Results for *XP-EHH*,  $H_{12}$ , *nSL*, and *iHS* from top to bottom calculated with the 23 strains that contain one of the nine *roo* insertions and the 15 strains without any of the *roo* insertions.** See legend of [S5 Fig](#) for details.  
(PDF)

**S1 Table. Allele frequency estimates using *T-lex2* for the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions analyzed.** (A) Summary of the *T-lex2* results in all populations. (B) Results for DGRP population. (C) Results for Sweden population. (D) Results for Zambia population. (E) Results for the Italian population for which PCRs were also performed. (F) Results for the DGRP strains for which PCR were also performed.

(XLSX)

**S2 Table. Sequence alignments of the cis-regulatory motifs located in *roo* solo-LTR insertions and in the *CG18446* promoter region.** (A) Transcription factor binding sites and promoter motifs, and (B) Matrix Associated regions, found in *FBti0019985*. (C) Transcription factor binding sites and promoter motifs found in the *CG18446* promoter region.

(DOCX)

**S3 Table. Number of piRNA reads (A) and HP1a reads (B) mapping to each one of the nine *roo* insertions analyzed in this work.** The total number of piRNA reads and of HP1a reads per nucleotide position, and the average number of piRNA reads and of HP1a reads per insertion are given.

(XLSX)

**S4 Table. Results of the different statistics used to infer positive selection in the region flanking the nine solo-LTR insertions.**

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**S1 Text. Phylogenetic tree containing the nine *roo* elements sequenced in this work and the 115 *roo* elements annotated in the *D. melanogaster* reference genome.**

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#### Resum

Els transposons no estan distribuïts aleatòriament pel genoma. Un anàlisi de tot el genoma de *D. melanogaster* va trobar que les diferències en la densitat de transposons a través de regions genòmiques de 50 kb eren degudes a processos de transposició i duplicació. A escales genòmiques més petites, s'ha vist que les regions promotores dels gens *hsp* i la regió promotora del gen *CG18446* acumulen insercions de transposons. En aquest treball, hem estudiat més detalladament la regió promotora del gen *CG18446*. Es van analitzar 218 soques col·lectades en 15 poblacions naturals i es va trobar que la regió promotora del gen *CG18446* conté 20 insercions independents *roo*. Basat en un anàlisi filogenètic, es suggereix que la presència de múltiples insercions *roo* en aquesta regió pot ser el resultat de diversos esclats de transposició. A més a més, es va trobar que l'agrupació d'insercions *roo* en la regió promotora de *CG18446* és única: no hi ha cap altre regió promotora en el genoma que contingui un nombre semblant d'insercions *roo*. Es va trobar que, semblant a les regions promotores dels gens *hsp*, l'accessibilitat de la cromatina podria ser un dels factors que expliqués les insercions recurrents d'elements *roo* a la regió promotora de *CG18446*.



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# A unique cluster of *roo* insertions in the promoter region of a stress response gene in *Drosophila melanogaster*

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## Abstract

Transposable elements (TEs) are not randomly distributed in the genome. A genome-wide analysis of the *D. melanogaster* genome found that differences in TE density across 50 kb genomic regions was due both to transposition and duplication. At smaller genomic scales, promoter regions of *hsp* genes and the promoter region of *CG18446* have been shown to accumulate TE insertions. In this work, we have further analyzed the promoter region of *CG18446*. We screened 218 strains collected in 15 natural populations, and we found that the *CG18446* promoter region contains 20 independent *roo* insertions. Based on phylogenetic analysis, we suggest that the presence of multiple *roo* insertions in this region is likely to be the result of several bursts of transposition. Moreover, we found that the *roo* insertional cluster in the *CG18446* promoter region is unique: no other promoter region in the genome contains a similar number of *roo* insertions. We found that, similar to *hsp* gene promoters, chromatin accessibility could be one of the factors explaining the recurrent insertions of *roo* elements in *CG18446* promoter region.

**Keywords:** Transposable element, Fecundity, Viability, Target site duplication, Recurrent insertion, Natural population

## Background

Recurrent insertion of transposable elements in specific genomic regions has been described in the *Drosophila melanogaster* reference genome. The analysis of 50 kb genomic windows identified 23 regions with a high density of TE insertions, most of them located in pericentromeric regions or on chromosome 4 [1]. Transposition and duplication were identified as the two mechanisms generating these high-density TE regions. In recent years, computational pipelines have been developed to analyze the TE content in multiple strains [2–4]. Thus, besides TEs annotated in the reference genome, non-reference TE insertions can now also be analyzed. Based on these population analyses, some genes have also been reported to accumulate many TE insertions, such as the 106.5 kb *klarsicht*, and the 24 kb *derailed-2* that were analyzed in 146 strains of the *Drosophila* Synthetic Population Resource [5, 6]. At a much finer scale, several insertions in the proximal promoter regions of

*hsp* genes have been reported [7, 8]. While the vast majority of these insertions were *P-elements*, insertions from the *Gypsy* and the *Jockey* family were also identified. *P-elements* have a preference to insert in 5' gene flanking regions [9]. The accumulation of TEs in the promoter of *hsp* genes was explained by the chromatin conformation of this particular region, and by selection favoring the retention of TEs because of their effect on gene expression [8]. More recently, nine *roo* insertions were also described in the promoter region of another stress response gene, *CG18446* that encodes a nucleic acid binding protein [10]. *CG18446* is a cold resistance candidate gene [11] and an ethanol-regulated gene [12] highly expressed in ovaries and in 6–10 h-old embryos [13]. Only one of the nine identified insertions was found to consistently affect the expression of *CG18446*, and it was associated with increased viability in non-stress and cold-stress conditions [10]. However, only 39 strains from two natural populations were screened, and thus it is still an open question whether more *roo* insertions are present in the *CG18446* promoter region. Indeed, *roo* are the most abundant elements in the *D. melanogaster* genome [14, 15]. Thus, it is possible that

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besides the cluster identified by Merenciano et al. (2016) [10] other similar clusters of *roo* insertions in gene promoter regions are present in the genome. Interestingly, while the majority of strains analyzed so far contain a *roo* insertion (26 out of 39), none of them contains more than one insertion [10].

In this work, we looked for TE insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region in 218 strains from 15 natural populations in Europe, North America, and Africa. In addition, based on the analysis of the reference genome, and on the analysis of 177 DGRP strains, we identified 53 promoter regions that could potentially contain multiple *roo* insertions. Finally, we performed fecundity and viability experiments to investigate why we did not find any fly containing two *roo* insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region.

## Results

### Twenty *roo* solo LTR insertions are present in the *CG18446* promoter region in natural populations

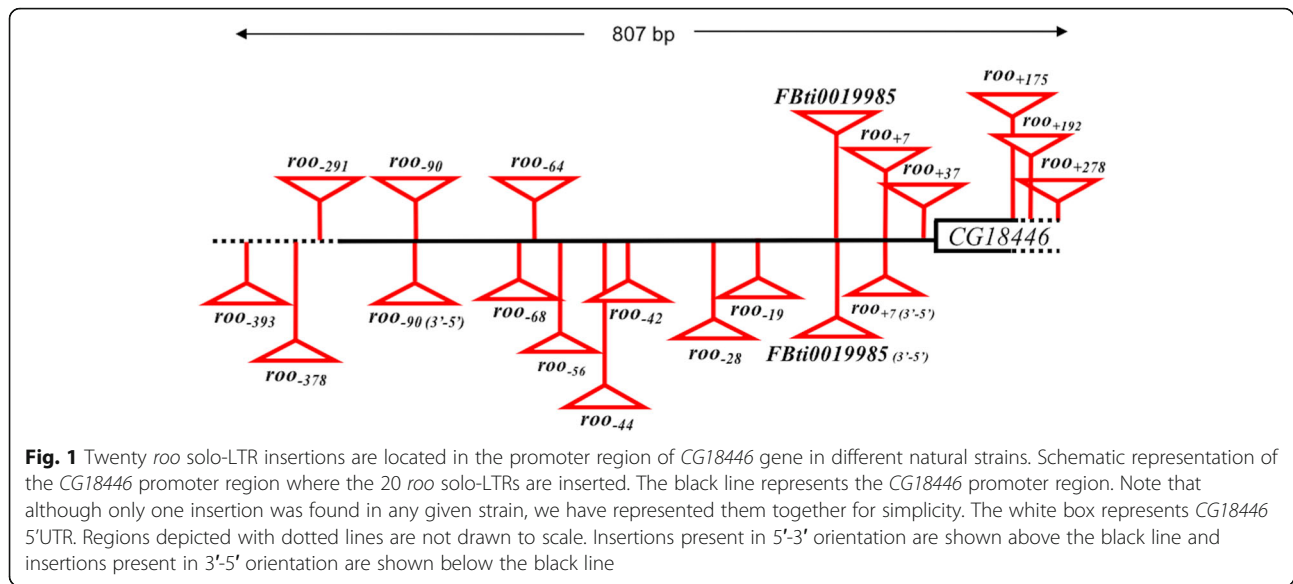
To check whether there were more *roo* insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region, we performed a PCR screening in 218 strains from 15 natural populations: 13 European, one North American [16], and one African population collected in the ancestral range of the species (Zambia) (Additional file 1) [17]. 143 strains gave a band

consistent with the presence of an insertion, in homozygous or heterozygous state, and 75 strains gave a band consistent with the absence of an insertion (Table 1 and Additional file 2A). We sequenced all the obtained PCR bands and we found that besides the nine insertions discovered in Merenciano et al. (2016) [10], there are 11 other 428 bp *roo* solo-LTR insertions in the promoter region of *CG18446* (Fig. 1). All the strains with an insertion contained a single *roo* insertion. Across strains, three of the insertion sites contained *roo* elements inserted in opposite orientations, *roo*<sub>-90</sub>, *FBti0019985* and *roo*<sub>+7</sub>, suggesting recurrent insertion in the same exact genomic position (Fig. 1). Recurrent insertion in the same exact genomic position has also been described for *P-elements* in *D. melanogaster* [18, 19]. Note that based on the results of *T-lex2* [20], a computational pipeline that estimates presence/absence of insertions based on next generation sequencing data, we previously reported that the first nine *roo* insertions described in the *CG18446* promoter region were present in Zambia [10]. However, PCR analyses of 23 of the 42 strains analyzed with *T-lex2* containing four of these nine insertions indicated that these four insertions are not actually present in any of the strains (Additional file 2B). These four unvalidated insertions were polymorphic according to *T-lex2*. Thus, it could be that these insertions

**Table 1** PCR results and *roo* insertions identified in the 218 strains analyzed in this work, and in brackets insertions identified in the 39 strains analyzed in Merenciano et al. (2016) (10)

Population	Strains analyzed	Strains homozygous for the presence of a <i>roo</i> insertion	Strains heterozygous for the presence of a <i>roo</i> insertion	<i>roo</i> insertions identified
Akka, FI	13	3	4	<i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-64</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-291</sub>
Stockholm, SE	23	9	6	<i>roo</i> <sub>-44</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-393</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-64</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-42</sub> , <i>FBti0019985</i> (3'-5')
Lund, SE	6	3	1	<i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-64</sub>
Karensminde, DK	12	5	2	<i>FBti0019985</i> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-19</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-64</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> (3'-5')
Munich, DE	14	6	5	<i>roo</i> <sub>+175</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-378</sub>
Market Harborough, UK	20	5	7	<i>FBti0019985</i> , <i>roo</i> <sub>+37</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-291</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-42</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> (3'-5')
Gotheron, FR	13	3	2	<i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-378</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-64</sub>
Bari, IT	(12)	(3)	(4)	<i>FBti0019985</i> , <i>roo</i> <sub>+175</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-19</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-28</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub>
Gimenells, ES	14	3	9	<i>FBti0019985</i> , <i>roo</i> <sub>+175</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-44</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub>
Tomelloso, ES	15	3	10	<i>roo</i> <sub>-44</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-291</sub>
Cortes de Baza, ES	13	0	9	<i>roo</i> <sub>-44</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> (3'-5')
Guadix, ES	14	0	11	<i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-64</sub> , <i>FBti0019985</i> (3'-5')
San Cristóbal de la Laguna, ES	12	6	2	<i>FBti0019985</i> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-291</sub>
Raleigh, US	22 (27)	17 (19)	0	<i>FBti0019985</i> , <i>roo</i> <sub>+7</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>+278</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-28</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-44</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> , <i>FBti0019985</i> (3'-5')
Siavonga, ZI	27	2	10	<i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>+7</sub> (3'-5'), <i>roo</i> <sub>-56</sub> , <i>roo</i> <sub>+192</sub>
TOTAL	257	87	82	20 <i>roo</i> insertions





have been lost in the isofemale strains since they were originally sequenced. Errors in genotyping of *T-lex2* could also explain some of these discrepancies, although all the homozygous insertions that *T-lex2* predicted were validated by PCR (Additional file 2B).

The majority of the 20 *roo* insertions inserted in the *CG18446* promoter region were present at very low allelic frequencies, ranging from 0.2% to 16.5% (Fig. 2, Additional file 2C). The two most common insertions were *roo-90* and *FBti0019985*, with allelic frequencies of 16.5% and 6.3%, respectively (Fig. 2, Additional file 2C). While seven of the insertions were private, *roo-68* and *roo-90* were present in nine and 13 out of the 15 populations analyzed, respectively (Additional file 2D). We tested whether European populations at different latitudes differed in the diversity of *roo* insertions or in the total number of strains containing an insertion. Note that we did not consider the strains from Lund (Sweden) as only four strains were analyzed in this population. We found no correlation between latitude and the number of different *roo* insertions (Pearson  $r^2 = 0.006$ ,  $p$ -value = 0.793), or between latitude and the number of strains with an insertion (Pearson  $r^2 = 0.063$ ,  $p$ -value = 0.388). We also analyzed whether any of the insertions were more frequent in cold, temperate, or arid climates (Additional file 1). We found that *roo-90* was more frequent in arid climates ( $p$ -value < 0.001) and *roo-64* was more frequent in cold climates ( $p$ -value = 0.003) (Fig. 2).

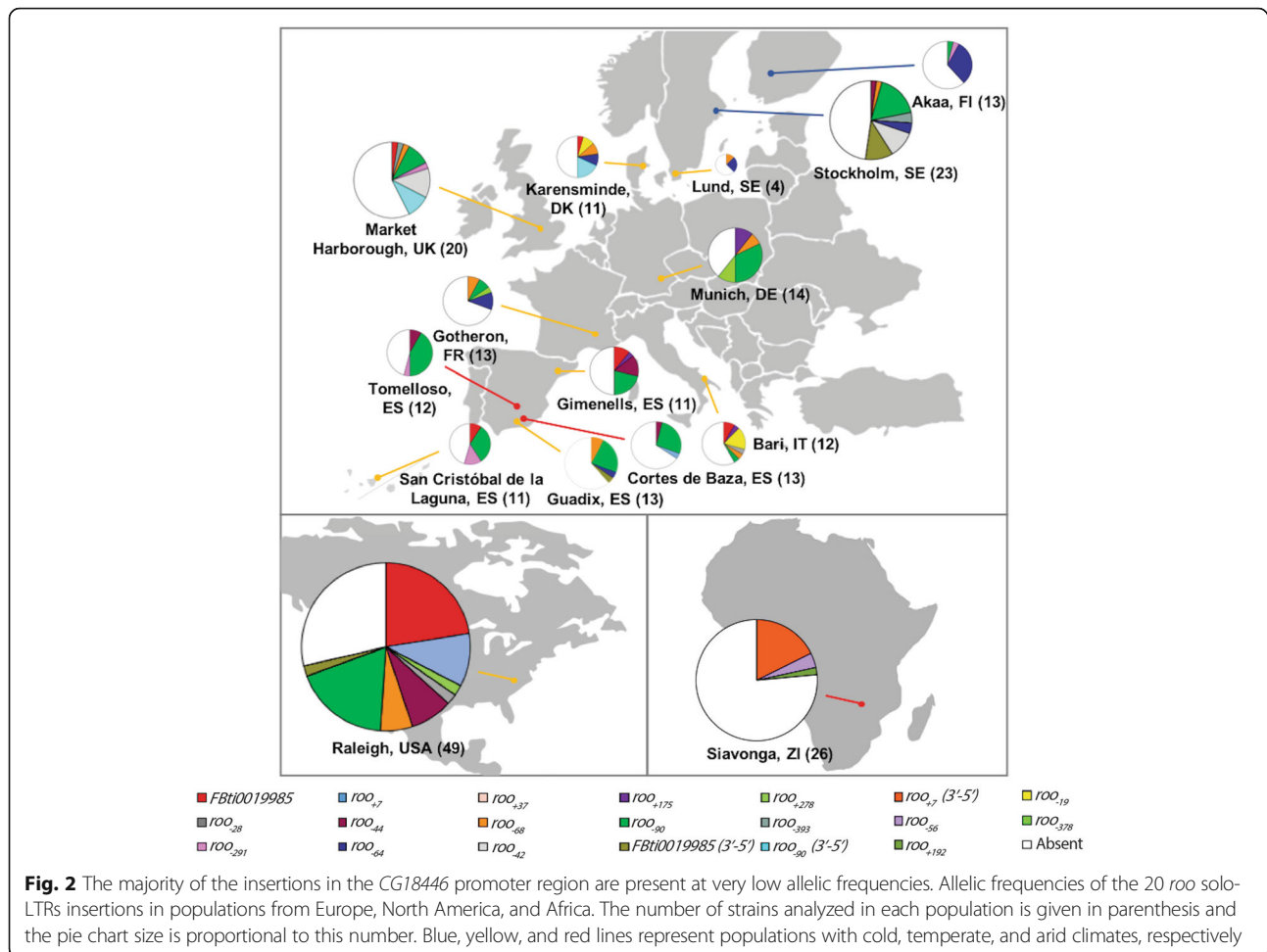
Overall, we identified 20 *roo* insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region, most of them present at low population frequencies. While the majority of strains (169 out of 257) had one of the 20 *roo* insertions, none

of the strains analyzed contained more than one *roo* insertion.

#### Recurrent insertion is the most likely explanation for the presence of 20 insertions in the promoter region of *CG18446*

We identified the target site duplication (TSD) for 17 of the 20 *roo* insertions located in the *CG18446* promoter region. These 17 *roo* solo-LTR insertions have different TSDs suggesting that they are independent insertion events (Additional file 3). 15 of the 17 identified TSD were five bp-long and the consensus TSD was similar to the one previously described [10, 20, 21] (Additional file 3). Thus, multiple insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region are likely the result of transposition rather than small rearrangements such as duplications or inversions, which would change the location of the insertions but not the TSDs.

We tested whether the multiple insertions could have been the results of a burst of transposition. We constructed a phylogenetic tree for the *roo* insertions present in the reference genome, and the 20 *roo* insertions found in the *CG18446* promoter region (see Material and Methods). Briefly, we estimated the unique number of substitutions shared between the two closest TEs assuming that all the *roo* copies present in the genome derived from a common ancestral sequence [22]. We found four groups of *roo* copies that are identical to each other and thus appeared to be the result of several bursts of transposition (Fig. 3, see Material and Methods). This is consistent with *roo* being one of the most active families in the *D. melanogaster* genome [14, 15, 23, 24].



We then checked whether *roo* elements have a preference for inserting in 5' gene regions. We considered as a 5' gene region the 1 kb upstream of a gene and its 5'UTR region. Considering not only the 138 *roo* insertions annotated in the reference genome but also the 12,745 *roo de novo* insertions found in 177 DGRP strains by TIDAL software [15], we found that only 4.5% (586) of the *roo* elements are inserted in gene promoter regions or/and 5'UTR regions (see [Material and Methods](#)). This percentage is smaller than the one found for other TE families with preference for inserting in 5' gene regions, such as the *P-element* family for which this percentage is > 77% [9, 10]. Thus, we considered that *roo* elements do not have a preference for inserting in 5' gene regions.

We also checked whether the promoter region of *CG18446* has similarities with the promoter of *hsp* genes that could explain the high number of insertions in this region [8]. We found that, similar to *hsp* genes, *CG18446* is regulated by polymerase pausing [25], and has a high germline transcription activity [13]. Thus, chromatin accessibility could be one of

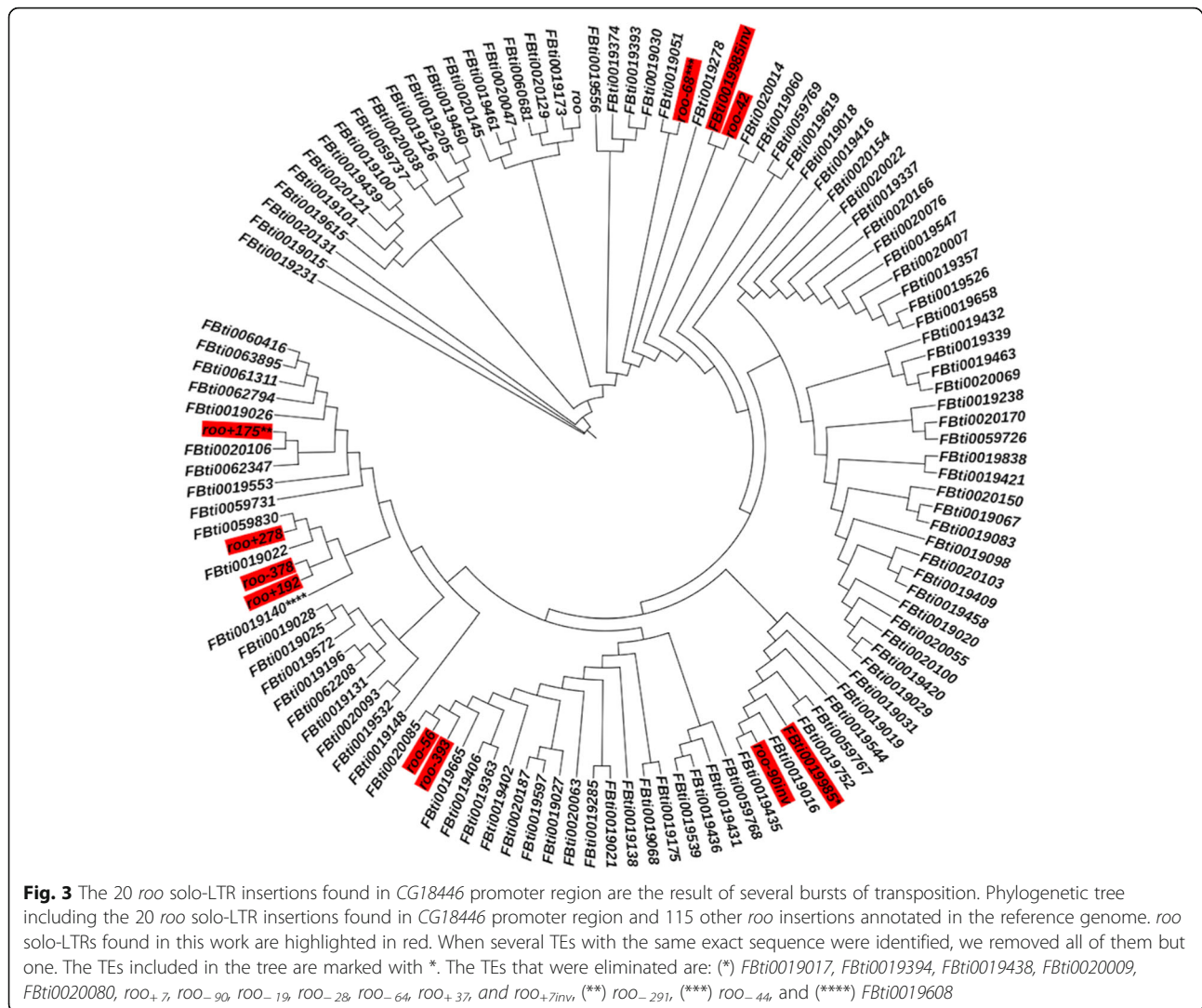
the factors explaining the high TE density in the *CG18446* promoter region.

Finally, we found that transcription factor binding sites, core promoter motifs, and Matrix Associated Regions (MARs) previously described in the *roo* family were highly conserved in all the *roo* sequences described in this work (Additional file 4) [10, 26, 27].

Overall, we found that the presence of the 20 *roo* insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region is likely to be the result of several bursts of transposition (Fig. 3). Thus, recurrent insertions seem the most likely explanation for the presence of *roo* elements in the *CG18446* promoter region. Similar to the cluster of *P-element* insertions in the promoter of *hsp* genes, *roo* elements are also inserted in a promoter region with an open chromatin architecture [8].

#### The *roo* insertion cluster in *CG18446* is unique

We tested whether other *roo* clusters in gene promoter regions were present in the reference genome. Out of the 137 other *roo* elements present in the reference genome, 26 are inserted in promoters (less than 1 kb



from a gene) or in 5'UTR regions. These 26 *roo* elements are inserted in 26 different promoter regions, and five of them are solo LTRs (Additional files 5 and 6A). We screened by PCR the presence/absence of insertions in these 26 promoter regions in 10 randomly chosen DGRP strains (see [Material and Methods](#)). For 22 of the 26 promoter regions, no other insertion was found in any of the 10 strains. The other four promoter regions contained the same *roo* element present in the reference genome in all the 10 strains analyzed (Additional files 5 and 6A). These results suggest that considering all the *roo* insertions annotated in the reference genome only the *CG18446* promoter region contain a cluster of *roo* insertions.

Besides the *roo* insertions annotated in the reference genome, we also analyzed all the *de novo* *roo* insertions identified by TIDAL in a set of 177 DGRP strains [15, 16]. There are 559 *roo* elements inserted in promoters or in 5'UTR regions. These 559 *roo* elements are distributed in

421 gene promoter or 5' UTR regions (Additional file 5). According to TIDAL, the promoter region of *CG18446* has a *roo* insertion in eight different DGRP strains. We focused on the 27 gene promoter regions where TIDAL identifies three or more strains containing a *roo* insertion (Additional files 5, 6B and C). In order to test whether any of the 27 promoter regions harbors different *roo* insertions, we checked by PCR and sequenced the obtained bands of the 27 gene promoters in 95 strains (Additional file 6B). Among the 27 promoter regions analyzed, only four have two different *roo* insertions in different strains (Table 2). For these four genomic regions, we performed further PCR analysis in another 10 randomly chosen strains. We could not detect any other *roo* insertion in these promoter regions, suggesting that they probably harbor only the two *de novo* *roo* insertions found before.

Finally, it could be that *roo* insertions tend to form clusters, but that these clusters are deleterious when located in promoter regions. We thus also checked whether *roo*

elements cluster in 1 kb regions genome-wide, not necessarily located in gene promoters. We found five 1 kb regions with seven or more *de novo* *roo* insertions located in chromosomes 2 and 3 (Additional file 7, 8A and B). Because TIDAL does not predict the exact insertion site but rather provides a range of nucleotides where the TE is inserted, it is likely that the total number of *roo* insertions predicted in these windows is an overestimate. Indeed, the two regions with more *roo* insertions, 17 and 13 insertions, overlapped 911 bp and 323 bp respectively with the *roo* cluster in *CG18446* promoter region. Based on the screening reported in this work, we know that there are eight and one insertions respectively in these two regions. We checked by PCR whether all the elements predicted within the five 1 kb regions with more than seven insertions, and two randomly chosen windows with six and four predicted insertions had the same insertion site or not. The two regions overlapping with the *CG18446* promoter region contained five and one insertion (Additional file 8A). The other five regions analyzed contained at most two *roo* insertions (Additional file 8A). Thus, we found that only the 1 kb region that overlaps with the *CG18446* promoter region is actually a *roo* insertional cluster (Additional file 8A).

#### Flies with two *roo* insertions in the *CG18446* promoter regions are viable and show similar fecundity rates as flies with one *roo* insertion

As mentioned above, none of the 257 strains analyzed contains more than one *roo* insertion in the *CG18446* promoter region. The two *roo* insertions that are present at higher population frequencies are *FBti0019985* and *roo\_90*. Thus, for these two insertions, and depending on the population analyzed, we would expect to find from 0.6% to 8.8% of flies containing these two insertions in different haplotypes (Additional file 2E). Since the number of strains sampled per population is not very high (Additional file 1), it could be that we have not screened enough flies to find one strain containing two insertions.

To discard that flies with two *roo* insertions have reduced egg-to-adult viability or reduced fecundity compared with flies containing only one *roo* insertion, we created flies containing two insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region (see Material and Methods). We found that flies with two *roo* insertions had similar or significantly higher viability compared with flies with only one

of the *roo* insertions (ANOVA *p-value* < 0.001 Fig. 4a). Early fecundity of flies containing two *roo* insertions was not significantly different from that of flies containing only one *roo* insertion (ANOVA *p-value* = 0.068, Fig. 4b). Similarly, we did not find differences in the average number of eggs laid per day during 18 days between flies with one or two *roo* insertions (ANOVA *p-value* = 0.494, Fig. 4c). Note that the genetic background of flies containing one or two *roo* insertions is different. Thus, polymorphisms other than the presence/absence of these insertions are likely to be also contributing to the lack of differences observed.

#### Discussion

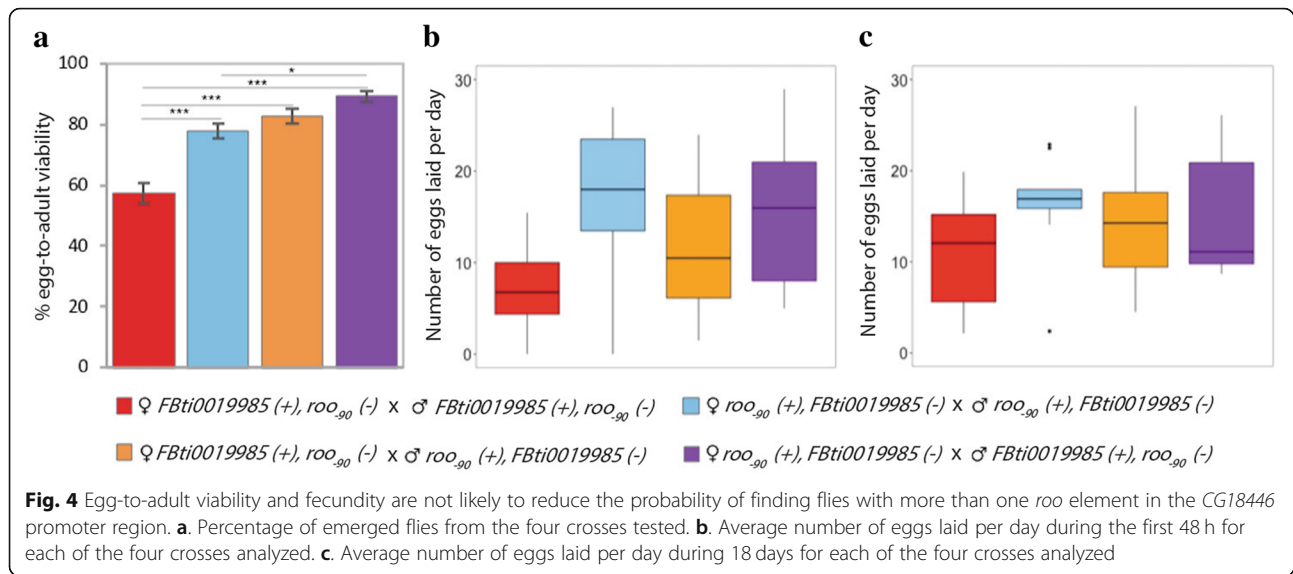
Besides the nine *roo* solo-LTRs found in Merenciano et al. (2016) [10], we have discovered 11 new *roo* insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region. It is known that *D. melanogaster* populations differ in their TE content [10, 28–31]. Thus, it could be that analyzing more populations, especially from geographical areas currently underrepresented such as Central and South America or Asia, could lead to the discovery of more *roo* insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region. However, the number of populations analyzed in this work was seven-fold higher than in Merenciano et al. (2016) [10] and the number of new *roo* insertions was only twice that of our previous study, suggesting that it is likely that we have discovered the majority of the *roo* elements in the *CG18446* promoter region.

All 20 *roo* insertions identified in the promoter region of *CG18446* are solo LTR insertions, while the majority (21 out of 26) of the *roo* insertions found in other promoter regions are full-length insertions (Additional file 6A). Solo LTRs are presumably the result of homologous unequal recombination between the two LTRs of a full-length element [14]. Thus, the recombination region where these TEs are located could influence whether they are full-length elements or solo LTRs. However, only four of the 21 full-length elements are present in regions with a low recombination rate, while the other 17 *roo* insertions are located in regions with a similar recombination rate as the *CG18446* promoter region (Additional file 6A) [32, 33]. Although it is not clear why all the insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region are solo LTRs, the location of this promoter in an open chromatin region could be one of the

**Table 2** *de novo* *roo* insertions found in four gene promoter regions

Promoter region	Number of strains predicted to have an insertion	Genomic coordinates of the insertion sites validated
<i>plum</i>	4	3R: 25,621,076 and 26,521,553
<i>CG11459</i>	3	3R: 6,027,532 and 6,027,608
<i>CG15879</i>	3	3L: 2,169,152 and 2,169,162
<i>CR44657</i>	3	X: 14,114,700 and 14,115,661





contributing factors as it has been suggested that chromatin accessibility favors double strand breaks and thus recombination [33].

Phylogenetic analyses revealed that the presence of multiple *roo* insertions in the *CG18446* promoter is likely to be the result of several bursts of transposition rather than small rearrangements or insertion preference for 5' gene flanking regions. This is consistent with previous data suggesting that *roo* is one of the most active TE families with a high transposition rate [14, 15, 23, 24]. Indeed, it has been suggested that *roo* elements have been able to evade piRNA silencing, because the number of novel *roo* insertions is high despite the presence of a high proportion of piRNAs against this family [15]. Note that the piRNA data analyzed in Rahman et al. (2015) [15] was obtained from ovaries and ovarian cell cultures [34, 35], and it has been suggested that TE activity in female and male germlines might differ due to polymorphisms in the piRNA regulatory genes between sexes [36].

Why *roo* insertions recurrently insert in the promoter region of the *CG18446* gene is not yet completely understood. We showed that there is no other cluster of *roo* insertions in promoter regions or in 1 kb genomic regions genome-wide. Thus, the presence of multiple *roo* insertion in this particular promoter region is probably related to some specific feature of this promoter. We indeed found that chromatin accessibility could be one of the factors explaining the recurrent insertions in this promoter region. In *D. melanogaster*, one other insertional cluster described is also located in the promoter region of stress response genes, which is located in an open chromatin region [8]. Several of the TEs located in the promoter of *hsp* genes have been shown to affect the expression of the nearby genes by altering the promoter

architecture [7, 37]. So far, only one of the *roo* insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region, *FBti0019985*, has been shown to affect the expression of this gene by adding a new transcription start site [10]. In this work, we found that *roo*<sub>90</sub> has an allelic frequency of 16.5% and is significantly more frequent in arid climates. Thus, it would be interesting to test whether this insertion affects expression of the nearby gene and/or is associated with a fitness-related trait that could explain its higher frequencies in arid climate conditions.

Finally, in *Arabidopsis thaliana* recurrent insertion of TEs from the *Copia* family in the first intron of the *FLC* locus have been associated with epigenetic regulation of this locus in response to cold [38]. Thus, not only in *D. melanogaster* but at least also in *A. thaliana*, recurrent insertions of TEs belonging to a single family are associated with stress-related genes, and some of these insertions have fitness-related consequences.

## Material and methods

### Fly stocks

Fly stocks used for PCR screening are listed in Additional file 2A. One outbred population homozygous for the presence of *FBti0019985*, and one outbred population homozygous for the presence of *roo*<sub>90</sub> were generated by a round-robin cross of inbred lines from the *Drosophila* Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP) [39] and isofemale lines from different European populations (Additional file 9). We maintained the population by random mating with a large population size for over five generations before starting the experiments. All flies were reared on fly food medium in a 12:12 h light/dark cycle at 25 °C.

### Analysis of TE presence/ absence

We used the same PCR approach as in Merenciano et al. (2016) [10] to check for the presence/absence of TE insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region in 234 natural strains from Europe, North America (DGRP) [16] and Africa (Nexus) [17]. Briefly, genomic DNA was extracted from a pool of 10 female flies of each strain. We performed PCR with two primer pairs. Primer pair Flanking (FL6) (5'-AACAAATGCAAGTCCGTGCTC-3') and Right (R) (5'-CGTAGGATCAGTGGGTGAA AATG-3') are expected to give an 802 bp band when insertions are absent and a bigger band when there is an insertion. Primer pair Left (L) (5' -AGTCCCTTA GTGGGAGACCACAG-3') and R are expected to give a band only when there is a *roo* insertion. When the two PCRs failed, we used the alternative primer R2 (5'-CGGGTACATCTTTGCGGGAT-3'). When the PCR using the FL6 primer failed, we used the alternative primers FL (5'-GGCATCATAAAACCGTTGA ACAC-3'), and/or FL7 (5'- TTCGTGCGTGTTCGGT ACTT-3'). PCR products were purified using the NucleoSpin® Gel and PCR Clean-up kit (Macherey-Nagel) using the manufacturer's instructions and Sanger-sequenced using FL and/or L and R primers to verify the results. PCR failed for 16 strains and thus we could analyze 218 out of the 234.

### Consensus motifs

We aligned using Genious 9.1.4 (<https://www.geneious.com>) the *roo* element sequences from the 114 strains that were fully sequenced in this work. We also included in the alignments the *roo* sequences reported in Merenciano et al. (2016) [10]. We identified in these sequences the nine transcription factor binding sites, the *Inr* promoter motif, and the MARs previously identified by Merenciano et al. (2016) [10]. We constructed the consensus sequence logos using WebLogo [40]. The target site duplication (TSD) consensus was constructed also using Weblogo with 15 out of 17 of the TSDs found in this work and in Merenciano et al. (2016) [10]. The two TSD removed have shorter sequence length.

### Phylogenetic analysis

We followed the same approach as in Merenciano et al. (2016) [10]. Briefly, 16 of the 20 *roo* solo-LTR insertions in *CG18446* promoter region were sequenced in several strains (Additional file 2A). For each of these 16 insertions, we aligned the sequences and generated a consensus. We then aligned these 16 consensus sequences, the other four *roo* insertions and the 115 *roo* insertions found in *D. melanogaster* genome using the multiple sequence aligner program MAFFT. We inferred a maximum likelihood tree under the general time-reversible nucleotide model and a gamma distribution of

evolutionary rates, using RAxML Version 8 [41] (Additional file 10). We removed from the phylogenetic analysis those TEs with exact identical sequences. The interactive tree of life (iTOL) framework (<https://itol.embl.de/>) was used for the analysis and visualization of the tree, ignoring branch lengths.

### Analysis of other *roo* clusters in promoter regions

We analyzed the region where 27 *roo* elements are inserted less than 1 kb from a gene or in 5'UTR regions in the *D. melanogaster* reference genome (R6.07) in 10 randomly chosen DGRP strains. To determine if 10 strains are enough to detect a cluster, we ran 1000 randomly generated trials using a Python script. This script randomly chose 10 strains among all the DGRP strains screened by PCR in this work and in Merenciano et al. (2016) [10] and counted the number of different *roo* insertions obtained in every iteration. We found that four was the average number of different *roo* insertions that can be found in a screening of 10 randomly chosen DGRP strains. Then, by checking 10 different DGRP strains we expected to find an average of four different *roo* insertions in the case of the presence of an insertion cluster similar to the one found in the *CG18446* promoter region.

For each strain, genomic DNA was extracted from a pool of 10 female flies. Primers (forward and reverse) were design in the flanking region of the insertion amplifying a minimum of 500 bp when the TE is not present (Additional file 11). We also used a combination of primers (*roo*\_primer and reverse) that gave a PCR band only when a *roo* element is present (Additional file 11). PCR programs were set according to the length of each TE insertion. In addition, we also considered *de novo* insertions found with TIDAL software in a set of 177 DGRP strains [15]. We first selected all the 559 *roo* elements predicted to be inserted less than 1 kb from the nearest gene or in 5'UTR regions. Then, we grouped the insertions based on the promoter region where they are inserted. Finally, we analyzed by PCR the 27 promoter regions where three or more strains putatively have a *roo* insertion. As before, genomic DNA was extracted from a pool of 10 female flies of each strain. Five combinations of primer pairs were used in order to verify the position of the insertion: one primer pair in the flanking region of the insertion amplifying a minimum of 500 bp when the TE is not present (ClusterF and ClusterR), and other four combinations where one primer was located in the LTR region in both genomic orientations (ClusterF and *roo*L2, ClusterR and *roo*L, ClusterF and *roo*L, and ClusterR and *roo*L2) (Additional file 11). PCR products were purified and Sanger sequenced as mentioned before. For the four promoter regions for which we found two *roo* insertions, 8, 13, 17, and 23, we

performed additional PCRs following the same approach in ten DGRP strains (RAL-105, RAL-129, RAL-136, RAL-161, RAL-208, RAL-239, RAL-208, RAL-239, RAL-280, RAL-301, RAL-309, and RAL-379).

### Analysis of other clusters in the genome

We selected the 12,745 *roo de novo* insertions predicted by TIDAL software in 177 DGRP strains [15]. Since TIDAL software predicts a range of coordinates where the TEs may be inserted, we established as the insertion site the midpoint of the coordinates. For each chromosome arm (except the Y chromosome), we first considered as the same insertion those inserted within 5 bp windows. Thus, we got a total of 9243 *roo de novo* insertions. After that, we counted how many predicted *de novo roo* elements are in windows of 1 kb. We then chose for PCR validation five 1 kb regions with more than seven predicted *roo* insertions, and two additional 1 kb regions with four and six insertions predicted. Every region was validated in 7–10 different DGRP strains. For each strain, genomic DNA was extracted from a pool of 10 female flies. Five combinations of primers were designed following the same approach as before (Additional file 11). PCR products were purified and Sanger sequenced as mentioned before.

### Expected genotype frequency calculation

For all the populations analyzed in this work, the expected genotype frequencies of flies containing both *FBti0019985* and *roo-90* insertions were calculated multiplying the observed allelic frequency for *FBti0019985* and the observed allelic frequency for *roo-90* considering that they are in different haplotypes (Additional file 2E).

### Viability assays

We checked the egg-to-adult viability of outbred *FBti0019985* (+) crosses, outbred *roo-90* (+) crosses and their reciprocal crosses. In total, 100 five to seven day-old flies (50 males and 50 virgin females) for each cross were allowed to lay eggs for 24 h on apple juice-agar medium with fresh yeast at 25 °C. Embryos were collected following the protocol described in Schou et al. (2013) [42]. For each cross, we collected a total number of 150 embryos and put them in groups of 30 in empty vials with fresh food. We maintained the vials at 25 °C until adult emergence. The percentage of egg-to-adult viability was calculated as the ratio of the number of emerged flies to the total number of embryos placed in each vial. Statistical significance was calculated performing ANOVA using SPSS v.21 followed by Tukey post-hoc multiple comparison procedure.

### Fecundity assays

We checked the fecundity of outbred *FBti0019985* (+) crosses, outbred *roo-90* (+) crosses and their reciprocal crosses. For each cross, 10 virgin females were placed individually with one male in vials with fresh food. Flies were moved to new vials every day during 18 days without CO<sub>2</sub> anesthesia, and dead males were replaced. The number of eggs laid per day was counted every day during this period. The average of the total number of eggs laid per day during the 18 days (total fecundity), and the average of the total number of eggs laid per day during the first 48 h (early fecundity) was compared between crosses. We removed from the analysis those vials where the female died during the experiment. Statistical significance was calculated performing ANOVA using SPSS v.21.

### Additional files

**Additional file 1:** Populations used for the analysis. (XLSX 11 kb)

**Additional file 2:** **A.** PCR results for the 277 strains analyzed in this work and in Merenciano et al. (2016). Strains used in Merenciano et al. (2016) are highlighted in blue. **B.** *Tlex-2* predictions in Merenciano et al. (2016) compared to PCR results in this work. Correct predictions are highlighted in green. Strains with *roo* insertions not identified in Merenciano et al. (2016) are highlighted in orange. Strains for which no results were obtained either by *Tlex-2* or by PCR are highlighted in grey. **C.** Allelic frequencies of all the 20 *roo* insertions in all the populations analyzed. EU: Europe, NA: North America and ZI: Zambia. **D.** Allelic frequencies (%) of the 20 *roo* insertions in the 15 different populations analyzed. Elements only present in one population are highlighted in red. **E.** Expected genotype frequency of heterozygous flies with the two most common insertions, *FBti0019985* and *roo-90* in all the populations analyzed. a: *FBti0019985* allelic frequency, b: *roo-90* allelic frequency, and c: absent allelic frequency. (XLSX 47 kb)

**Additional file 3:** **A.** Consensus target site duplication (TSD) sequence identified in Merenciano et al. (2016) (left panel) and consensus TSD identified with the data of this paper and Merenciano et al. (2016) (right panel). **B.** TSD sequences of the 20 *roo* insertions. Frequency represents the number of strains that harbor the TSD out of the number of strains with a complete sequenced region. (DOCX 332 kb)

**Additional file 4:** Consensus sequence of the transcription factor binding sites and matrix attachment regions identified in all the *roo* sequences identified in the *CG18446* promoter region. (DOCX 330 kb)

**Additional file 5:** The formation of *roo* insertional clusters in gene promoter regions is not a *roo* family characteristic. Scheme of the gene promoter regions containing *roo* elements present in the reference genome (left) and present in 177 DGRP inbred strains (right). (DOCX 29 kb)

**Additional file 6:** **A.** Coordinates (R6), length, recombination rates and PCR results of the 26 promoter regions with a *roo* insertion in the reference genome. **B.** PCR results and *de novo* TE information of the 28 promoter regions where >= 3 strains putatively have a *roo* insertion based on TIDAL software predictions. **C.** Promoter regions where < 3 strains putatively have a *roo* insertion based on TIDAL software predictions. (XLSX 61 kb)

**Additional file 7:** Genome-wide distribution of *de novo roo* elements found in 177 DGRP strains. Number of predicted *de novo roo* elements found in 177 DGRP strains inserted in 1 kb windows in chromosomes 2, 3, 4, and X. (DOCX 102 kb)

**Additional file 8:** **A.** PCR results of the five 1 kb regions with more *roo* insertions predicted by TIDAL software. **B.** 1 kb regions with at least 1 *roo* insertion predicted by TIDAL software. Regions checked by PCR are highlighted in yellow. (XLSX 166 kb)

**Additional file 9:** Schematic representation of the round-robin cross-design for outbred *FBti0019985* (+), *FBti0019985* (-), *roo-90* (+), and *roo-90* (-) generation. (DOCX 123 kb)

**Additional file 10:** Phylogenetic tree of the 20 *roo* solo-LTR found in *CG18446* promoter region and 115 other *roo* insertions annotated in the reference genome. (TXT 6 kb)

**Additional file 11:** List of primers used for insertional cluster validation. (XLSX 12 kb)

### Abbreviations

DGRP: *Drosophila* Genetic Reference Panel; LTR: Long Terminal Repeat; TE: Transposable Element; TSD: Target Site Duplication

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### **3.5. A versatile transposable elements affects the expression of a transcription factor depending on the developmental stage and the environmental conditions in *Drosophila melanogaster***

#### **Resum**

Els transposons son seqüències d'ADN repetitives amb l'habilitat de moure's pel genoma augmentant, en alguns casos, el seu nombre de còpies. Els transposons han estat considerats fonts de regions reguladores capaços de regular l'expressió dels gens que tenen al seu voltant. Aquesta regulació podria dependre de les condicions ambientals, així com també del teixit i de l'estadi de desenvolupament. *FBti0019985* es un element *roo* solo-LTR de *Drosophila melanogaster* inserit en la regió promotora del factor de transcripció *CG18446*. Estudis previs han mostrat que *FBti0019985* pot actuar com a potenciador sota condicions d'estrès immune i també es va associar amb una sobreexpressió del gen *CG18446* en embrions. A més, mosques amb *FBti0019985* van ser associades amb un increment de la viabilitat en condicions normals i sota estrès per fred. En aquest treball, duem a terme assajos de potenciació *in vivo* i anàlisis d'expressió gènica per analitzar amb més profunditat els efectes de *FBti0019985* sobre el gen *CG18446* en diferents condicions d'estrès i en diferents estadis del desenvolupament. Hem trobat que *FBti0019985* afecta la expressió de *CG18446* depenent de les condicions ambientals i de l'estadi del desenvolupament. A part d'actuar com a potenciador sota condicions d'estrès immune, *FBti0019985* també mostra una activitat potenciadora en embrions sota condicions normals. En canvi, en estadis adults o sota estrès induït per fred o per la exposició a etanol, *FBti0019985* no actua com a potenciador provocant una reducció de la expressió de *CG18446*. Finalment, també hem observat un altre possible efecte fenotípic de *FBti0019985* associant la seva presència amb tolerància a infecció bacteriana. Els nostres resultats suggereixen que diferents estadis del desenvolupament i diferents condicions ambientals haurien de ser explorades per arribar a caracteritzar completament els efectes moleculars i fenotípics de qualsevol variant genètica.



# A versatile transposable element affects the expression of a transcription factor depending on the developmental stage and the environmental conditions in *Drosophila melanogaster*

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## Abstract

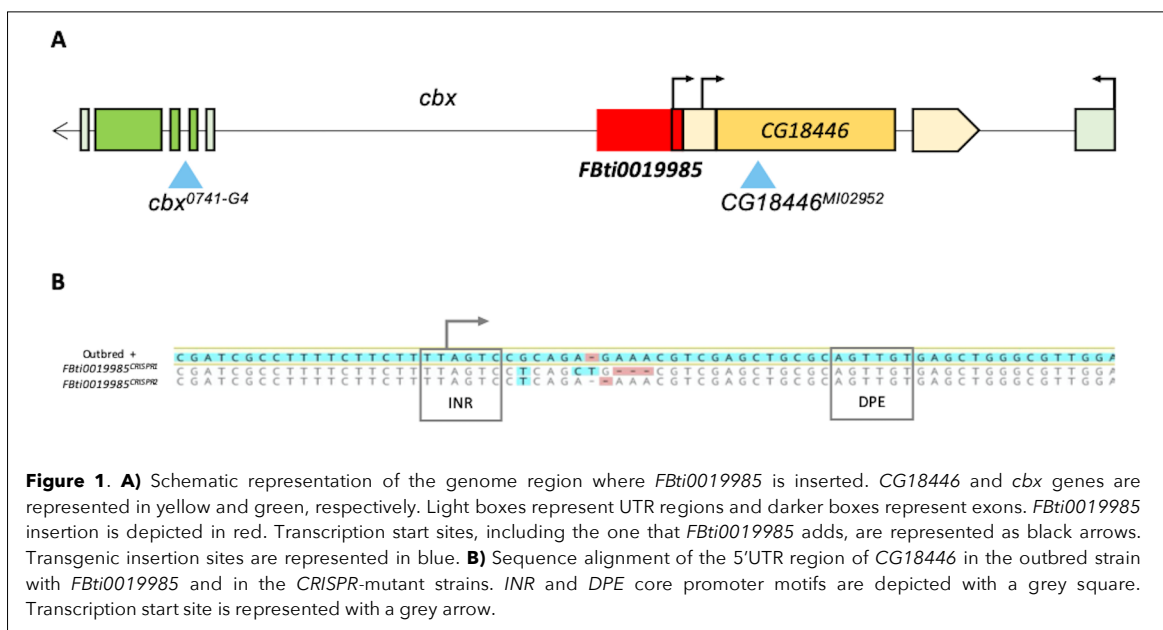
Transposable elements (TEs) are repetitive DNA sequences with the ability to move along the genome sometimes increasing their copy number. TEs have been considered a genome-wide source of regulatory elements capable of regulating the expression of nearby genes. This gene regulation might depend on the environmental context, as well as on the tissue and on the developmental stage. *FBti0019985* is a *Drosophila melanogaster* roo solo-LTR element inserted in the promoter region of the transcription factor *CG18446*. Previous studies found that *FBti0019985* acts as an enhancer under immune-stress conditions and it was also associated with *CG18446* up-regulation in embryos. Furthermore, flies with *FBti0019985* were associated with increased viability in nonstress and under cold-stress conditions. In this work, we performed *in vivo* enhancer assays and gene expression analysis to further explore the effects of *FBti0019985* on *CG18446* expression under different stress conditions and in different developmental stages. We found that *FBti0019985* affects the expression of its nearby gene *CG18446* depending on both environmental conditions and developmental stage. Besides acting as an enhancer under immune-stress conditions, *FBti0019985* also shows enhancer activity in embryos under nonstress conditions. However, in adult stages or under cold- and ethanol-stress conditions, *FBti0019985* does not have this enhancer activity causing *CG18446* down-regulation. Finally, we also found another possible phenotypic effect to *FBti0019985* associating its presence with tolerance to bacterial infection. Our results suggest that different developmental stages and environmental conditions should be tested in order to fully characterize the molecular and functional effects of a genetic variant.

## Introduction

Understanding the link between genotype and phenotype is a relevant and challenging question in Biology. Genotype-phenotype mapping aim at understand the effect of DNA variations from changes in gene expression to all aspects of morphology, physiology and behaviour (1). In the field of evolutionary biology, linking genetic variants to adaptive phenotypes allows us to better understand the process of adaptation. Adaptive processes are pervasive in nature and its understanding is especially important in the era of rapid environmental change (2). However, pleiotropy, epistasis, and environmental interactions can challenge the study of genotype-phenotype associations (1-5). Pleiotropy is the phenomenon by which one single gene affects multiple traits (6, 7). Pleiotropic events have been reported in different organisms such as the threespine sticklebacks, where mutations in the *Eda* gene account for different phenotypes like the development of the lateral plates and schooling behaviour, among others (8, 9). Thus, to fully characterize the functional effects of a genetic variant, the analysis of different possible phenotypes is needed. The interaction between different loci, or epistasis, can also lead to misinterpretations in genotype-phenotype associations (10-12). In bar-headed geese

and Tibetan mastiffs, different amino acid substitutions in the haemoglobin gene cause different O<sub>2</sub> binding affinities depending on the genetic background, likely resulting in different adaptive consequences under hypoxic conditions (13, 14). So, different genetic backgrounds should be considered when linking candidate adaptive variants to their phenotypic outcomes. Moreover, some adaptive traits have been found to be modulated by the environment. For instance, in *C. elegans*, a mutation in the *npr-1* gene affects nematode aggregation behaviour only at certain oxygen levels (15). Thus, different environmental conditions should be tested in order to find the appropriate one in which a candidate adaptive mutation acts.

To date, most studies that aim at characterizing adaptive mutations have been focused on SNP variants, that are easier to detect by the common-used short-read sequencing techniques. However, other types of mutations like copy number variants (CNVs) have been a source of adaptive variation in different species (16-18). Transposable elements (TEs) are DNA sequences with the ability to move along the genome. They are powerful mutagens that can modulate both gene structure and expression through myriad ways (19, 20). As such, TEs with adaptive effects have been found in different organisms (21-26). Specifically, in *Drosophila melanogaster*, TEs



have been associated with resistance to insecticides, xenobiotics, oxidative stress, shorter developmental time, cold-stress, and tolerance to *P. entomophila* infection (27-34).

One of the identified candidate-adaptive TEs in *D. melanogaster* is *FBti0019985*, a *roo* solo-LTR element inserted in the promoter region of *CG18446*, which is located in the first intron of *cbx* gene. *FBti0019985* is one of the elements found in the unique *roo* insertional cluster located in the promoter region of *CG18446* (33, 35). Previous studies showed that *FBti0019985* provides an alternative transcript to the *CG18446* gene (33, 36). *FBti0019985* is also associated with *CG18446* up-regulation in embryos (33). Moreover, flies with this insertion have increased egg-to-adult viability in different genetic backgrounds under nonstress and cold-stress conditions (33).

*CG18446* is a C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>-type zinc finger transcription factor involved in chill-coma and immunity (37, 38). *CG18446* was up-regulated in flies artificially selected for increased resistance to chill-coma stress (37). Furthermore, *CG18446* has been recently associated with reduced development and number of immune cells in larvae due to systemic metabolic changes (38). The other gene in which *FBti0019985* is inserted, *cbx*, is a ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme that has also been associated with immune stress (34, 39). *cbx* mutant flies were found to be more sensitive to infection with the gram-positive bacteria *S. aureus*, an important pathogen in humans (39, 40). Moreover, a different *cbx* mutant was associated with increased tolerance to the gram-negative bacteria *P. entomophila* (34), a natural pathogen of *D. melanogaster* (41, 42).

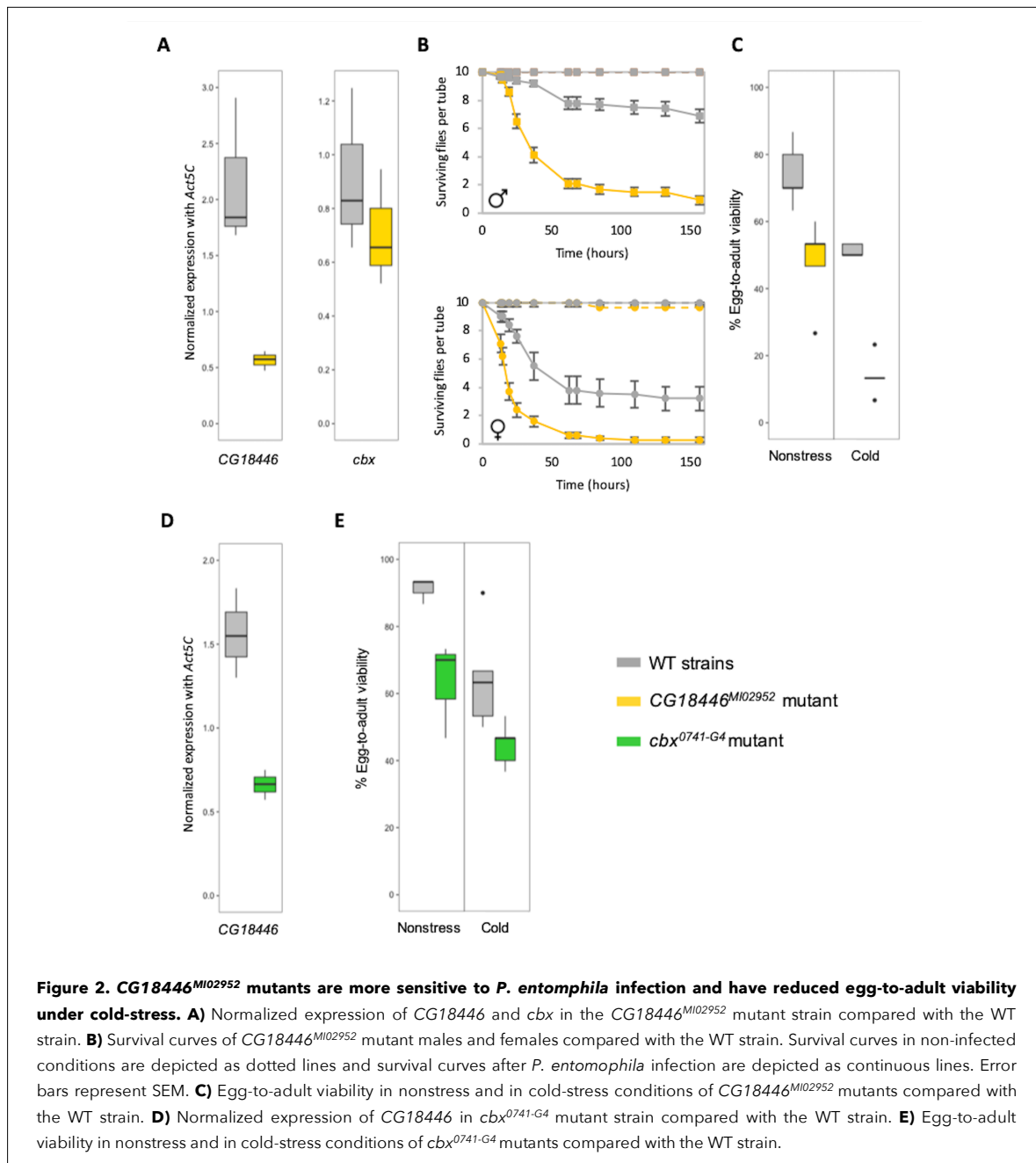
Since *FBti0019985* nearby genes are involved in different stress responses, it is possible that *FBti0019985* is involved in different phenotypes, besides the already described cold-stress resistance. Furthermore, whether *FBti0019985* affects *CG18446* and *cbx* expression under stress conditions is still unknown.

In this work, we studied the molecular and phenotypic effects of *FBti0019985* under different stress conditions that are relevant for *D. melanogaster* in nature: immune-, cold-, and ethanol-stress. To do that, we performed expression analysis and *in vivo* reporter assays to investigate the role of *FBti0019985* in its nearby genes' expression. Furthermore, to check whether *FBti0019985* has an associated phenotypic effect in different stress responses, we also performed phenotypic experiments using laboratory outbred populations and *CRISPR/Cas9*-mutant strains.

## Results

### *CG18446*<sup>MI02952</sup> mutant flies are more sensitive to immune- and cold-stress conditions

As mentioned above, *FBti0019985* is inserted in the promoter region of *CG18446*, which is nested in the first intron of *cbx* (Fig. 1). It has been shown that *CG18446* expression changes were associated with immunity and chill-coma (37, 38). Moreover, two *cbx* mutant strains were associated with different survival rates when exposed to different pathogens (34, 39). To further test whether changes in expression of *CG18446* and *cbx* genes are associated with changes in immune- and cold-stress responses, we exposed mutant flies with reduced/null expression levels of these genes to these stresses (Table S1 and S2). We first confirmed that *CG18446*<sup>MI02952</sup> mutant down-regulates the expression of *CG18446* (Fig. 2A, Table S2). Because *CG18446* is nested in *cbx*, we also discarded that *CG18446*<sup>MI02952</sup> affected the expression of *cbx* (Fig. 2A, Table S2). We found that *CG18446*<sup>MI02952</sup> mutant flies were more sensitive to *P. entomophila* infection (Fig. 2B



and Table S3). *CG18446*<sup>MI02952</sup> mutant flies also showed reduced egg-to-adult viability in nonstress and in cold-stress conditions (Fig. 2C, Table S4). Thus, our results confirm that changes in *CG18446* expression are associated with changes in immune- and cold-stress responses (Fig. 2A-C) (37, 38).

Previous expression analysis of the *cbx*<sup>0741-G4</sup> mutant confirmed that it is a null mutant of its target gene (34). However, we found that *cbx*<sup>0741-G4</sup> also down-regulates the expression of *CG18446* (Fig. 2D, Table S2). *cbx*<sup>0741-G4</sup> mutant flies were previously described to be more tolerant to *P. entomophila* infection (34). We showed that *cbx*<sup>0741-G4</sup> mutants also have reduced egg-to-adult viability in nonstress and in cold-stress conditions (Fig. 2E and Table S4).

Overall, we found that *CG18446*<sup>MI02952</sup> mutants, in which only *CG18446* is down-regulated, were more sensitive to *P. entomophila* infection. On the other hand, *cbx*<sup>0741-G4</sup> mutants, in which *cbx* and *CG18446* expression were knockout and down-regulated, respectively, were more tolerant to *P. entomophila* infection (34). These results suggested that *cbx* might also be involved in immune response as previously suggested (34, 39). On the other hand, we found that *CG18446*<sup>MI02952</sup> and *cbx*<sup>0741-G4</sup> mutants were more sensitive to cold-stress conditions, suggesting that either *cbx* does not affect this stress responses or, if it does, it has the same effect as *CG18446*.

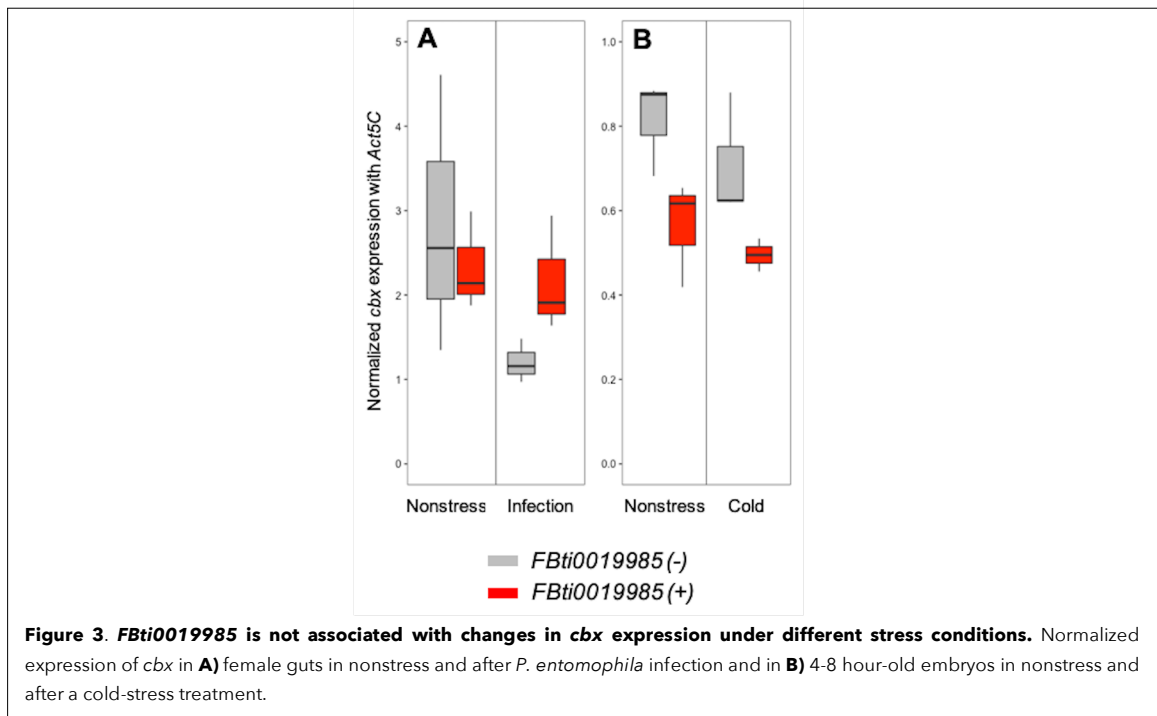
Our results add to the previous evidence suggesting that changes in expression in *CG18446* and *cbx* affect immune-

stress responses, while *CG18446* also affects cold-stress responses (34, 37-39).

### ***FBti0019985* is not associated with changes in *cbx* expression in nonstress, immune- or cold-stress conditions**

We have previously shown that *FBti0019985* up-regulates *CG18446* embryonic expression in nonstress conditions (33). As mentioned above, an artificial TE insertion located in the third intron of *cbx*, affects both *cbx* and *CG18446* expression (Fig. 1). Thus, we tested whether *FBti0019985*, that is inserted in the first intron of *cbx*, is also associated with expression changes of

this gene. We measured *cbx* expression in outbred populations that differ in the presence/absence of *FBti0019985* in two experimental conditions: immune- and cold-stress (35). We found that the expression level of *cbx* is not significantly affected by the insertion genotype (presence/absence of *FBti0019985*), the experimental condition (nonstress vs stress) or the interaction between the genotype and the experimental condition (ANOVA p-value > 0.05 for all comparisons) (Fig. 3, Table 1, and Table S5). We thus focused on the effect of *FBti0019985* on *CG18446* for the rest of this work.



**Figure 3. *FBti0019985* is not associated with changes in *cbx* expression under different stress conditions.** Normalized expression of *cbx* in **A**) female guts in nonstress and after *P. entomophila* infection and in **B**) 4-8 hour-old embryos in nonstress and after a cold-stress treatment.

### ***FBti0019985* is associated with *CG18446* down-regulation in nonstress conditions and with *CG18446* up-regulation under immune-stress**

We next investigated whether outbred flies with *FBti0019985* were associated with *CG18446* expression changes in nonstress and after a *P. entomophila* oral infection. We found that in nonstress conditions, *FBti0019985* was associated with *CG18446* down-regulation in female guts (Fig. 4A, Table 1, and Table S6). However, under immune stress conditions, *FBti0019985* was associated with *CG18446* up-regulation (Fig. 4A, Table 1, and Table S6). These results are consistent with *FBti0019985* acting as an enhancer in immune stress conditions but not in nonstress as previously reported by Ullastres et al. (2019) (34).

To further study the role of *FBti0019985* in immune-stress response, we used the CRISPR/Cas9 genome engineering tool to delete *FBti0019985* in the outbred natural population. We generated two different CRISPR-mutant fly strains with a precise deletion of *FBti0019985* (see Material and Methods). However, these fly strains also have small indels in the 5'UTR of

*CG18446* (Fig. 1B). Nevertheless, the core promoter elements *Initiator* (INR) and *Downstream Promoter Element* (DPE) were conserved in the CRISPR-mutant strains, suggesting that *CG18446* expression might not be affected by these small indels (Fig. 1B). Besides the two CRISPR mutants, we also measured *CG18446* expression in the outbred populations, which are the baseline of the experiment. As expected based on our previous experiment (Fig. 4A), we found that female guts with *FBti0019985* had decreased *CG18446* expression in nonstress conditions while this expression was increased under immune-stress conditions (Fig. 4B, Table 1, and Table S6). Thus, if *FBti0019985* is the cause of these expression changes we would expect the CRISPR mutants to show *CG18446* up-regulation in nonstress conditions and down-regulation in stress conditions. Indeed, this is what we found when analyzing *FBti0019985*<sup>CRISPR1</sup> mutant (Fig. 4B, Table 1, and Table S6). On the other hand, the *FBti0019985*<sup>CRISPR2</sup> mutant, showed down-regulation of *CG18446* in nonstress conditions and no differences in immune-stress conditions compared with the outbred strain with *FBti0019985* (Fig. 4B, Table 1, and Table



S6). Thus, in females only *FBti0019985<sup>CRISPR1</sup>* mutant gave the expected results if *FBti0019985* is responsible for the changes in expression of *CG18446* in nonstress and in stress conditions (Fig. 4B).

Contrary to what we found in females, the level of expression of *CG18446* in guts from outbred males without *FBti0019985* was very low in nonstress conditions (Fig. 4C, Table 1, and Table S6). Moreover, similar to the results in females, guts from male flies with *FBti0019985* had increased *CG18446* expression levels after the infection (Fig. 4C, Table 1, and Table S6). These results suggest that *FBti0019985* also acts as an enhancer in males under immune-stress conditions. The two CRISPR mutants showed *CG18446* expression changes consistent with the deletion of *FBti0019985* in males: *CG18446* is down-

regulated in nonstress and in immune stress conditions (Fig. 4C, Table 1, and Table S6).

Overall, under nonstress conditions, *FBti0019985* was associated with *CG18446* down-regulation only in female guts. Our results indicated that there are differences in *CG18446* expression between female and males without *FBti0019985* under nonstress conditions. However, we found that *FBti0019985* was associated with *CG18446* up-regulation under immune-stress conditions in both female and in male guts. While both CRISPR mutants showed *CG18446* expression changes consistent with *FBti0019985* being the causative mutation in males, only *FBti0019985<sup>CRISPR1</sup>* showed consistent changes in *CG18446* expression in females (Fig. 4, Table 1).

**Table 1.** Two-way ANOVA results of the *cbx* and *CG18446* expression analysis. Statistically significant results are highlighted in bold.

Gene	Stress	Strain	Tissue / stage	Sex	Insertion genotype effect	Experimental condition effect	Interaction effect
<b>cbx</b>	Immunity	Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + vs. outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> -	Gut	Females	0.162	0.090	0.215
	Cold	Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + vs. outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> -	Embryo	-	0.136	0.873	0.350
<b>CG18446</b>	Immunity	Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + vs. outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - (Rep. 1)	Gut	Females	0.505	0.380	<b>0.006</b>
		Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + vs. outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - (Rep. 2)	Gut	Females	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
		<i>FBti0019985<sup>CRISPR1</sup></i> vs. outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> +	Gut	Females	0.151	<b>0.019</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
		<i>FBti0019985<sup>CRISPR2</sup></i> vs. outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> +	Gut	Females	0.941	<b>0.002</b>	0.322
		Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + vs. outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> -	Gut	Males	<b>0.004</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.005</b>
		<i>FBti0019985<sup>CRISPR1</sup></i> vs. outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> +	Gut	Males	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>0.003</b>
		<i>FBti0019985<sup>CRISPR2</sup></i> vs. outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> +	Gut	Males	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>0.003</b>
	Cold	Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + vs. outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> -	Embryo	-	0.207	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.011</b>
	Ethanol	Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + vs. outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> -	Adult	Females	<b>0.002</b>	0.456	0.945

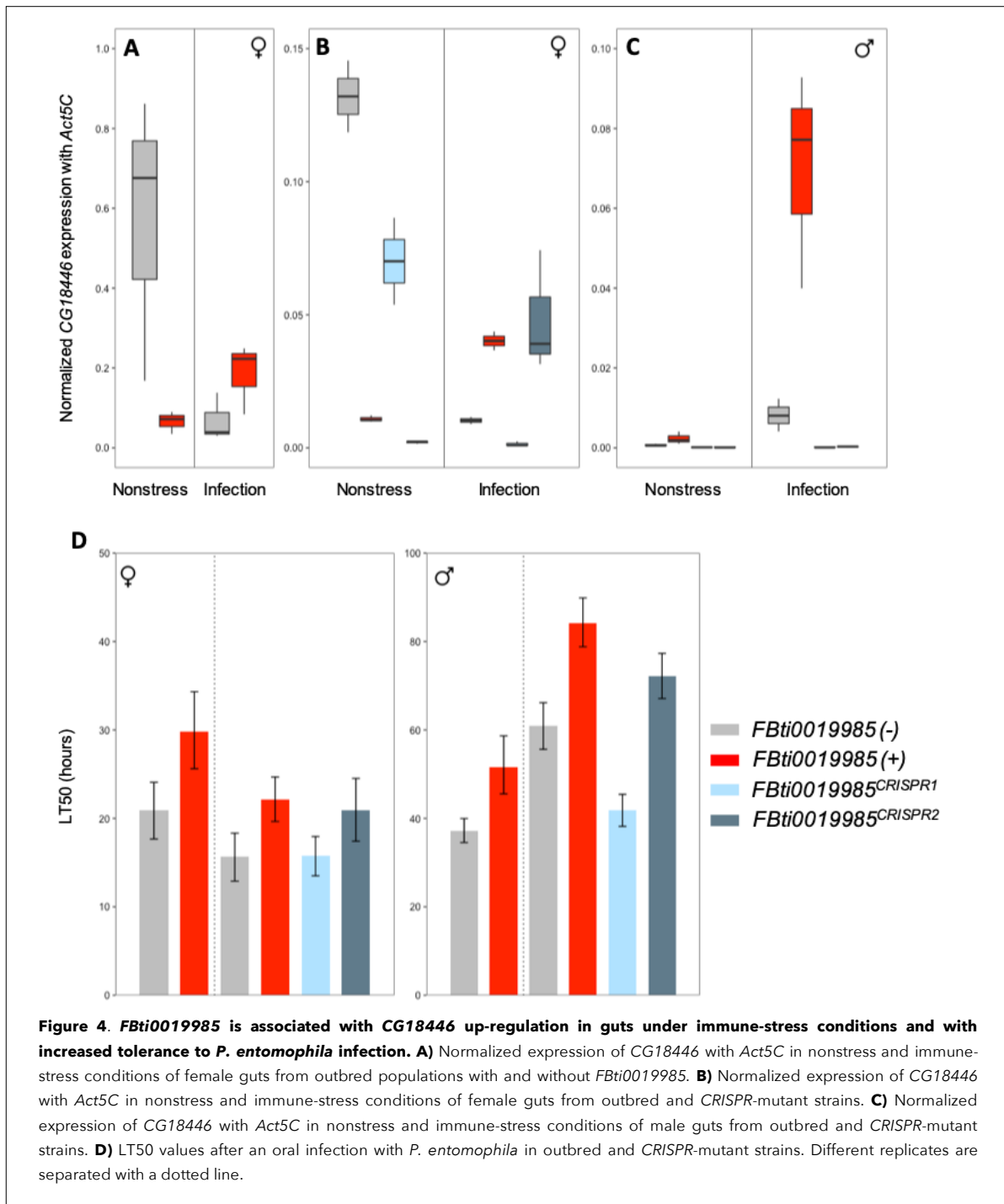
#### ***FBti0019985* is associated with tolerance to *P. entomophila* infection**

To test whether the up-regulation of *CG18446* in outbred flies with *FBti0019985* under immune-stress conditions affects fly survival, we performed infection tolerance assays with *P. entomophila*. In outbred populations, we found that both female and males flies with *FBti0019985* were more tolerant to infection than flies without the insertion (Fig. 4D and Table S7). Thus, up-regulation of *CG18446* is associated with infection tolerance in outbred populations.

We then repeated the experiment using the outbred populations as the baseline, and the two CRISPR-mutant strains. As expected, we observed that outbred flies with *FBti0019985* were more tolerant to infection compared with

flies without the insertion (Fig. 4D and Table S7). *FBti0019985<sup>CRISPR1</sup>* strain was more sensitive to infection compared to flies with *FBti0019985* in both females and males, as expected because *CG18446* is not up-regulated in this strain (Fig. 4B and 4D and Table S7). Finally, *FBti0019985<sup>CRISPR2</sup>* females showed no differences, while males were more sensitive to infection compared to flies with *FBti0019985* (Fig. 4D and Table S7). These results are consistent with the *CG18446* expression results found in the *FBti0019985<sup>CRISPR2</sup>* mutant (Fig. 4B-D).

Overall, our results with outbred and CRISPR-mutant strains suggested that *CG18446* up-regulation is associated with tolerance to *P. entomophila* infection in both sexes. Moreover, since *FBti0019985* is driving the expression of *CG18446* under



immune-stress conditions, we suggest that *FBti0019985* is associated with tolerance to *P. entomophila* infection.

***FBti0019985* acts as an enhancer in embryos under nonstress conditions while it is associated with *CG18446* down-regulation in cold-stress**

We have previously reported that *FBti0019985* is associated with up-regulation of *CG18446* in embryos in nonstress conditions (33). In this work, we confirmed these results by comparing outbred populations with and without *FBti0019985* (Fig. 5A, Table 1, and Table S6). Furthermore, we found that

*CG18446* is down-regulated under cold-stress (Fig. 5A, Table 1, and Table S6).

We finally tested whether *FBti0019985* can act as an enhancer in embryos in nonstress conditions using the *lacZ* enhancer reporter gene assay. We found that transgenic embryos containing the *FBti0019985* sequence showed significant increased *lacZ* expression in nonstress conditions while no differences in expression were found under cold-stress compared with the empty vector (*p*-value = 0.013 and 0.155, respectively; Fig. 5B and Table S8).

Altogether, these results suggest that *FBti0019985* is acting as an enhancer promoting the expression of *CG18446* in embryos under nonstress conditions. However, under cold-stress, *FBti0019985* does not act as an enhancer causing a *CG18446* down-regulation (Fig. 5A and 5B).

#### ***FBti0019985* is not associated with increased egg-to-adult viability under cold-stress in outbred populations**

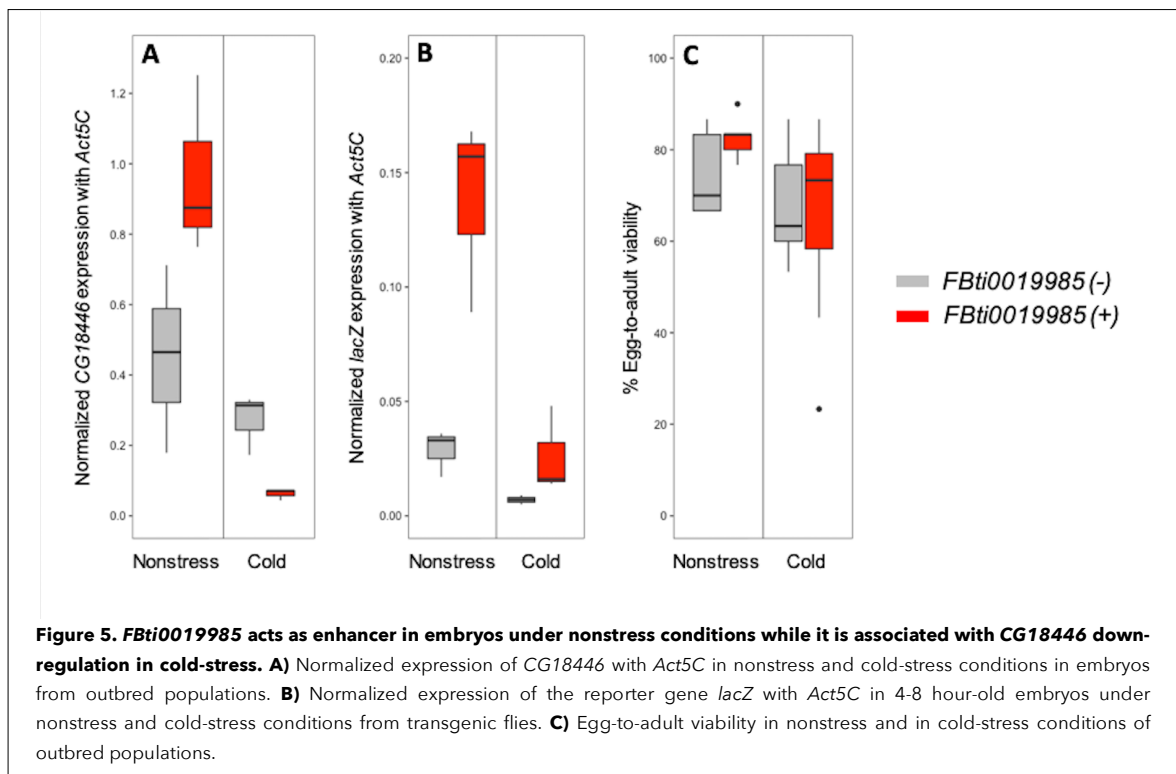
*FBti0019985* was previously associated with increased egg-to-adult viability in nonstress and in cold-stress conditions in three different genetic backgrounds (33). We then subjected the outbred strains with and without the element to the same cold-stress conditions and measured egg-to-adult viability. ANOVA analyses showed that the effect of the experimental condition (nonstress or cold-stress) was significant ( $p = 0.046$ ) while the insertion genotype (presence/absence of *FBti0019985*) and the interaction between these two factors were not significant ( $p = 0.572$  and  $p = 0.411$ , respectively) (Fig. 5C and Table S9). Although we observed that outbred flies with *FBti0019985* had high viability levels under nonstress and cold-stress conditions (82.7% and 66.0%, respectively), the outbred population without the insertion also showed high viability levels in both conditions (74.7% in nonstress and 62.2% in cold-stress). Indeed, viability levels in nonstress of flies without *FBti0019985* were even higher than the ones expected for flies without the element considering previous egg-to-adult viability results in three different natural populations ( $49.2\% \pm 22.2$ ) (33). Thus, we could not find differences in egg-to-adult viability between outbred populations with and without *FBti0019985* probably

due to the high viability of the outbred population without the element.

#### ***FBti0019985* is not acting as an enhancer in adult flies and under ethanol-stress conditions**

As mentioned above, *FBti0019985* is acting as an enhancer in embryo stages under nonstress conditions and in guts under immune-stress (34) (Fig. 5B). However, we did not find this enhancer activity when we exposed embryos to cold-stress (Fig. 5B). We then performed *in vivo* assays to test whether *FBti0019985* acts as an enhancer in adult stages and under a different stress condition present in the fly natural environment: ethanol-stress. Flies feed and breed on rotten fruit that contain small concentrations of ethanol (43, 44). We found no *lacZ* expression in adult transgenic flies under nonstress conditions or after the ethanol exposure (Fig. 6A and Table S8), suggesting that *FBti0019985* is not acting as an enhancer neither in adult stages nor under ethanol-stress (Fig. 6A). To confirm that *FBti0019985* is not driving the expression of *CG18446*, we also measured the expression of *CG18446* in the outbred populations under these specific contexts. As expected, we found that *FBti0019985* was associated with *CG18446* down-regulation in adults in both nonstress and ethanol-stress conditions (Fig. 6B, Table S6).

In all, these results suggest that *FBti0019985* is not acting as enhancer in adults under nonstress and ethanol-stress conditions. These findings correlate with the *CG18446* down-regulation found in outbred populations with *FBti0019985* under these conditions (Fig. 6).

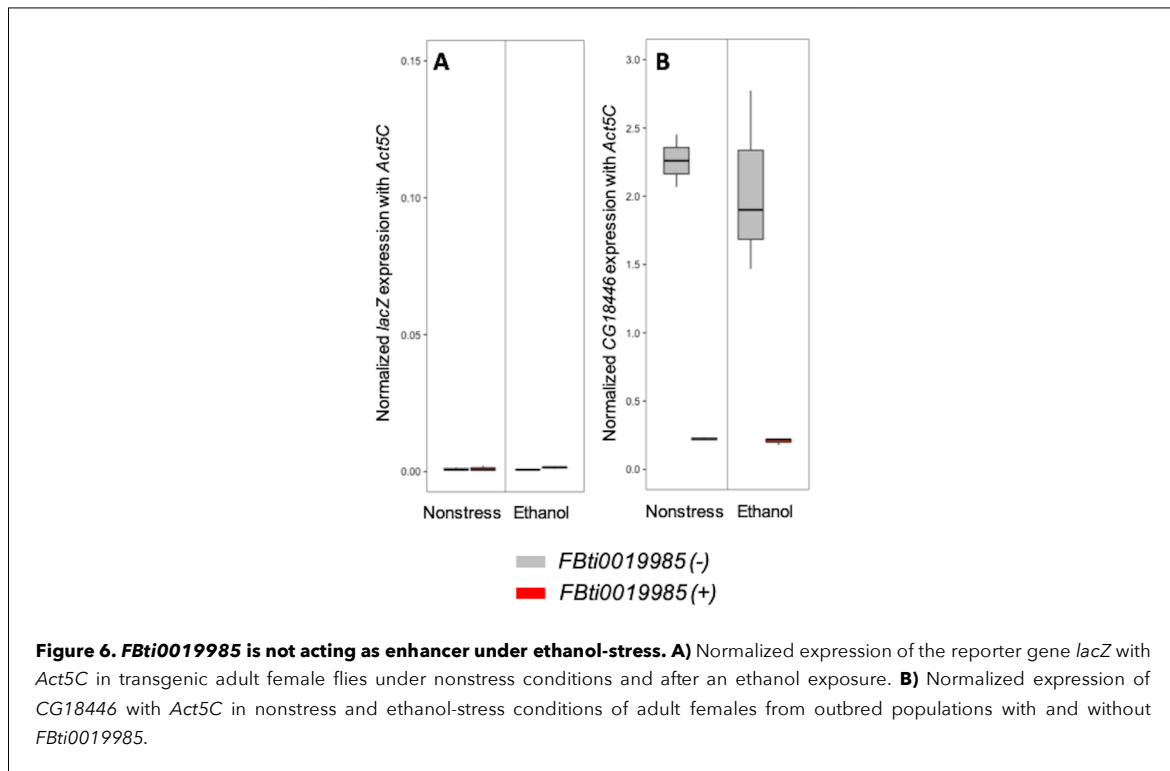


### ***CG18446* expression changes are not due to *FBti0019985* transcript start site**

*FBti0019985* provides an alternative transcription start site (TSS) to *CG18446* in embryos under nonstress conditions (33). This alternative transcript includes 50 bp of the *FBti0019985* sequence and it is 75 bp longer compared with the transcript that does not start in the TE. We thus tested whether changes in *CG18446* expression in flies with *FBti0019985* could be due to the presence of this alternative transcript. We found that the alternative transcript was present in the gut under both nonstress and under immune-stress conditions (Table S6). However, most of the *CG18446* expression in both conditions was due to the shorter transcript (99.41% and 96.12%,

respectively) (Table S6). We also found that the *CG18446* alternative transcript starting in *FBti0019985* was present in embryos under cold-stress. Nevertheless, our results suggest that the up-regulation of *CG18446* in embryos under nonstress is not due to the presence of the alternative transcript since the majority of the expression came from the short transcript (86.36%) (Table S6). Similar results were obtained in cold-stress conditions where 89.79% of the expression corresponds to the short transcript.

Overall, the observed *CG18446* expression changes are not caused by a preference towards the alternative TSS located in *FBti0019985* (Table S6).



### **Discussion**

In this work, we found that the effect of *FBti0019985* insertion on *CG18446* expression depends on the environmental conditions and the developmental stage. TEs have been repeatedly described to contain cis-regulatory elements capable of regulating the expression of nearby genes depending on the environmental context (20, 45, 46). Moreover, TEs can also act as enhancers in specific tissues or developmental stages (47-50). For instance, several retroelements were found to be spatially and temporally regulated during *D. melanogaster* embryogenesis, probably due to the interaction of transcription factors with cis-regulatory elements within them (51). Also, in the same species, the *hobo*-related sequence *hoboVA* has cis-regulatory elements of developmental genes, such as *hunchback* and *even-skipped*,

that are mainly expressed during early embryonic stages (52, 53). However, to the best of our knowledge, a single transposable element insertion has not been shown to affect the expression of its nearby gene depending on both environmental conditions and the developmental stage. The versatile effects of *FBti0019985* could be due to an alteration of the spacing between the cis-regulatory elements present in the *CG18446* gene promoter region and by the presence of TFBSs in its sequence. On the one hand, in adults or after a cold and ethanol exposure, *FBti0019985* was associated with *CG18446* down-regulation, and we showed that it was not acting as an enhancer. Since *FBti0019985* is inserted in the 5'UTR region of *CG18446*, it could be possible that the insertion affects the spacing of existing cis-regulatory elements of the promoter, thus leading to a decrease *CG18446* expression. Indeed, this

mechanism was already described for different naturally occurring TEs inserted in close proximity to the *D. melanogaster hsp70* gene (54). The replacement of these TEs by intergenic sequences confirmed that the presence of the different TEs disrupted the *hsp70* promoter architecture by spacing cis-regulatory elements needed for *hsp70* transcription (55). On the other hand, in immune-stress conditions and in embryos under nonstress, *FBti0019985* was associated with *CG18446* up-regulation and it was shown to act as an enhancer (33, 34). Indeed, TFBSs related with both immune responses and development were predicted in the *FBti0019985* sequence (33, 46). Yet, functional validation of these predicted TFBSs will be necessary to specifically link *FBti0019985* with the context-specific *CG18446* up-regulation.

We also found that the *CG18446* up-regulation driven by *FBti0019985* in guts under immune-stress was associated with tolerance to *P. entomophila* infection. Thus, besides the already described increased viability in nonstress and in cold-stress (33), our data suggested that *FBti0019985* is also involved in tolerance to bacterial infection. *CG18446* is a transcription factor that has been associated with different processes. Recently, *CG18446* has been found to simultaneously regulate metabolic and immune processes, and it was renamed *Linking Immunity and Metabolism (Lime)* (38). Authors showed that *CG18446* mutants have low levels of glycogen and trehalose, the two main energy-storing molecules in the fly (38). During infection, *CG18446* mutants fail to increase glucose levels probably because they already had low levels of glycogen and trehalose (38). This glucose deprivation affects in turn, immune cell proliferation and activation (38). Indeed, *CG18446* mutants develop fewer immune cells in the lymph gland and in circulation (38). Moreover, changes in the metabolism of sugars could also be related with the observed increased in egg-to-adult viability after cold-stress in flies with *FBti0019985* (33). Cold-stress induces changes in the fly metabolite profile. Specifically, high levels of trehalose were found after cold-shock and rapid cold hardening treatments in adults as well as during long-term cold acclimation in larvae (56, 57). Further experiments will be needed to link the effect of *FBti0019985* on *CG18446* expression with changes in sugar metabolism and its subsequent effects on cold and immune tolerance. Finally, the high expression levels of *CG18446* in embryonic stages suggested that it may have an important role during development (58). In fact, *CG18446* interacts with several transcription factors involved in developmental processes such as *foxo* (59). *CG18446* has also been reported as a direct target of *Notch* activation, a receptor that controls different developmental processes and contributes to the maintenance of adult tissues (60, 61).

Overall, this paper identified *FBti0019985* as a TE that modulates the expression of *CG18446* depending on different developmental stages and environmental conditions. Besides conferring increased egg-to-adult viability in nonstress and cold-stress conditions, we have associated *FBti0019985* with tolerance to immune-stress. These results reflect the

importance of considering the effect of a candidate adaptive insertion under different contexts to fully characterize its adaptive effects.

## Material and methods

### Fly stocks

Fly stocks were reared on fly food medium in a 12:12 hr light/dark cycle at 25°C.

### Laboratory mutant and RNAi knock-down strains

We used three laboratory mutant strains and one RNAi knock-down strain that were likely to affect *CG18446* and / or *cbx* genes. We used *CG18446*<sup>M102952</sup> mutants (Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center (BDSC) stock number #36170) that contains a MiMIC insertion in the first exon of *CG18446* gene and a RNAi knock-down strain for the same gene (stock number #33735) (Table S1). We also used *cbx*<sup>0741-G4</sup> mutants (stock number #63767) and *cbx*<sup>00428</sup> mutants (stock number #10067) with a *PiggyBac* insertion in the first and third intron of *cbx*, respectively. Insertional mutant strains were compared to WT strains with similar genetic backgrounds in all the molecular and phenotypic assays (Table S1). The RNAi knock-down strain was crossed with a strain containing *GAL4* in heterozygosis under the control of an *Actin* promoter. Offspring containing *GAL4* were compared to the parental line with the *Actin* promoter in all the molecular and phenotypic assays (Table S1).

*CG18446* and *cbx* expression levels were measured in all the strains mentioned above and only those strains performing changes in expression were used for phenotypic assays (*CG18446*<sup>M102952</sup> and *cbx*<sup>0741-G4</sup>).

### Outbred strains

We used the laboratory outbred populations with and without *FBti0019985* generated in Merenciano et al. (2019) (35). Briefly, they were generated by a round-robin cross-design of inbred lines from the Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP) and isofemale lines from different European populations (35). Outbred populations were maintained by random mating with a large population size for over five generation before starting the experiments.

### CRISPR/Cas9 mutant strains

Guide RNAs (gRNAs) were designed in the *FBti0019985* flanking region and cloned into pCFD5 (62) plasmid following the pCFD5 cloning protocol ([www.crisprflydesign.com](http://www.crisprflydesign.com)) using the primers 5'-gcgccccgggttcgattcccggccgatgcaagctagactatttgagatagtttaga gctagaaatagcaag-3' and 5'-attttaacttgctattctagctctaaaccaga gaaacgtcgagctgctgcaccagccgggaatcgaacc-3'. A donor DNA containing two homology arms flanking the DsRed sequence for homology repair were cloned into the pHD-ScarlessDsRed plasmid. Homology arm 1 contained the sequence in 2R:9870299-9871095 (Release 6) from the outbred population with *FBti0019985*. Homology arm 2 contained the sequence in 2R:9871529-9872365 (Release 6) from the outbred population with *FBti0019985*. The pCFD5 plasmid containing the gRNAs, the donor pHD-ScarlessDsRed plasmid containing the homology arms, and a plasmid containing Cas9 endonuclease were co-

injected as a unique mix into approximately 550 embryos from the outbred population with *FBti0019985*. All the injections were performed using the following mix concentrations: pCFD5 plasmid at 100ng/ul, donor plasmid at 500ng/ul, and Cas9 plasmid at 250ng/ul. Offspring was screened for eye fluorescence. Flies with the desired mutation were backcrossed with the parental line for a minimum of five generations. Then, two homozygous strains containing the deletion of *FBti0019985* were established. The deletion was checked by PCR with two primer pairs: 5'-aacaatgcaagtcctgctc-3', 5'-gtggttctccacccttggtg-3' and 5'-ggccgcgacttagatcataatc-3' and 5'-gtggttctccacccttggtg-3'. PCR bands were confirmed by Sanger sequencing.

#### **Transgenic strains**

We used transgenic flies for *lacZ* enhancer reporter assays we used transgenic with the *FBti0019985* sequence cloned in front of the reporter gene generated in Ullastres et al. (2019) (34) and we compared them with transgenic strains with the *placZ.attB* empty vector to control for possible *lacZ* expression driven by the vector sequence itself.

#### **Expression analysis**

##### **Sample collection**

***P. entomophila* infection:** 5-7 day-old flies from every strain were separated by sex and placed in six vials with fresh food in groups of 25-35. We allowed flies to recover from CO<sub>2</sub> anesthesia for 24 h at 25C. To expose the flies to the gram-negative bacteria *P. entomophila* infection, we followed the protocol described in Neyen et al. (2014) (63). Briefly, after two hours of starvation, we transfer 75-105 flies in groups of 25-35 into three vials with fresh food and a filter paper soaked with 120ul of a solution containing 1.25% sucrose and bacterial preparation adjusted to a final OD<sub>600</sub> = 50 for females and OD<sub>600</sub> = 150 for males. Flies were kept at 29C, the optimal temperature condition for *P. entomophila* infection. Simultaneously, a total of 75-105 flies were also transferred in groups of 25-35 into three vials with fresh food and a filter paper soaked with 120ul of a solution containing sterile LB with 1.25% sucrose as a control. Guts were dissected after 12 and 19.5 hours, for females and males, respectively. Samples were then flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80C until sample processing.

**Cold stress treatment:** 5-7 day-old flies were allowed to lay eggs at 25C in a fly cage with egg-laying medium (2% agar with apple juice and a piece of fresh yeast) for four hours. After these four hours, adults were removed and the plate containing embryos was kept at 1C for four additional hours. Simultaneously, another plate with embryos was kept at 25C for four additional hours as a control. 4-8 hour-old embryos were then collected from both plates using the method described in Schou et al. (2013) (64) adding an additional step of dechoriation during 10 minutes with 50% bleach. Finally, samples were flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80C until sample processing.

#### **RNA extraction and cDNA synthesis**

RNA was extracted using the GeneElute™ Mammalian Total RNA Miniprep Kit following manufacturer's instructions (Sigma). RNA was then treated with DNase I (Thermo). cDNA was synthesized from a total of 250-1,000 ng of RNA using the NZY First-Strand cDNA synthesis kit (NZYTech).

#### **qRT-PCR analysis**

*CG18446* expression was measured using the forward primer 5'-gagcagttggaatcggttttac -3' and the reverse primer 5'-gtatgaatcgagtcagccata-3' spanning 99 bp cDNA in the exon 1/exon 2 junction. *cbx* expression was measured with the forward primer 5'-gggaaaacgatctggagca -3' and the reverse primer 5'-gtcggagaagtgagtgga -3' spanning 233 bp cDNA in the exon 2/exon 3 junction. *lacZ* reporter gene expression was measured using the forward primer 5'-cctgctgatgaagcagaacaact-3' and the reverse primer 5'-gctacggcctgtatgtggtg-3'. Gene expression was normalized with Act5C (5'-gccccttactcttcacca-3' and 5'-atgtcacggacgatttcagc-3' primers). We performed the qRT-PCR analysis with SYBR Green (BioRad) or with the qPCRBIO SyGreen Mix Lo-Rox (PCRBiosystems) on iQ5 and CFX384 Thermal cyclers, respectively. Results were analyzed using the dCT method (65).

#### **Transcript start site detection**

To detect whether *FBti0019985* is adding an alternative TSS to the *CG18446* gene in outbred flies carrying *FBti0019985* after different stress conditions, we performed RT-PCRs. We used the forward primer 5'-aaaactcaacgagtaaagtcttc -3' and the reverse primer 5'-tataaagttccaacgccagc -3' to detect the *CG18446* transcript starting in the TE. The forward primer 5'-cgagagaacgtcgagctg -3' and the reverse primer 5'-cacgttaaattcactagggtggc -3' were used to detect *CG18446* total transcript. Outbred population without *FBti0019985* was used as control sample.

#### **Phenotypic assays**

##### ***P. entomophila* infection**

100 5-7 day-old male flies and 100 5-7 day-old female from the different strains were infected with the gram-negative bacteria *P. entomophila* infection as described before. Simultaneously, a total of 30 were tested as controls. We counted the number of dead flies in every vial at different time points until a maximum of 157 hours post infection.

For *CG18446* mutants, log-rank tests were performed to analyze survival curves with SPSS v21 software. For outbred and CRISPR-mutant populations, we calculated lethal time 50 (LT50), the timepoint at which mortality was 50%, using Probit analysis (66, 67).

##### ***Egg-to-adult viability under cold stress***

5-7 day-old flies from every strain were allowed to lay eggs for 4 h at 25C in a fly cage with egg-laying medium (2% agar with apple juice and a piece of fresh yeast) for four hours. Then, adults were removed from the cage and plates with were kept four additional hours at 25C. After that, 4-8 hour-old embryos were collected using the method described in Schou et al. (2013) (64) and placed in vials with fresh food in groups of 30.

In total, 240-300 embryos were tested for each strain. Cold-stressed vials were kept at 1C for 15 h and then maintained at 25C until adult emergence. Simultaneously, control vials were kept at 25C and never exposed to cold. Percentage egg-to-adult viability was calculated based on the number of emerged flies to the total number of embryos placed in each vial. Statistical significance was calculated performing ANOVA using SPSS v.21 combining all the data into a full model: experimental condition (stress and nonstress), insertion genotype (presence/absence of the insertion) and interaction between these two factors.

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# SECTION 4

## DISCUSSION



## 4. DISCUSSION

In this thesis, we have discovered a unique *roo* insertional cluster in the promoter region of the stress-response gene *CG18446*. We have also contributed to a better understanding of the role of TEs in adaptation and stress responses by deciphering the molecular and fitness-related effects of the *D. melanogaster* *FBti0019985* TE, which is located in the newly discovered *roo* insertional cluster. We have performed different molecular and phenotypic experiments that suggested that *FBti0019985* modulates *CG18446* expression in a versatile way, thus having an impact in egg-to-adult viability and in response to cold and immune stresses.

### 4.1. The *roo* solo-LTR insertional cluster in *CG18446* promoter region

We have demonstrated the presence of a unique *roo* insertional cluster in the *CG18446* promoter region of *D. melanogaster* (Merenciano et al., 2016, 2019). We have found that this *roo* insertional cluster is formed by independent insertions, which appeared to be the result of several bursts of transposition (Merenciano et al., 2019).

We have identified the target site duplication (TSD) for 17 of the 20 *roo* insertions located in the *CG18448* promoter region (Merenciano et al., 2019). TSDs are characteristic marks in the flanking regions of TEs that are generated as a result of the double-strand breaks that took place at the insertion site (Linheiro and Bergman, 2012). The 17 *roo* insertions had different TSD sequences suggesting that they are independent insertions (Merenciano et al., 2019). Thus, the different *roo* elements in the *CG18446* promoter region could have been the result of different transposition events rather than small rearrangements, which would not change TSD sequences.

TE transposition rates in natural and laboratory *D. melanogaster* populations are usually low ( $10^{-4}$  and  $10^{-6}$ , respectively) (García Guerreiro, 2012). However, compared to other TE types, *roo* is one of the most active TE families with high transposition rates (Kaminker et al., 2002; Papaceit et al., 2007; Diaz-Gonzalez et al., 2011; Rahman et al., 2015). A rapid increase in TE copy number can be due to transposition bursts (Le Rouzic and Capy, 2005; García Guerreiro, 2012). These events are massive TE outbreaks that account for a rapid multiplication of one or several TEs (Le Rouzic and Capy, 2005; Belyayev et al., 2014). Some spontaneous transposition bursts have been described in *D. melanogaster* although there are often produced in response

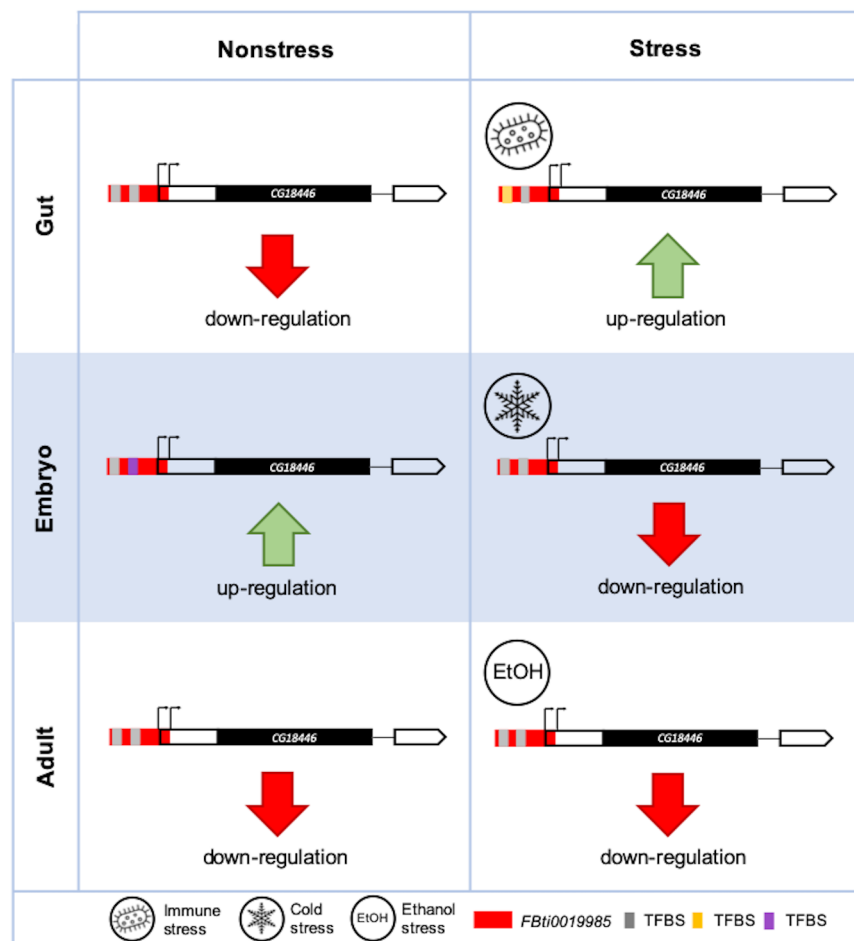
to environmental or genomic stress (Le Rouzic and Capy, 2005; García Guerreiro, 2012; Kofler et al., 2015). It has been proposed that the *D. melanogaster* recent out-of-Africa expansion may have triggered transposition burst events thus promoting genomic variability that could ultimately favor adaptation and speciation processes (Vieira et al., 1999; 2004; 2012; Kofler et al., 2015). Our PCR screening of the *CG18446* promoter region has revealed that the ancestral range population from Africa is one of the populations with a smaller number of *roo* solo-LTRs: there are only three private insertions not found in the out-of-Africa populations (Merenciano et al., 2019). Moreover, this African population has the highest frequency of alleles without any insertion (77%) (Merenciano et al., 2019). Hence, these findings could indicate that the increased *roo* solo-LTR copy number in the *CG18446* promoter is the result of several bursts of transposition and could be related to a habitat expansion.

Why *roo* solo-LTR elements recurrently insert in the *CG18446* promoter region is not yet completely understood. We suggest that both the genomic region where the cluster is present and the already mentioned high transposition rates of *roo* elements could account for the recurrent insertions in that particular promoter region. The presence of the *roo* insertional cluster in the *CG18446* promoter could be a region-specific phenomenon since we have not detected any other *roo* insertional cluster with similar characteristics along the *D. melanogaster* genome (Merenciano et al., 2019). Indeed, similar to *hsp* genes with recurrent insertions of *P-elements* in their promoter regions (Walser et al., 2006), *CG18446* is regulated by polymerase pausing (Saunders et al., 2013), and is highly transcribed in the germline (Gramates et al., 2017). Hence, the location of *CG18446* in an open chromatin region could be one of the factors explaining the high TE density in its promoter region (Merenciano et al., 2019).

Overall, the *roo* insertional cluster in *CG18446* promoter is formed by independent insertions that could be a result of several burst of transposition. Moreover, the specificities of the *CG18446* promoter region could have favored the recurrent insertions in this unique region. Why other genomic regions with similar properties do not harbor such number of *roo* insertions is still unknown.

#### 4.2. *FBti0019985* affects *CG18446* expression depending on the environmental conditions and the developmental stage

We have shown that *FBti0019985* is associated with *CG18446* down-regulation. However, it acts as an enhancer in guts under immune-stress conditions and in embryo stages under nonstress conditions (Ullastres et al., 2019; Section 3.5) (Figure 4.1). We have associated the enhancer activity of *FBti0019985* with an up-regulation of the nearby gene *CG18446* under the aforementioned specific contexts (Section 3.5). Specifically, *FBti0019985* has been associated with increased *CG18446* expression in embryos under nonstress conditions in four different backgrounds (three natural populations and one outbred population) (Merenciano et al., 2016, Section 3.5).



**Figure 4.1. *FBti0019985* modulates *CG18446* expression depending on the environmental conditions and the developmental stage.** *FBti0019985* is associated with *CG18446* down-regulation. However, in guts under immune-stress and in embryos under nonstress conditions, *FBti0019985* acts as an enhancer driving *CG18446* expression. Black boxes represent exons and white boxes represent UTR regions. TSSs are represented with black arrows.

We have suggested that *FBti0019985* harbours cis-regulatory elements responsible for its enhancer activity in embryos and under immune-stress. Indeed, TFBSs related with both developmental and immune processes have been predicted in the *FBti0019985* sequence (Merenciano et al., 2016; Villanueva-Cañas et al., 2019). Since *FBti0019985* shows very high sequence conservation with the other *roo* elements present in the *CG18446* *roo* insertional cluster (Merenciano et al., 2019), we would expect them to also contain the predicted TFBSs related with development and immunity. However, neither *roo+7*, *roo-90*, nor *roo-44* was associated with increased *CG18446* expression in embryos under nonstress conditions (Merenciano et al., 2016). There are different hypotheses that could explain these findings. First, the regulatory function of the TFBSs within the *roo* sequences can be affected by its location, orientation, and spacing in relation to the nearby gene (Beer and Tavazoie, 2004; Nguyen and D'haeseleer, 2006; Ng et al., 2014; Lis and Walther, 2016). Indeed, a statistical analysis of non-palindromic TFBSs and core promoter motifs in *Arabidopsis* revealed that regions closer to gene transcription start sites showed increased frequencies of motifs exhibiting orientation preferences (Lis and Walther, 2016). Since *roo+7*, *roo-90*, and *roo-44*, are not inserted in the same position as *FBti0019985*, and *roo-44* is not inserted in the same orientation neither, differences in spacing and orientation between the TFBSs and the gene could explain differences in *CG18446* expression in embryos. Second, although *roo* elements were acting as enhancers despite its location and orientation, epistatic interactions within each specific genetic background could affect *CG18446* expression. In fact, we found that *roo* elements inserted in the same position were associated with different effects on embryonic *CG18446* expression depending on the genetic background (Merenciano et al., 2016). *roo+7* and *roo-90* were both associated with significant *CG18446* expression changes only in one out of the three genetic backgrounds analysed for each insertion (Merenciano et al., 2016).

Altogether, we have found that although *FBti0019985* acts as an enhancer in embryos resulting in *CG18446* up-regulation, other *roo* elements inserted in the *roo* cluster had different molecular effects. The insertion site and the orientation of the *roo* elements could be crucial for the proper function of the cis-regulatory elements within their sequence. Moreover, we cannot discard the effect of the genetic background on the molecular effect of the different *roo* elements.

### 4.3. *FBti0019985* is involved in different stress-response phenotypes

Our results have shown that *FBti0019985* is associated with increased egg-to-adult viability in nonstress and cold-stress conditions, and with tolerance to *P. entomophila* infection (Merenciano et al., 2016, Section 3.5).

In *D. melanogaster*, there are a few examples of TEs being involved in different phenotypes. The *Doc* element *Doc1420* inserted in the second exon of the *CHKov1* gene produces four types of altered transcripts (Aminetzach et al., 2005). Authors found that flies with this insertion were more resistant to the organophosphate pesticide AZM (Aminetzach et al., 2005). *Doc1420* was inserted approximately 90,000 years ago, but its frequency expansion took place in the last 25-240 years (Aminetzach et al., 2005). Therefore, the authors suggested that *Doc1420* might be related to some other beneficial phenotype (Aminetzach et al., 2005). Indeed, a few years later, Magwire et al. (2011) associated *Doc1420* with resistance to viral infection. Moreover, they also found a rearrangement consisting in partial duplications of the *Doc1420*, *CHKov1*, and its paralog *CHKov2* that conferred even more resistance to viral infection (Magwire et al., 2011). Thus, *Doc1420* would have initially contributed to the resistance against viral infection and later, when the use of organophosphate pesticides was introduced, the insertion would have been rapidly selected for its beneficial role in facing those compounds (Magwire et al., 2011). In this case, the two *Doc1420* associated phenotypes appeared to be beneficial for the fly (Aminetzach et al., 2005; Magwire et al., 2011) (Table 4.1).

However, there are TEs that have been associated with both positive and negative fitness effects. This is the case of the *Bari-Jheh* element, a *Bari1* element inserted upstream of *Jheh1* and *Jheh2* genes and downstream of *Jheh3* gene. Under oxidative stress, *Bari-Jheh* was associated with changes in the local chromatin state leading to an up-regulation of *Jheh1* and *Jheh2* (Guio et al., 2014, 2018). This up-regulation is likely due to the presence of antioxidant response elements (AREs) within the *Bari-Jheh* element (Guio et al., 2014). Flies with this insertion were then associated with resistance to two different oxidative stress-inducing agents: paraquat and malathion (Guio et al., 2014). Oxidative stress can also be induced by an excessive production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) after a bacterial infection (Buchon et al., 2014). Indeed, *Bari-Jheh* was later associated with increased *P. entomophila* infection (Guio et al., 2016). However, besides the already mentioned phenotypes, *Bari-Jheh* was also associated with reduced viability and extended developmental time, both effects related with reduced fitness (González et al., 2009) (Table 4.1). Another adaptive TE involved in different phenotypes

was *FBti0019386*, an *invader4* element inserted in the 5'UTR region of *Bin1* gene (González et al., 2008, 2010; Ullastres et al., 2015, 2019). Authors found that flies with *FBti0019386* showed shorter developmental time and increased tolerance to bacterial infection (Ullastres et al., 2015, 2019). *FBti0019386* was also associated with reduced egg-to-adult viability under cold-stress, which has negative fitness consequences (Ullastres et al., 2015) (Table 4.1).

TE	Phenotypic effect	Fitness effect
<i>Doc1420</i>	Insecticide resistance	Positive
	Viral infection resistance	Positive
<i>Bari-Jheh</i>	Oxidative stress resistance	Positive
	Bacterial infection resistance	Positive
	Reduced viability	Negative
	Extended developmental time	Negative
<i>FBti0019386</i>	Short developmental time	Positive
	Bacterial infection tolerance	Positive
	Reduced viability under cold-stress	Negative
<i>FBti0019985</i>	Increased viability under nonstress	Positive
	Increased viability under cold stress	Positive
	Bacterial infection tolerance	Positive

**Table 4.1.** Adaptive TE insertions of *D. melanogaster* involved in different phenotypes.

These examples point out how TEs can have an impact on different phenotypes, sometimes with opposite fitness effects (Table 4.1). Hence, to explore all the possible phenotypic outcomes that a candidate mutation may have is important to fully understand its role in adaptation (Mackay et al., 2010; Olson-Manning et al., 2012; Mackay and Huang, 2018). Besides the described increase viability in nonstress and cold-stress conditions, and tolerance to infection, we cannot discard the effect of *FBti0019985* on other phenotypes.



#### **4.4. Trade-off effects might be responsible for the low population frequency of *FBti0019985***

Based on our population screenings, *FBti0019985* is present at different allelic frequencies in out-of-Africa population, ranging from 0% to 22% (Merenciano et al., 2019). Considering the effect of this TE on the adaptive phenotypes that we have described in this work, we would expect this mutation to be positively selected and present at higher frequencies in all out-of-Africa natural populations. Thus, it could be possible that the low *FBti0019985* frequencies observed are due to its role in other phenotypes not identified yet with a related negative fitness effect.

It is known that a single mutation can have widespread phenotypic effects due to pleiotropic interactions (Grüneberg, 1938; Paaby and Rockman, 2013). In that way, a genetic variant can have different beneficial effects or present trade-offs. Antagonistic pleiotropy was first proposed in the field of senescence by Williams (1957) and occurs when a beneficial allele is at the same time deleterious for at least another trait (Williams, 1957). In *D. melanogaster*, it is well documented that female flies that are more tolerant to infection or cold-stress, reduce their number of offspring and are more sensitive to starvation (Watson and Hoffmann, 1996; Lazzaro et al., 2008; Marshall and Sinclair, 2010). Fecundity and starvation resistance experiments could be performed to test whether flies with *FBti0019985* show reduced number of offspring or are more sensitive to starvation than flies without the insertion.

In this work, we have found that, in adults, or under cold- and ethanol-stress, *FBti0019985* is associated with *CG18446* down-regulation. *CG18446* mutants have been shown to contain reduced glycogen and trehalose levels, the two main energy-storing carbohydrates in the fly (Mihajlovic et al., 2019). Trehalose is a nonreducing disaccharide synthesized in the fat body and released into the hemolymph (Matsuda et al., 2015). Availability of high levels of circulating trehalose are necessary to provide energy for insect flight muscle, immune defence, brain function, and to protect against environmental stress such as low humidity levels (Becker et al., 1996; Mattila and Hietakangas, 2017; Mihajlovic et al., 2019). Hence, *CG18446* down-regulation could impair the metabolism homeostasis causing a wide range of negative-fitness effects. Considering that *CG18446* is involved in metabolic processes, carrying *FBti0019985* might be a cost under certain circumstances. Further analysis could be performed to test whether the presence of *FBti0019985* is responsible for systemic metabolism changes.

#### 4.5. Deletion of *FBti0019985* using the CRISPR/Cas9 technique in *D. melanogaster* natural populations

In this work, we used the CRISPR/Cas9 system to delete *FBti0019985* in *D. melanogaster* natural populations. We consider that this technique is a useful complementary approach to decipher molecular and phenotypic effects of naturally occurring TEs.

After its discovery as a bacterial defence mechanism (Mojica et al., 2000; Jansen et al., 2002), CRISPR/Cas9 technology has emerged as a powerful genome-editing tool in numerous species (Zhang et al., 2014; Manghwar et al., 2019). In *D. melanogaster*, Gratz and colleagues applied for the first time the CRISPR/Cas9 system targeting the *yellow* marker gene (Gratz et al., 2013). Authors injected the Cas9 endonuclease and a guide RNA (gRNA) that guides Cas9 to cut at specific location as plasmids into fly embryos (Gratz et al., 2013). Indels produced by imprecise repair of the Cas9 double-strand breaks in the *yellow* gene were transmitted to the offspring and resulted in the loss of the yellow phenotype (Gratz et al., 2013). Thus, authors confirmed CRISPR/Cas9 technique as a suitable tool to target genomic DNA in *Drosophila* although the efficiency of the process was very low (0.25%-1.37%) (Gratz et al., 2013). Later, several improvements allowed reaching higher efficiency levels. The injection of the Cas9 and the gRNA as *in vitro*-transcribed RNAs provided a 10-fold increase in efficiency (Bassett et al., 2013; Yu et al., 2013). However, with the generation of transgenic fly strains expressing Cas9, the CRISPR/Cas9 system reached up to 100% efficiency in some cases (Kondo and Ueda, 2013; Ren et al., 2013; Gratz et al., 2014; Port et al., 2014; Sebo et al., 2014). In these transgenic flies, there is no need to inject the Cas9 endonuclease since it is already expressed under the control of different promoters. Thus, only the injection of the gRNA is required. So far, CRISPR/Cas9 genome engineering has typically involved the use of transgenic strains expressing Cas9 due to its significantly increased efficiency and its reduction in cost. Here, we aimed to remove *FBti0019985* from an outbred population in which molecular and phenotypic differences were previously associated to the presence of the TE. Since we thought that the effect of *FBti0019985* depends on the genetic background, we avoided the use of the Cas9 expressing strains as they have been generated in a different genetic background, which might influence the phenotypes under investigation.

Nowadays CRISPR/Cas9 technique has evolved to allow the generation of precise genomic modifications with the addition of a donor template that contains a DNA sequence of interest (e.g. selection markers or specific alleles) flanked by homology arms. This donor template is

introduced in the genome through homology-directed repair system (Gratz et al., 2014). In this work, we use a DNA donor template to achieve a precise deletion of *FBti0019985* and to add the *DsRed* selection marker that allowed us to screen for successful deletion events. Recently, the possibility to produce conditional and tissue-specific knockouts has also been incorporated to the broad spectrum of genomic modifications that the CRISPR/Cas9 system offers (Gratz et al., 2014; Xue et al., 2014; Port et al., 2019). With this, we could further investigate the role of *FBti0019985* in specific tissues.

Although CRISPR/Cas9 systems is considered a powerful tool for genome engineering due to its high specificity rates, the presence of off-target mutations is still a major concern. In *D. melanogaster*, approximately 87% of gRNAs are specific to the target sequence (Ren et al., 2014). Yet, an appropriate gRNA design that ensures the target of a unique genome region is crucial. Some tools have been developed to allow researchers to find specific gRNAs (Gratz et al., 2014; Heigwer et al., 2014). In this work, gRNAs for *FBti0019985* deletion were designed using the CRISPR Optimal Target Finder (Gratz et al., 2014) and no off-targets were predicted by the software. Nevertheless, we cannot discard the presence of off-target mutations not considered by the gRNAs design tool.

To date, there are few examples of the use of CRISPR/Cas9 targeted to TEs. In human cells, the deletion of an ERV element allowed to discover the regulatory functions of this TE in mammalian immune responses (Chuong et al., 2016). Also, the deletion of the transposon-like human element 1B (THE1B) in transgenic mice permitted to identify its role in controlling the expression of corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH) that, in turn, influences gestational length and birth timing (Dunn-Fletcher et al., 2018). In mice, TE deletions proved their role in gene regulation (Du et al., 2016; Todd et al., 2019). Moreover, CRISPR/Cas9 technique has been recently applied to delete a TE in plants for the first time (Saika et al., 2019). The deletion of the retrotransposon *Tos17* in rice opened a new avenue to elucidate the contribution of TEs in plant evolution and to produce novel variants without crossing (Saika et al., 2019). Finally, in *D. simulans*, CRISPR/Cas9 has been successfully employed to delete the *Shedller* element. This element was then associated with variations in the fly courtship song (Ding et al., 2016). Overall, all these studies evidence that CRISPR/Cas9 is a good tool to delete TE sequences.

In this thesis, we have generated two CRISPR-mutant strains with a deletion of *FBti0019985* (Section 5.3). In females, we have observed differences in *CG18446* expression between the two mutant strains under immune-stress conditions. Thus, we cannot discard the presence of

off-target deletion events that could influence *CG18446* expression. We then suggest analysing several CRISPR-mutant strains, when possible, to avoid misinterpretations caused by off-target events.

#### 4.6. Future perspectives for functional validation of candidate adaptive TEs

As mentioned above, to decipher the molecular and phenotypic effects of *FBti0019985*, we have used for the first time the CRISPR/Cas9 technique to delete a TE insertion in a *D. melanogaster* outbred population.

We now propose other approaches to delete candidate adaptive-TE insertions using the CRISPR/Cas9 technique that could improve the efficiency of the system. In this work, we injected the Cas9 nuclease, the gRNAs, and the donor sequence for homology directed repair as plasmids in an outbred population. As such, we got a very low efficiency (1.5%) (Section 5.3). So, to considerably increase the efficiency of deletion events, we first propose to delete the candidate adaptive-TEs in Cas9 expressing transgenic flies (Gratz et al., 2014). However, this approach would only be possible when the studied TE is present in the Cas9 transgenic strain and there are previous evidences showing an effect of the TE in that specific background. Since Cas9 transgenic flies were generated in the laboratory, complementary experiments in natural populations could be useful to unravel the effect of the mutation in a natural genetic background. Second, we suggest designing different pairs of gRNAs flanking the candidate TE, and inject them together to ensure deletion events. In *D. melanogaster*, there are available plasmids that allow the cloning of several gRNAs (Port and Bullock, 2016). However, it should be considered that the introduction of many gRNAs would increase the frequency of off-target events.

So far, the validation of candidate adaptive-TE insertions in *D. melanogaster* has been done considering one insertion at a time (e.g. Mateo et al., 2014; Guio et al., 2014; Ullastres et al., 2015). However, the availability of whole genome sequences of fly populations from different geographic locations has allowed to significantly increase the number of candidate adaptive-TE insertions (Rech et al., 2019). In Rech et al. (2019), different approaches were used to look for signatures of positive selection in TEs present in high recombination regions and at high population frequencies considering 60 worldwide natural populations (Rech et al., 2019). A

total of 300 polymorphic and 21 fixed TEs were identified as putatively adaptive insertions (Rech et al., 2019). Moreover, authors also suggested that these candidate TEs could contribute to stress-response, developmental, and behavioral traits (Rech et al., 2019). However, this list is expected to grow thanks to the emergence of long-read sequencing techniques and the subsequent identification of TE insertions not present in the reference genome. Thus, in order to have a comprehensive picture of the role of TEs in adaptation processes, we need to move from the study of single TE candidates to the study of the general effects of multiple TEs. The injection of several gRNAs targeting multiple candidate TEs at the same time, will also allow studying the role of several TEs in a specific trait.

The binding specificities of the CRISPR/Cas9 system has permitted to repurpose CRISPR/Cas9 as a method to control gene expression at a sequence-specific manner (Qi et al., 2013). CRISPRi is a powerful and reversible tool to study gene regulation that consists in a catalytically inactive version of Cas9 lacking the endonuclease activity that, when coupled with a gRNA, generates a recognition complex that can silence genes through a physical transcription blockage of RNA polymerase (Qi et al., 2013). Gilbert et al. (2013) later proposed the fusion of the inactivated Cas9 to a transcriptional repressor domain (Krüppel associated box, KRAB) allowing the silence of proximal regulatory elements within a promoter by recruiting chromatin modifiers (Gilbert et al., 2013). Considering that, this system can be used to simultaneously decipher the effect of multiple TEs on gene regulation with the coexpression of different gRNAs. Since TEs are repetitive sequences and CRISPRi is design to target possible cis-regulatory elements within them, this system allows the study of different TEs from the same family rather than single insertions. Indeed, some TE families such as SVA, LTR5H and RLTR13D6 elements have already been targeted with the CRISPRi technology demonstrating their role in the evolutionary turnover of transcriptional networks in mice and humans specific cell types (Fuentes et al., 2018; Todd et al., 2019; Pontis et al., 2019).

Overall, there are several CRISPR-based technologies that can be used to validate the effects of candidate adaptive-TEs. Because each one of these technologies has advantages and disadvantages, the selection of the best approach has to consider both the scientific question that needs to be answered and the specificities of the targeted loci.



# SECTION 5

## CONCLUSIONS





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From the results obtained in this thesis, we can conclude that:

1. The *D. melanogaster* *CG18446* promoter region contains a *roo* solo-LTR insertional cluster with at least 20 independent TE insertions, ranging in frequency from 0.2% to 16.5% on average. All these insertions have the same size and show high sequence conservation.
2. The presence of the recurrent *roo* insertions in the *CG18446* promoter region is likely to be the result of several bursts of transposition. We suggest that chromatin accessibility could be one of the factors explaining the recurrent insertions.
3. We suggest that the *roo* insertional cluster found in the *CG18446* promoter region is unique, as we could not detect any other *roo* insertional cluster in the 177 *D. melanogaster* genomes analyzed considering both reference and non-reference insertions.
4. Different *roo* elements of the insertional cluster have different effects on *CG18446* structure. Besides the already described alternative transcription start site in *FBti0019985*, we found that *roo*<sub>+7</sub> also adds a transcription start site modifying the *CG18446* transcript length. However, *roo*<sub>-44</sub> and *roo*<sub>-90</sub> do not affect *CG18446* structure.
5. We found that *FBti0019985* affects *CG18446* expression depending on the developmental stage and the environmental conditions. In embryos, *FBti0019985* is associated with *CG18446* up-regulation while in adults it is associated with down-regulation. Moreover, *FBti0019985* up-regulates *CG18446* after infection while it down-regulates this gene under cold-, and ethanol-stress. We suggest that the increased expression of *CG18446* in embryos and under immune-stress conditions is likely due to the presence of transcription factor binding sites in its sequence related with development and immune processes. We also suggest that in adults or after a cold and ethanol exposure, *FBti0019985* could be affecting the spacing of the existing

cis-regulatory elements of the promoter region, thus leading to a decrease *CG18446* expression.

6. *FBti0019985* is associated with increased viability under nonstress and cold-stress conditions, and with increased tolerance to *P. entomophila* infection in *D. melanogaster* natural populations. These phenotypes could be related with changes in sugar metabolism performed by the *CG18446* transcription factor.

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# SECTION 7

## ANNEXES





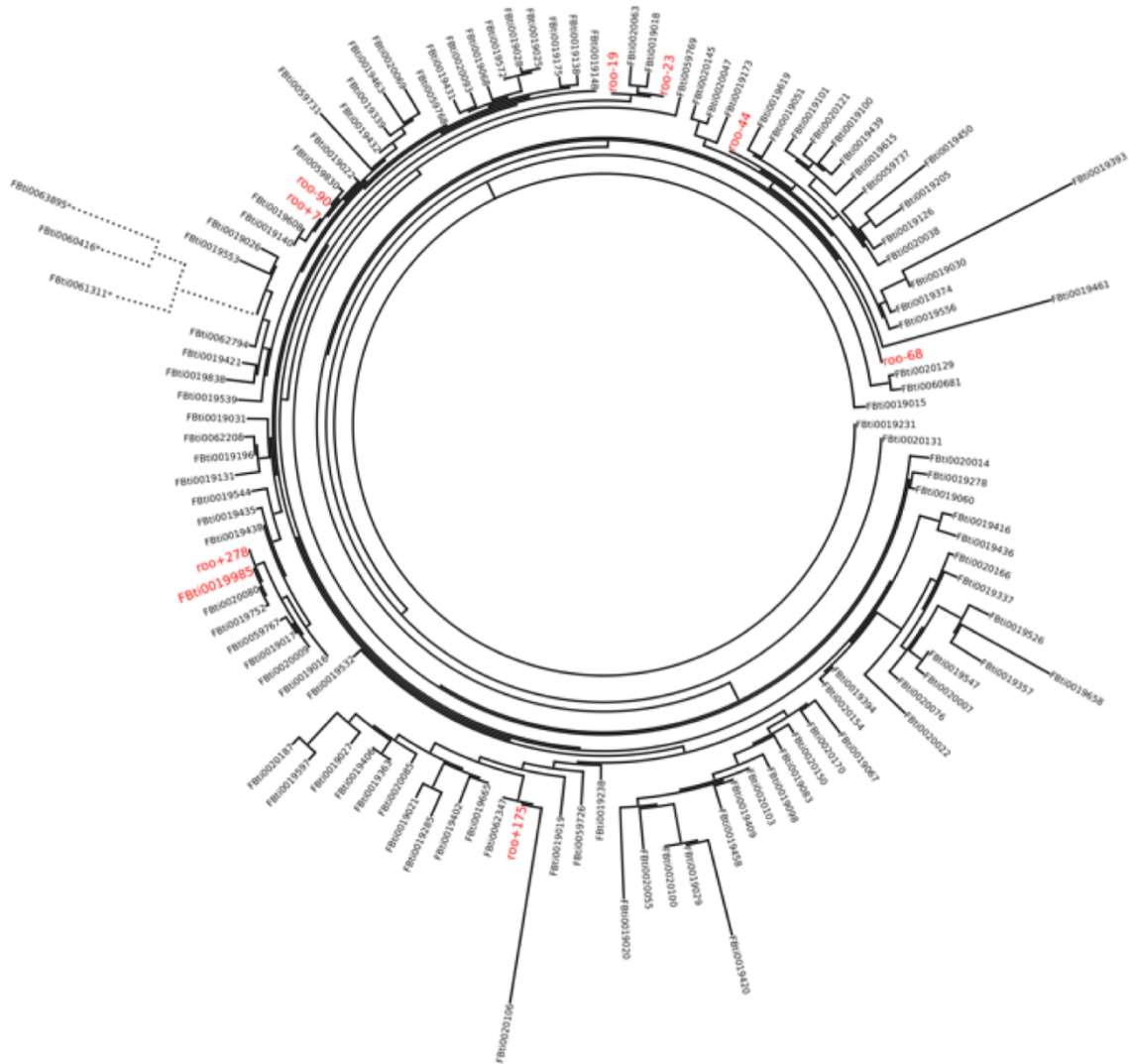
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### 7.1. Supplementary material: Multiple Independent Retroelement Insertions in the Promoter of a Stress Response Gene Have Variable Molecular and Functional Effects in *Drosophila*

**Figure S1.** *roo* consensus Target Site Duplication (TSD).



**Figure S2.** Phylogenetic tree including the nine *roo* elements analyzed in this work and 115 *roo* elements annotated in the *D. melanogaster* reference genome.



**Figure S3.** Sequence alignments of the regulatory regions identified in *roo* insertions and in the *CG18446* promoter region.

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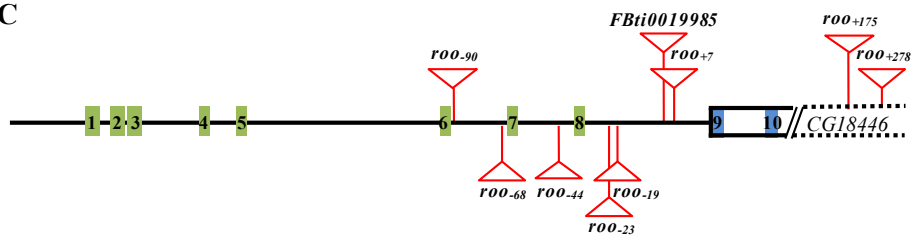
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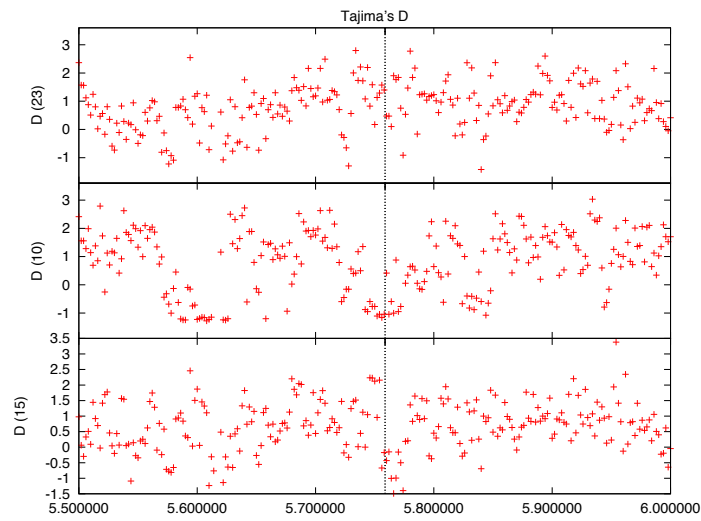
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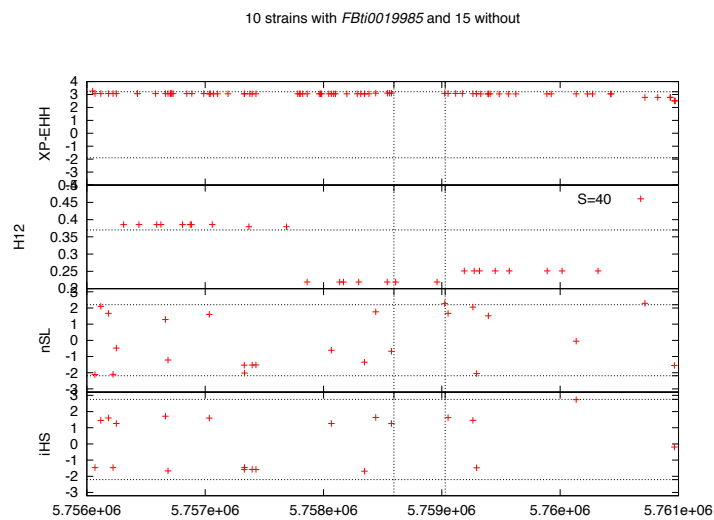


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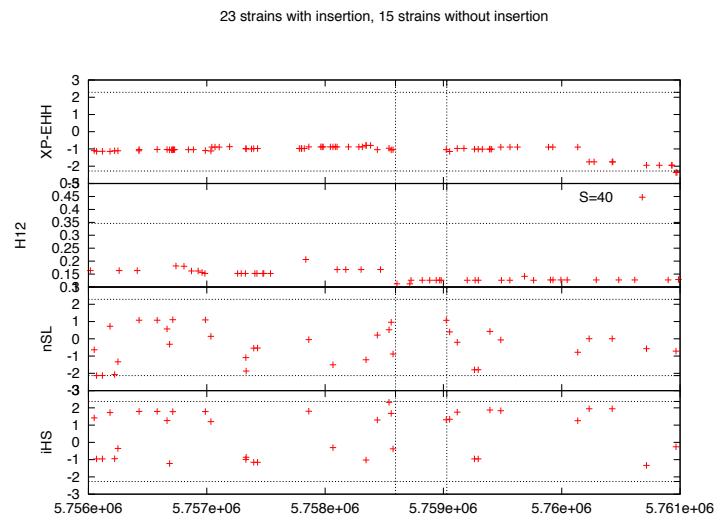
**Figure S4.** From top to bottom: Tajima's D in the 23 strains with one of the nine solo-LTR insertions, Tajima's D in the 10 strains with the *FBti0019985* insertion, and Tajima's D in the 15 strains without any of the nine insertions.



**Figure S5.** From top to bottom, results for *XP-EHH*,  $H_{12}$ , *nSL*, and *iHS*.



**Figure S6.** Results for  $XP-EHH$ ,  $H_{12}$ ,  $nSL$ , and  $iHS$  from top to bottom calculated with the 23 strains that contain one of the nine *roo* insertions and the 15 strains without any of the *roo* insertions.



**Table S1.** Allele frequency estimates using *T-lex2* for the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions analyzed.Supplementary table S1A. Allele frequency of all the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions analyzed. T-lex2 results per strain.

<i>roo</i> insertion	Population						% Allele frequency Out of Africa	% Allele frequency Total
	North Carolina (DGRP)			Italy	Sweden	Zambia		
	Allele frequency (% PCR)	Allele frequency (% T-lex2)	Total frequency	Allele frequency (% PCR)	Allele frequency (% T-lex2)	Allele frequency (% T-lex2)		
<i>FBti001985</i>	11	19	14	8	4	1	10	8
<i>roo</i> <sub>+7</sub>	19	3	13	0	0	2	7	6
<i>roo</i> <sub>+175</sub>	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	1
<i>roo</i> <sub>+278</sub>	4	0	2	0	0	1	1	1
<i>roo</i> <sub>-19</sub>	0	0	0	17	0	1	3	2
<i>roo</i> <sub>-28</sub>	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	1
<i>roo</i> <sub>-44</sub>	7	25	14	0	0	2	8	6
<i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub>	7	13	10	4	2	13	7	8
<i>roo</i> <sub>-99</sub>	20	11	16	4	11	4	13	10
<b>9 insertions</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>



Supplementary table S1B. Allele frequency of all the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions analyzed. T-lex2 results per strain in DGRP population.

Strain	T-lex2 results									TOTAL
	<i>FBti0019985</i>	<i>roo+7</i>	<i>roo+175</i>	<i>roo+278</i>	<i>roo-19</i>	<i>roo-28</i>	<i>roo-44</i>	<i>roo-68</i>	<i>roo-90</i>	
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RAL31	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
RAL382	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
RAL566	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
RAL57	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
RAL634	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	no data	no data	no data	absent	absent
RAL892	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	no data	absent
RAL149	present	no data	absent	absent	no data	no data	no data	absent	absent	<i>FBti0019985</i>
RAL42	present	no data	absent	absent	no data	no data	absent	no data	absent	<i>FBti0019985</i>
RAL491	present	no data	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	<i>FBti0019985</i>
RAL85	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	<i>FBti0019985</i> (polymorphic)
RAL129	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	no data
RAL158	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	no data
RAL161	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	no data	present	no data	no data
RAL176	present	present	polymorphic	polymorphic	no data	no data	absent	absent	absent	no data
RAL181	polymorphic	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	present	no data
RAL228	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	present	no data
RAL229	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	no data
RAL239	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	absent	no data
RAL256	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	present	absent	no data
RAL332	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	present	no data
RAL350	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	present	no data
RAL45	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	present	no data
RAL49	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	no data
RAL517	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	present	polymorphic	no data
RAL555	present	no data	absent	polymorphic	present	no data	absent	absent	absent	no data
RAL59	present	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data
RAL642	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	absent	absent	no data
RAL69	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	no data
RAL707	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	present	no data
RAL727	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	present	polymorphic	no data
RAL73	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	no data
RAL738	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	present	polymorphic	absent	no data
RAL757	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	absent	absent	polymorphic	no data
RAL786	present	present	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	no data
RAL799	absent	no data	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	absent	polymorphic	absent	no data
RAL808	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	polymorphic	absent	polymorphic	no data
RAL852	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	present	no data	absent	no data
RAL861	present	present	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	no data
RAL91	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	present	no data
RAL138	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	absent	absent	<i>roo-44</i>
RAL321	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	absent	absent	<i>roo-44</i>
RAL370	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	absent	absent	<i>roo-44</i>
RAL38	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	no data	absent	<i>roo-44</i>
RAL317	absent	absent	no data	absent	no data	absent	no data	present	absent	<i>roo-68</i>
RAL381	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	absent	<i>roo-68</i>
RAL93	no data	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	<i>roo+7</i> (polymorphic)
RAL100	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	<i>roo-90</i>
RAL336	no data	no data	absent	no data	no data	no data	no data	absent	present	<i>roo-90</i>

Supplementary table S1C. Allele frequency of all the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions analyzed. T-lex2 results per strain in Sweden population.

Strain	T-lex2 results									TOTAL
	<i>FBti0019985</i>	<i>roo+7</i>	<i>roo+175</i>	<i>roo+278</i>	<i>roo-19</i>	<i>roo-28</i>	<i>roo-44</i>	<i>roo-68</i>	<i>roo-90</i>	
B14	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	<i>roo-68</i> (polymorphic)
B16	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	<i>FBti0019985</i> (polymorphic)
B17	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent
B18	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	<i>roo-90</i> (polymorphic)
B21	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	polymorphic	no data
B22	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	no data	absent	<i>roo44</i> (polymorphic)
B24	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B25	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B26	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B27	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	polymorphic	<i>roo-90</i> (polymorphic)
B29	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B32	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B33	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	polymorphic	<i>roo-90</i> (polymorphic)
B36	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B38	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B39	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	<i>roo-90</i> (polymorphic)
B4	polymorphic	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	<i>FBti0019985</i> (polymorphic)
B41	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent
B42	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B45	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B46	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	no data	absent	absent
B47	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B6	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B7	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	no data	absent
B8	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
B9	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	polymorphic	<i>roo-90</i> (polymorphic)
S3	absent	no data	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent

Supplementary table S1D. Allele frequency of all the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions analyzed. T-lex2 results per strain in Zambia population.

Strain	T-lex2 results									TOTAL
	<i>FBti0019985</i>	<i>roo+7</i>	<i>roo+175</i>	<i>roo+278</i>	<i>roo-19</i>	<i>roo-28</i>	<i>roo-44</i>	<i>roo-68</i>	<i>roo-90</i>	
Z110	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	absent	no data
Z1114N	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	no data
Z1117	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	no data
Z1161	no data	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1184	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	no data
Z1194	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	no data	present	polymorphic	no data
Z1206	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	no data	polymorphic	absent	polymorphic	no data
Z1207	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	no data
Z1210	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1213	polymorphic	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	no data
Z1214	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	no data
Z1219	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	no data
Z1228	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	roo-90 (polymorphic)
Z1230	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent
Z1232	no data	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	roo-90 (polymorphic)
Z1235	no data	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	roo-68 (polymorphic)
Z1237	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	no data
Z1239	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1250	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	polymorphic	absent	polymorphic	absent	no data
Z1252	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	no data	absent	absent
Z1253	no data	no data	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	roo+278 (polymorphic)
Z1255	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	no data
Z1264	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	present	no data	absent	no data
Z1265	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	roo-68 (polymorphic)
Z127	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1271	no data	no data	no data	absent	absent	no data	absent	no data	absent	absent
Z1284	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	no data
Z1292	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1296	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	polymorphic	absent	no data
Z1303	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	no data	absent	absent
Z1311N	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	no data	no data	absent	no data
Z1320	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	no data
Z1321	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	no data	absent	no data	no data	absent	roo+175 (polymorphic)
Z1324	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	roo-28 (polymorphic)
Z1332	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1339	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	roo-90 (polymorphic)
Z1341	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	present	no data	absent	no data
Z1344	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	roo-68 (polymorphic)
Z1348	polymorphic	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	no data
Z1357N	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	roo-68 (polymorphic)
Z1364	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1365	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1378	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	polymorphic	no data
Z1379	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	no data	no data	absent
Z1384	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	roo-68 (polymorphic)
Z1386	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	no data	absent	roo+7 (polymorphic)
Z1398	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1400	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1402	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	no data	no data	absent	absent
Z1418N	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	no data	absent	FBti0019985 (polymorphic)
Z1420	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	no data	no data	no data	absent	absent	roo+175 (polymorphic)
Z1437	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1443	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1445	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	no data	absent	absent
Z1447	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	roo-44 (polymorphic)
Z1455N	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Z1456	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	no data
Z1457	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	no data
Z1460	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	no data
Z1476	no data	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent
Z1477	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent
Z1486	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	no data
Z1517	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	polymorphic	absent	roo-68 (polymorphic)
Z176	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent
Z185	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	roo-68 (polymorphic)
Z190	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	roo-19 (polymorphic)
Z199	no data	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	roo-68 (polymorphic)

Supplementary table S1E. Allele frequency of all the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions analyzed. T-lex2 results per strain in Italian population.

Strain	T-lex2 results									TOTAL
	<i>FBti0019985</i>	<i>roo+7</i>	<i>roo+175</i>	<i>roo+278</i>	<i>roo-19</i>	<i>roo-28</i>	<i>roo-44</i>	<i>roo-68</i>	<i>roo-90</i>	
IV145	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	roo+175 (polymorphic)
IV148	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent
IV22	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
IV33	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
IV40	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	roo-28 (polymorphic)
IV49	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
IV52	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
IV66	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	FBti0019985 (polymorphic)
IV68	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	FBti0019985 (polymorphic)
IV69	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	roo-68
IV72	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
IV75	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic
IV125	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data
IV127	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	no data
IV42	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	present	absent	absent	absent	no data
IV50	absent	no data	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data

\*Note that these strains were also estimated with PCR

Supplementary table S1F. Allele frequency of all the nine *roo* solo-LTR insertions analyzed. T-lex2 results per strain in DGRP population.

Strain	T-lex2 results									TOTAL
	<i>FBti0019985</i>	<i>roo+7</i>	<i>roo+175</i>	<i>roo+278</i>	<i>roo-19</i>	<i>roo-28</i>	<i>roo-44</i>	<i>roo-68</i>	<i>roo-90</i>	
RAL776	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	present	absent	roo+278 (polymorphic)
RAL911	no data	no data	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent
RAL405	no data	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	absent
RAL822	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	no data	absent	absent
RAL195	absent	absent	absent	absent	no data	no data	present	no data	absent	roo-44
RAL855	absent	absent	absent	no data	absent	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent
RAL502	absent	absent	absent	present	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	roo+278
RAL802	present	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	FBti0019985
RAL908	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
RAL508	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
RAL40	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
RAL801	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
RAL783	absent	absent	polymorphic	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	roo+175 (polymorphic)
RAL383	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	absent	absent	roo-44
RAL75	absent	no data	absent	no data	absent	absent	no data	present	no data	roo-68
RAL857	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	roo-90 (polymorphic)
RAL441	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	polymorphic	roo-90 (polymorphic)
RAL21	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	roo-90 (polymorphic)
RAL177	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	present	roo-90 (polymorphic)
RAL639	present	no data	absent	absent	no data	no data	absent	absent	absent	FBti0019985
RAL887	no data	no data	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent

\*Note that these strains were also estimated with PCR

**Table S2.** Sequence alignments of the cis-regulatory motifs located in *roo* solo-LTR insertions and in the *CG18446* promoter region.**Table S2A.** Transcription factor binding sites and promoter motifs found inside *FBti0019985*.

Model name	Relative score	Chromosome	Start	End	Strand	Predicted site sequence
Deaf1	1.000	2R	9871110	9871115	-1	ttcgtg
mirr	0.996	2R	9871197	9871201	-1	taaca
ara	1.000	2R	9871197	9871201	-1	taaca
caup	1.000	2R	9871197	9871201	-1	taaca
ara	0.995	2R	9871230	9871234	1	aaaca
mirr	0.999	2R	9871230	9871234	1	aaaca
bap	0.999	2R	9871241	9871247	1	ttaagtg
vnd	0.995	2R	9871266	9871274	-1	tctcaagtg
Nub	NA <sup>(a)</sup>	2R	9871156	9871167	1	tatgtaaatgaa
Tin	NA <sup>(a)</sup>	2R	9871266	9871273	-1	ctcaagtg
Btd	NA <sup>(a)</sup>	2R	9871281	9871290	-1	aggaggeggg
INR	NA <sup>(b)</sup>	2R	9871470	9871476	1	atcagtt

**Table S2B.** Genomic regions with matrix association potential (MARs) found inside *FBti0019985*.

Model name	Chromosome	Start	End	Strand	Predicted site sequence
MAR	2R	9871403	9871422	1	gtaggccattacttaaga
MAR	2R	9871433	9871473	1	atgtcacctatttaaacccaagatattccaataaaatca
MAR	2R	9871504	9871523	1	ttctatttgggatttaca

**Table S2C.** Transcription factor binding sites and promoter motifs found in *CG18446* promoter region.

Model name	Relative score	Chromosome	Start	End	Strand	Predicted site sequence
Abd-B	1.000	2R	9870850	9870856	-1	tttatga
ct	0.999	2R	9870861	9870866	1	ttgaac
eve	0.999	2R	9870868	9870874	1	ctaatga
zen	1.000	2R	9870868	9870874	1	ctaatga
Optix	1.000	2R	9870898	9870902	-1	tgata
Optix	1.000	2R	9870914	9870918	-1	tgata
ara	0.995	2R	9871999	9871003	-1	aaaca
mirr	0.999	2R	9871999	9871003	-1	aaaca
mirr	0.996	2R	9871028	9871032	-1	taaca
ara	1.000	2R	9871028	9871032	-1	taaca
caup	1.000	2R	9871028	9871032	-1	taaca
ara	0.995	2R	9871056	9871060	1	aaaca
mirr	0.999	2R	9871056	9871060	1	aaaca
INR	NA <sup>(b)</sup>	2R	9871547	9871552	1	tcagtc
DPE	NA <sup>(b)</sup>	2R	9871576	9871581	1	agttgt

<sup>(a)</sup>TFBS described in Batut et al 2013. These TFBS are not included in the JASPAR database. <sup>(b)</sup>Core promoter motifs described in Juven-Gershon and Kadonaga 2010. These TFBS are not included in the JASPAR database.





















Position	r00_44 RAL-195		r00_44 RAL-383		r00_45 RAL-75		r00_45 RAL-716		r00_45 I/69		r00_90 RAL-21		r00_90 RAL-88		r00_90 RAL-177		r00_90 RAL-737		r00_90 RAL-820		r00_90 RAL-857		r00_90 IV50	
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**Table S4.** Results of the different statistics used to infer positive selection in the region flanking the nine solo-LTR insertions.

Region analyzed	10 strains with <i>FBti0019985</i> insertion	15 strains without insertion	23 strains with one of the nine <i>roo</i> insertions
<i>S</i> in 2R: 5,758,000-5,760,000	5	12	10
S/L in 2R:5,758,000-5,760,000	<b>0.0025</b>	0.006	0.0050
S/L in 2R	0.0149	0.0211	0.0240
S/L in whole genome	0.0135	0.0185	0.0206
Tajima's D	<b>-1.0446</b>	-0.1724	1.3970
iHS	<b>3.3470</b>	NA	<b>2.3200</b>
nSL	2.2730	NA	-1.7970
H <sub>12</sub>	<b>0.16</b>	NA	0.023

**Text S1.** Phylogenetic tree containing the nine *roo* elements sequenced in this work and the 115 *roo* elements annotated in the *D. melanogaster* reference genome.

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## 7.2. Supplementary material: A unique cluster of roo insertions in the promoter region of a stress response

Additional file 1. Populations used for the analysis.

Population	Type of strain	Latitude (° N)	Longitude (° E)	Climate (Köppen-Geiger)	Year of the collection	Collector name / Reference
Akaa, FI	isofemale	61.1	23.5	Cold (Dfc)	2015	Maaria Kankare (Kankare Lab)
Stockholm, SE	isofemale	59.9	17.6	Cold (Dfb)	2011	Josefa Gonzalez (Gonzalez Lab)
Karensminde, DK	isofemale	56.0	10.2	Temperate (Cfb)	2015	Mads Fristrup (Loeschcke Lab)
Lund, SE	isofemale	55.7	13.2	Temperate (Cfb)	2015	Jessica Abbott (Abbott Lab)
Market Harborough, UK	isofemale	52.5	-0.9	Temperate (Cfb)	2015	Mirko Pegoraro
Munich, DE	isofemale	48.2	11.6	Temperate (Cfb)	2015	Eliza Argyridou (Parsch Lab)
Gotheron, FR	isofemale	45.0	4.9	Temperate (Cfb)	2015	Cristina Vieira (Vieira Lab)
Gimenells, ES	isofemale	41.7	0.4	Temperate (Csa)	2015	Marta Pascual (Pascual Lab)
Bari, IT	isofemale	40.9	17.2	Temperate (Csa)	2011	Josefa Gonzalez (Gonzalez Lab)
Tomelloso, ES	isofemale	39.2	-3.0	Arid (Bsk)	2015	Josefa Gonzalez (Gonzalez Lab)
Cortes de Baza, ES	isofemale	37.7	-2.8	Arid (Bsk)	2015	Lain Guio and Anna Ullastres (Gonzalez Lab)
Guadix, ES	isofemale	37.3	-3.2	Temperate (Csa)	2015	Anan Ullastres and Miriam Merenciano (Gonzalez Lab)
Raleigh, USA	inbred	35.7	-78.7	Temperate (Cfa)	2003	Huang et al., 2014
San Cristóbal de la Laguna, ES	isofemale	28.5	-16.3	Temperate (Csb)	2015	Quirze Rovira (Gonzalez Lab)
Siavonga, ZI	isofemale / inbred	-16.5	28.7	Arid (Bsh)	2010	Lack et al., 2015

## Additional file 2

Additional file 2A. PCR results for the 277 strains analyzed in this work and in Merenciano et al. (2016). Strains used in Merenciano et al. (2016) are highlighted in blue.

Population	Country	Stock ID	PCR result (FL6-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL6-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	Seq result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	PCR result (FL2-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL2-R, L-R)
Akaa	Finland	FI_Aka_15_4	Polymorphic	roo-90						
		FI_Aka_15_9	Absent	Absent						
		FI_Aka_15_11	Absent	Absent						
		FI_Aka_15_12_2	Absent	Absent						
		FI_Aka_15_13	Present	roo-64						
		FI_Aka_15_14	Absent	Absent						
		FI_Aka_15_15	Absent	Absent						
		FI_Aka_15_18	No data	No data						
		FI_Aka_15_16	Present	roo-64						
		FI_Aka_15_23	Present	roo-64						
		FI_Aka_15_17	Polymorphic	roo-291						
		FI_Aka_15_19	Polymorphic	roo-64						
		FI_Aka_15_20	No data	No data			No data	No data	No data	No data
		FI_Aka_15_21	Absent	Absent						
FI_Aka_15_22	Polymorphic	roo-64								
Gimenells	Spain	ES_Gim_15_1	Polymorphic	roo-90						
		ES_Gim_15_2	Polymorphic	roo+175						
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		ES_Gim_15_5	Polymorphic	roo-90						
		ES_Gim_15_8	Absent	Absent						
		ES_Gim_15_12	Polymorphic	No data						
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Population	Country	Stock ID	PCR result (FL6-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL6-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	Seq result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	PCR result (FL2-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL2-R, L-R)
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		DE_Mun_15_8	Present	roo-90						
		DE_Mun_15_9	Absent	Absent						
		DE_Mun_15_10	Absent	Absent						
		DE_Mun_15_11	Present	roo+175						
		DE_Mun_15_12	Present	roo-68						
		DE_Mun_15_13	Present	roo-90						
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		DE_Mun_15_15	Polymorphic	roo+175						
		DE_Mun_15_16	Polymorphic	roo-90						
		DE_Mun_15_17	Present	roo-378						
		DE_Mun_15_18	Absent	Absent						
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DE_Mun_15_21	Present	roo-90								
Gotheron	France	FR_Got_15_1	Absent	Absent						
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Population	Country	Stock ID	PCR result (FL6-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL6-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	Seq result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	PCR result (FL2-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL2-R, L-R)
Cortes de Baza	Spain	ES_Cor_15_13_1	Absent	Absent						
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Lund	Sweden	SE_Lun_15_1	Polymorphic	roo-68						
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		SE_Lun_15_7	Present	No data						

Population	Country	Stock ID	PCR result (FL6-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL6-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	Seq result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	PCR result (FL2-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL2-R, L-R)	
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		ES_Tom_15_6	No data	No data	Absent	Absent					
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		ES_Tom_15_11	Polymorphic	roo-90							
		ES_Tom_15_12	Polymorphic	No data							
		ES_Tom_15_13	Polymorphic	roo-90							
		ES_Tom_15_14	Polymorphic	roo-44							
		ES_Tom_15_15	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	Polymorphic	roo+ 291		
Karensminde	Denmark	DK_Jut_15_1	Present	roo-90 (5'-3')							
		DK_Jut_15_2	Present	roo-64							
		DK_Jut_15_3	Absent	Absent							
		DK_Jut_15_4	Present	roo-68							
		DK_Jut_15_5	Present	roo-19							
		DK_Jut_15_6	Absent	Absent							
		DK_Jut_15_7	Absent	Absent							
		DK_Jut_15_8	Polymorphic	No data							
		DK_Jut_15_9	Present	roo-90 (5'-3')							
		DK_Jut_15_10	Absent	Absent							
		DK_Jut_15_11	Absent	Absent							
		DK_Jut_15_12	Polymorphic	FBI0019985							
		DK_Jut_15_13	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data				

Population	Country	Stock ID	PCR result (FL6-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL6-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	Seq result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	PCR result (FL2-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL2-R, L-R)
San Cristobal de la Laguna	Spain	ES_Ten_15_1	Present	roo-90						
		ES_Ten_15_2	Absent	Absent						
		ES_Ten_15_3	Absent	Absent						
		ES_Ten_15_4	Present	roo-90						
		ES_Ten_15_5	Absent	Absent						
		ES_Ten_15_6	Present	roo-291						
		ES_Ten_15_7	Present	No data						
		ES_Ten_15_8	Present	roo-90						
		ES_Ten_15_9	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
		ES_Ten_15_10	Polymorphic	roo-291						
		ES_Ten_15_11	Present	FBti0019985						
		ES_Ten_15_12	Polymorphic	roo-90						
		ES_Ten_15_13	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
		ES_Ten_15_14	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
		ES_Ten_15_15	Absent	Absent						
Market Harborough	UK	UK_Mar_15_5	Absent	Absent						
		UK_Mar_15_39	Present	roo-90 (5'-3')						
		UK_Mar_15_58	Absent	Absent						
		UK_Mar_15_44	Absent	Absent						
		UK_Mar_15_64	Polymorphic	roo-90						
		UK_Mar_15_46	No data	No data	No data	No data	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		UK_Mar_15_11	Absent	Absent						
		UK_Mar_15_54	No data	No data	No data	No data	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		UK_Mar_15_66	Polymorphic	roo-42						
		UK_Mar_15_7	Present	roo-90 (5'-3')						
		UK_Mar_15_40	No data	No data	Polymorphic	roo-68				
		UK_Mar_15_63	Absent	Absent						
		UK_Mar_15_70	No data	No data	No data	No data	Polymorphic	roo-90	roo-90	roo-90
		UK_Mar_15_45	No data	No data	No data	No data	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
		UK_Mar_15_42	Present	roo-42						
UK_Mar_15_51	Present	roo-42								
UK_Mar_15_60	Present	roo-90								
UK_Mar_15_19	Polymorphic	roo+37								
UK_Mar_15_14	Polymorphic	FBti0019985								
UK_Mar_15_57	No data	No data	No data	No data	Polymorphic	roo-291				

Population	Country	Stock ID	PCR result (FL6-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL6-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	Seq result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	PCR result (FL2-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL2-R, L-R)	
Stockholm	Sweden	SE_Sto_11_14	Polymorphic	roo-68	No data	No data	No data	No data			
		SE_Sto_11_16	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data			
		SE_Sto_11_17	Present	roo-42							
		SE_Sto_11_18	Absent	Absent							
		SE_Sto_11_21	Present	roo-90							
		SE_Sto_11_22	Polymorphic	FBit0019985 (5'-3')							
		SE_Sto_11_24	Present	roo-393							
		SE_Sto_11_25	Absent	Absent							
		SE_Sto_11_26	Absent	Absent							
		SE_Sto_11_27	Present	roo-90							
		SE_Sto_11_29	Present	FBit0019985 (5'-3')							
		SE_Sto_11_32	Polymorphic	roo-42							
		SE_Sto_11_33	Present	roo-90							
		SE_Sto_11_36	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
		SE_Sto_11_38	Absent	Absent							
		SE_Sto_11_39	Present	roo-90							
		SE_Sto_11_4	Absent	Absent							
		SE_Sto_11_41	Present	roo-42							
		SE_Sto_11_42	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
		SE_Sto_11_45	Present	FBit0019985 (5'-3')							
SE_Sto_11_46	Polymorphic	roo-64									
SE_Sto_11_47	Absent	Absent									
SE_Sto_11_6	Absent	Absent									
SE_Sto_11_7	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data		
SE_Sto_11_8	Polymorphic	roo-64									
SE_Sto_11_9	Absent	Absent									
SE_Sto_11_53	Polymorphic	roo-44									

Population	Country	Stock ID	PCR result (FL6-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL6-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	Seq result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	PCR result (FL2-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL2-R, L-R)	
Raleigh, NC (DGRP)	USA	RAL-100	Present	roo-90							
		RAL-142	Present	FBti0019985 (5'-3')							
		RAL-149	Present	FBti0019985							
		RAL-176	Present	FBti0019985							
		RAL-177			Present	roo-90					
		RAL-195			Present	roo-44					
		RAL-21			Present	roo-90					
		RAL-31		Absent	Absent						
		RAL-317		Present	roo-68						
		RAL-321		Present	roo-44						
		RAL-336		Present	roo-90						
		RAL-350		Present	roo-90						
		RAL-370		Present	roo-44						
		RAL-371				Absent					
		RAL-382		Absent	Absent						
		RAL-383				Present	roo-44				
		RAL-386		No data	No data	No data	No data				
		RAL-391				Absent	Absent				
		RAL-40				Absent	Absent				
		RAL-405				Present	roo+7				
RAL-42		Present	FBti0019985								
RAL-441				Present	roo+7						
RAL-491		Present	FBti0019985								
RAL-502				Present	roo+278						
RAL-508				Absent	Absent						





Population	Country	Stock ID	PCR result (FL6-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL6-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	Seq result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	PCR result (FL2-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL2-R, L-R)	
Punullena y el Bejarin (Guadix)	Spain	ES_Gua_15_1	No data	No data	Polymorphic	roo-90			Polymorphic	roo-64	
		ES_Gua_15_2	No data	No data							
		ES_Gua_15_3	Polymorphic	No data							
		ES_Gua_15_4	No data	No data						Polymorphic	roo-90
		ES_Gua_15_5	No data	No data						Polymorphic	roo-90
		ES_Gua_15_6	No data	No data						Absent	Absent
		ES_Gua_15_7	No data	No data						Polymorphic	roo-90
		ES_Gua_15_8	No data	No data			Absent			Polymorphic	roo-90
		ES_Gua_15_9	No data	No data			Polymorphic				
		ES_Gua_15_10	No data	No data			Polymorphic				
		ES_Gua_15_11	No data	No data			No data			Polymorphic	roo-90
		ES_Gua_15_12	No data	No data			Absent				
		ES_Gua_15_13	No data	No data			No data			Polymorphic	FBti0019985 (5'-3')
		ES_Gua_15_14	Polymorphic	roo-90							

Population	Country	Stock ID	PCR result (FL6-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL6-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	Seq result (FL6-R2, L-R2)	PCR result (FL2-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL2-R, L-R)	
Bari	Italy	IT_Cas11_125			No data	No data					
		IT_Cas11_127			Present	roo-19					
		IT_Cas11_145			Polymorphic	roo+175					
		IT_Cas11_148			No data	No data					
		IT_Cas11_22			Absent						
		IT_Cas11_33-5			No data	No data					
		IT_Cas11_40			Polymorphic	roo-28					
		IT_Cas11_42-5			Present	roo-19					
		IT_Cas11_49-5			Absent						
		IT_Cas11_50-5			Polymorphic	roo-90					
		IT_Cas11_52-5			Absent						
		IT_Cas11_68-5-8			Present	FBti0019985					
		IT_Cas11_69-5-10			Polymorphic	roo-68					
		IT_Cas11_72			Absent						
IT_Cas11_75			Absent								

Population	Country	Stock ID	PCR result (FL6-R, L-R)	Seq seq result (FL6-R, L-R)	PCR result (FL-R, L-R)	Seq result (FL-R, L-R)
Siavonga	Zambia	ZI114N	Absent	Absent		
		ZI161	Present	roo+7 (5'-3')		
		ZI177	Absent	Absent		
		ZI184	Absent	Absent		
		ZI207	No data	No data		
		ZI210	Absent	Absent		
		ZI214	Polymorphic	roo+7 (5'-3')		
		ZI228	Absent	Absent		
		ZI230	Absent	Absent		
		ZI232	Polymorphic	No data		
		ZI253	Absent	Absent		
		ZI264	Present	roo+7 (5'-3')		
		ZI271	Absent	Absent		
		ZI284	Absent	No data		
		ZI296	Polymorphic	No data	Polymorphic	roo+7 (5'-3')
		ZI303	Polymorphic	No data	Polymorphic	roo-90
		ZI324	Absent	Absent		
		ZI339	Absent	Absent		
		ZI348	Absent	Absent		
		ZI357N	Polymorphic	roo+192		
ZI400	Polymorphic	No data	Polymorphic	roo+7 (5'-3')		
ZI437	Absent	Absent				
ZI445	Polymorphic	No data	Polymorphic	roo+7 (5'-3')		
ZI447	Polymorphic	roo-56				
ZI455	Polymorphic	roo-56				
ZI457	Absent	Absent				
ZI517	Absent	Absent				
ZI76	Polymorphic	No data	Polymorphic	roo+7 (5'-3')		

**Additional file 2B.** *Tlex-2* predictions in Merenciano et al. (2016) compared to PCR results in this work. Correct predictions are highlighted in green. Strains with *roo* insertions not identified in Merenciano et al. (2016) are highlighted in orange. Strains for which no results were obtained either by *Tlex-2* or by PCR are highlighted in grey.

Strain	<i>Tlex-2</i> prediction Merenciano et al., 2016	PCR result This work
RAL-31	absent	absent
RAL-382	absent	absent
RAL-566	absent	absent
RAL-149	FBti0019985	FBti0019985
RAL-491	FBti0019985	FBti0019985
RAL-42	FBti0019985	FBti0019985
RAL-321	roo-44	roo-44
RAL-317	roo-68	roo-68
RAL-336	roo-90	roo-90
RAL-100	roo-90	roo-90
RAL-370	roo-44	roo-44
ZI210	absent	absent
ZI230	absent	absent
ZI271	absent	absent
ZI437	absent	absent
RAL-142	absent	FBti0019985 (5'-3')
RAL-892	absent	No data
RAL-634	absent	roo-28
ZI455N	absent	roo-56
ZI161	absent	roo+7 (5'-3')
ZI400	absent	roo+7 (5'-3')
ZI445	absent	roo+7 (5'-3')
ZI76	absent	roo+7 (5'-3')
ZI214	no data	roo+7 (5'-3')
ZI264	no data	roo+7 (5'-3')
ZI296	no data	roo+7 (5'-3')
ZI447	roo-44 (polymorphic)	roo-56
ZI357N	roo-68 (polymorphic)	roo+192
ZI303	absent	roo-90
ZI114N	no data	absent
ZI184	no data	absent
ZI348	no data	absent
ZI457	no data	absent
ZI207	no data	no data
ZI284	no data	no data
ZI324	roo-28 (polymorphic)	absent
ZI517	roo-68 (polymorphic)	absent
ZI228	roo-90 (polymorphic)	absent
ZI339	roo-90 (polymorphic)	absent
ZI232	roo-90 (polymorphic)	no data
ZI253	roo+278 (polymorphic)	absent
B25	absent	Absent
B26	absent	Absent
B38	absent	Absent
B47	absent	Absent
B6	absent	Absent
B14	roo-68 (polymorphic)	roo-68 (polymorphic)
B27	roo-90 (polymorphic)	roo-90
B33	roo-90 (polymorphic)	roo-90
B39	roo-90 (polymorphic)	roo-90
B29	absent	FBti0019985 (5'-3')
B45	absent	FBti0019985 (5'-3')
B24	absent	roo-393
B17	absent	roo-42
B41	absent	roo-42
B32	absent	roo-42 (polymorphic)
S3	absent	roo-44 (polymorphic)
B46	absent	roo-64 (polymorphic)
B8	absent	roo-64 (polymorphic)
B22	roo44 (polymorphic)	FBti0019985 (5'-3') (polymorphic)
B36	absent	No data
B42	absent	No data
B7	absent	No data
B4	FBti0019985 (polymorphic)	Absent
B16	FBti0019985 (polymorphic)	No data
B21	no data	roo-90
B18	roo-90 (polymorphic)	Absent
B9	roo-90 (polymorphic)	Absent

**Additional file 2C.** Allelic frequencies of all the 20 *roo* insertions in all the populations analyzed. EU: Europe, NA: North America and ZI: Zambia.

EU + NA + ZI populations	Present	Polymorphic	Absent	No data	Tested	Total strains result	Allelic freq. (%)
<b><i>FBti0019985</i></b>	14	3	228	32	277	245	<b>6,3</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>+7</sub>	5	0	240	32	277	245	<b>2,0</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>+37</sub>	0	1	244	32	277	245	<b>0,2</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>+175</sub>	1	2	242	32	277	245	<b>0,8</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>+278</sub>	1	0	244	32	277	245	<b>0,4</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-19</sub>	3	0	242	32	277	245	<b>1,2</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-28</sub>	1	1	243	32	277	245	<b>0,6</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-44</sub>	5	6	234	32	277	245	<b>3,3</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub>	6	6	233	32	277	245	<b>3,7</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub>	26	29	190	32	277	245	<b>16,5</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-393</sub>	1	0	244	32	277	245	<b>0,4</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-378</sub>	1	2	242	32	277	245	<b>0,8</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-291</sub>	1	4	240	32	277	245	<b>1,2</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-64</sub>	6	6	233	32	277	245	<b>3,7</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-42</sub>	4	2	239	32	277	245	<b>2,0</b>
<b><i>FBti0019985 (3'-5')</i></b>	3	2	240	32	277	245	<b>1,6</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-90 (3'-5')</sub>	4	1	240	32	277	245	<b>1,8</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>+7 (3'-5')</sub>	2	5	238	32	277	245	<b>1,8</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>-56</sub>	0	2	243	32	277	245	<b>0,4</b>
<i>roo</i> <sub>+192</sub>	0	1	244	32	277	245	<b>0,2</b>

**Additional file 2D.** Allelic frequencies (%) of the 20 *roo* insertions in the 15 different populations analyzed. Elements only present in one population are highlighted in red.

	Raleigh (DRP)		Stockholm, SE		Bari, IT		Akaa, FI		Gimenes, ES		Gotheron, FR		Munich, DE		Baza, ES		Lund (SE)	
	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains
<i>FB#0019985</i>	22	49	0	23	8	12	13	14	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_17</i>	10	49	0	23	0	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_137</i>	0	49	0	23	0	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_175</i>	0	49	0	23	4	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_1278</i>	2	49	0	23	0	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_19</i>	0	49	0	23	17	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_28</i>	2	49	0	23	4	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_44</i>	8	49	2	23	0	12	13	18	11	0	13	0	14	13	4	13	0	4
<i>roo_68</i>	6	49	2	23	4	12	13	0	11	0	13	8	14	13	0	13	13	4
<i>roo_90</i>	20	49	17	23	4	12	13	23	11	8	13	32	14	13	27	13	0	4
<i>roo_388</i>	0	49	4	23	0	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_378</i>	0	49	0	23	0	12	13	0	11	4	13	11	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_291</i>	0	49	0	23	0	12	13	4	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_64</i>	0	49	4	23	0	12	13	31	0	12	13	12	14	13	0	13	25	4
<i>roo_42</i>	0	49	11	23	0	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>FB#0019985(3'-5')</i>	2	49	11	23	0	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_90(3'-5')</i>	0	49	0	23	0	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	4	13	0	4
<i>roo_17(3'-5')</i>	0	49	0	23	0	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_56</i>	0	49	0	23	0	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
<i>roo_192</i>	0	49	0	23	0	12	13	0	11	0	13	0	14	13	0	13	0	4
Absent	27	49	48	23	58	12	62	45	11	69	13	39	14	65	13	63	4	4

	Karensminde, DK		Tenerife, ES		Tomelloso, ES		Harborough, UK		Guadix, ES		Siavonga, ZI	
	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains	Allelic freq. (%)	Number of strains
<b>FBti0019985</b>	5	11	9	11	0	12	3	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+7</i>	0	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+37</i>	0	11	0	11	0	12	3	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+175</i>	0	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+278</i>	0	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+19</i>	9	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+28</i>	0	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+44</i>	0	11	0	11	8	12	0	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+68</i>	9	11	0	11	0	12	3	20	8	13	0	26
<i>r00_+90</i>	0	11	32	11	42	12	10	20	23	13	2	26
<i>r00_+393</i>	0	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+378</i>	0	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+291</i>	0	11	14	11	4	12	3	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+64</i>	9	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	4	13	0	26
<i>r00_+42</i>	0	11	0	11	0	12	13	20	0	13	0	26
<b>FBti0019985 (3'-5')</b>	0	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	4	13	0	26
<i>r00_+90 (3'-5')</i>	18	11	0	11	0	12	10	20	0	13	0	26
<i>r00_+7 (3'-5')</i>	0	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	0	13	15	26
<i>r00_+56</i>	0	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	0	13	4	26
<i>r00_+192</i>	0	11	0	11	0	12	0	20	0	13	2	26
<b>Absent</b>	50	11	45	11	46	12	58	20	62	13	77	26

**Additional file 2E.** Expected genotype frequency of heterozygous flies with the two most common insertions, *FBti0019985* and *roo-90* in all the populations analyzed. a: *FBti0019985* allelic frequency, b: *roo-90* allelic frequency, and c: absent allelic frequency.

### Raleigh (DGRP)

	a	b	c
	<b>0,22</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,58</b>
a	<b>0,22</b>	0,0484	0,1276
b	<b>0,2</b>	0,044	0,116
c	<b>0,58</b>	0,1276	0,3364

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	4,84
ab	8,8
bb	4

### Stockholm

	a	b	c
	<b>0</b>	<b>0,17</b>	<b>0,83</b>
a	<b>0</b>	0	0
b	<b>0,17</b>	0	0,1411
c	<b>0,83</b>	0	0,6889

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0
ab	0
bb	2,89

### Bari

	a	b	c
	<b>0,08</b>	<b>0,04</b>	<b>0,88</b>
a	<b>0,08</b>	0,0064	0,0704
b	<b>0,4</b>	0,032	0,352
c	<b>0,52</b>	0,0416	0,4576

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0,64
ab	0,64
bb	1,6

### Akaa

	a	b	c
	<b>0</b>	<b>0,04</b>	<b>0,96</b>
a	<b>0</b>	0	0
b	<b>0,04</b>	0	0,0384
c	<b>0,96</b>	0	0,9216

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0
ab	0
bb	0,16

### Gimenells

	a	b	c
	<b>0,14</b>	<b>0,23</b>	<b>0,63</b>
a	<b>0,14</b>	0,0196	0,0882
b	<b>0,23</b>	0,0322	0,1449
c	<b>0,63</b>	0,0882	0,3969

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	1,96
ab	6,44
bb	5,29

### Gotheron

	a	b	c
	<b>0</b>	<b>0,08</b>	<b>0,92</b>
a	<b>0</b>	0	0
b	<b>0,08</b>	0	0,0736
c	<b>0,92</b>	0	0,8464

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0
ab	0
bb	0,64

### Munich

	a	b	c
	<b>0</b>	<b>0,32</b>	<b>0,68</b>
a	<b>0</b>	0	0
b	<b>0,32</b>	0	0,2176
c	<b>0,68</b>	0	0,4624

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0
ab	0
bb	10,24



**Cortes de Baza**

	a	b	c
a	0	0,27	0,73
b	0,27	0	0,1971
c	0,73	0,1971	0,5329

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0
ab	0
bb	7,29

**Lund**

	a	b	c
a	0	0	1
b	0	0	0
c	1	0	0

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0
ab	0
bb	0

**Karensminde**

	a	b	c
a	0,05	0	0,95
b	0,0025	0	0,0475
c	0	0	0
c	0,95	0,0475	0,9025

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0,25
ab	0
bb	0

**Tenerife**

	a	b	c
a	0,09	0,32	0,59
b	0,0081	0,0288	0,0531
c	0,32	0,1024	0,1888
c	0,59	0,1888	0,3481

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0,81
ab	5,76
bb	10,24

**Tomelloso**

	a	b	c
a	0	0,42	0,58
b	0	0	0
c	0,42	0,1764	0,2436
c	0,58	0,2436	0,3364

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0
ab	0
bb	17,64

**Market Harborough**

	a	b	c
a	0,03	0,1	0,87
b	0,0009	0,003	0,0261
c	0,1	0,01	0,087
c	0,87	0,087	0,7569

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0,09
ab	0,6
bb	1

**Guadix**

	a	b	c
a	0	0,23	0,77
b	0	0	0
c	0,23	0,0529	0,1771
c	0,77	0,1771	0,5929

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0
ab	0
bb	5,29

**Siavonga**

	a	b	c
a	0	0,02	0,98
b	0	0	0
c	0,02	0,0004	0,0196
c	0,98	0,0196	0,9604

Expected genotype freq (%)	
aa	0
ab	0
bb	0,04

### Additional file 3

**Additional file 3. A.** Consensus target site duplication (TSD) sequence identified in Merenciano et al. (2016) (left panel) and consensus TSD identified with the data of this paper and Merenciano et al. (2016) (right panel). **B.** TSD sequences of the 20 *roo* insertions. Frequency represents the number of strains that harbor the TSD out of the number of strains with a complete sequenced region.

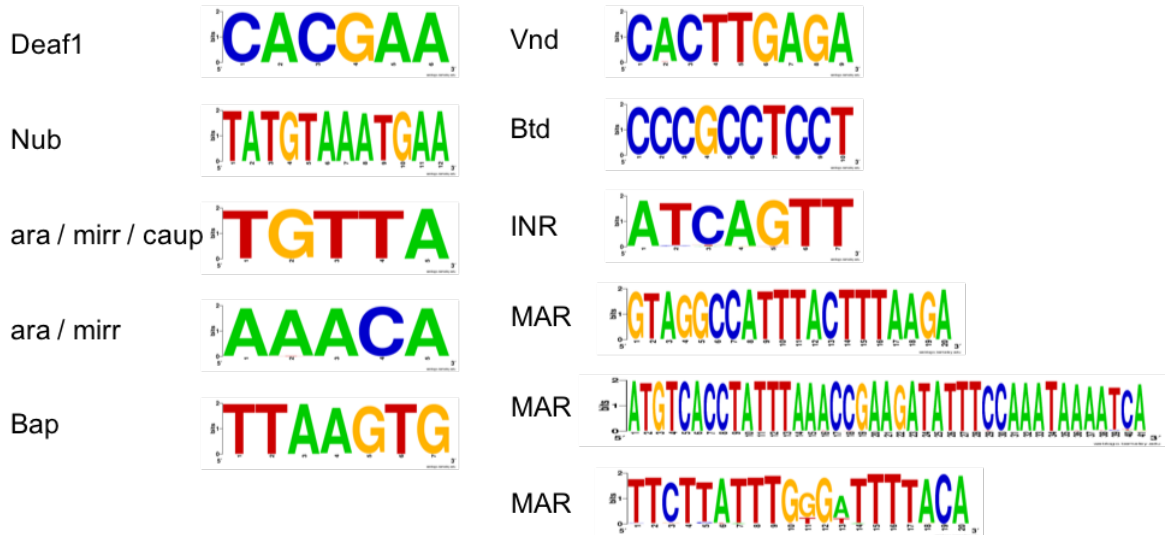


**B**

<i>roo</i> element	TSD sequence	Frequency
<b><i>FBti0019985</i></b>	GAATG	14/15
<i>roo</i> <sub>+7</sub>	ATCGC	4/7
<i>roo</i> <sub>+37</sub>	AACGT	1/1
<i>roo</i> <sub>+175</sub>	GCGAT	2/2
<i>roo</i> <sub>+278</sub>	-	-
<i>roo</i> <sub>-19</sub>	GCGT	3/3
<i>roo</i> <sub>-28</sub>	CGAGA	1/1
<i>roo</i> <sub>-44</sub>	CGTAC	11/11
<i>roo</i> <sub>-68</sub>	CTAGC	9/9
<i>roo</i> <sub>-90</sub>	TTTAG	43/45
<i>roo</i> <sub>-393</sub>	-	-
<i>roo</i> <sub>-378</sub>	-	-
<i>roo</i> <sub>-291</sub>	CTATT	3/3
<i>roo</i> <sub>-64</sub>	CTGTT	5/6
<i>roo</i> <sub>-42</sub>	TACT	7/7
<b><i>FBti0019985 (3'-5')</i></b>	GAATG	5/5
<i>roo</i> <sub>-90 (3'-5')</sub>	TTTAG	4/6
<i>roo</i> <sub>+7 (3'-5')</sub>	ATCGC	2/2
<i>roo</i> <sub>-56</sub>	CTGAT	2/2
<i>roo</i> <sub>+192</sub>	GTCAT	1/1

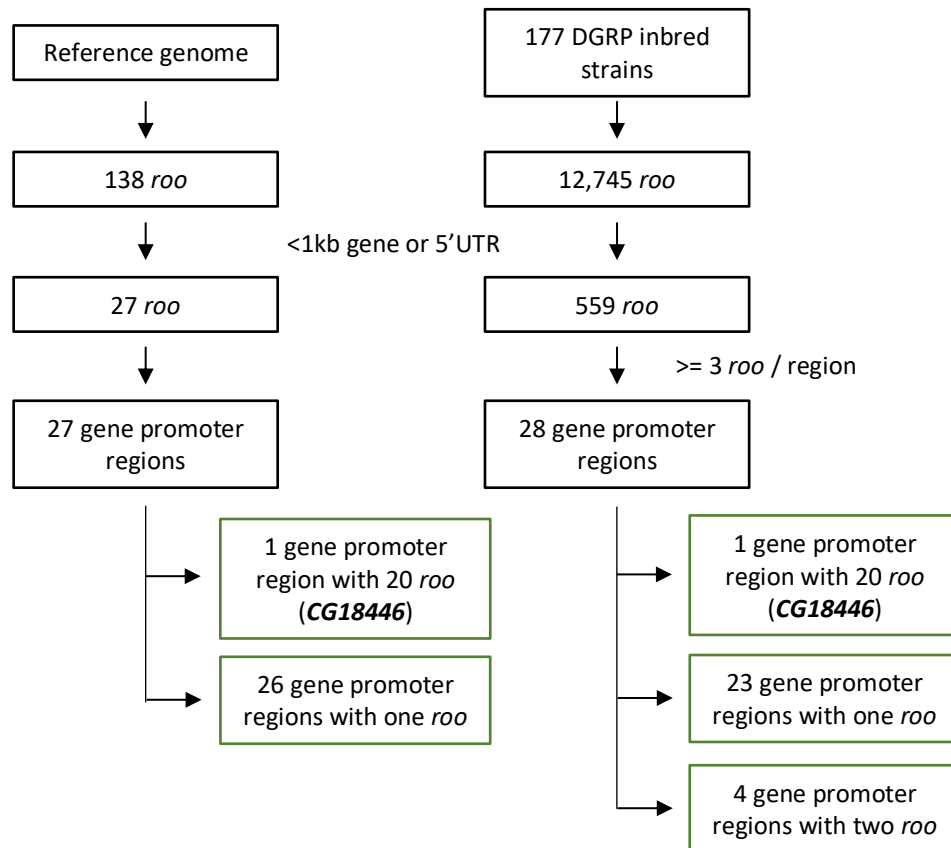
**Additional file 4**

**Additional file 4.** Consensus sequence of the transcription factor binding sites and matrix attachment regions identified in all the *roo* sequences identified in the *CG18446* promoter region.



### Additional file 5

**Additional file 5.** The formation of *roo* insertional clusters in gene promoter regions is not a *roo* family characteristic. Scheme of the gene promoter regions containing *roo* elements present in the reference genome (left) and present in 177 DGRP inbred strains (right).





**Additional file 6B.** PCR results and *de novo* TE information of the 28 promoter regions where >=3 strains putatively have a roo insertion based on TIDAL software predictions.

Promoter region number	Gene	Chr	Strain	Chr_coord_5p (TIDAL)	Chr_coord_3p (TIDAL)	TE_start (TIDAL)	TE_end (TIDAL)	TE_length (TIDAL)+1	TE_length (TIDAL)-1	Absence / Presence	TE Insertion Site	TE Length	Orientation	TSD	>1 TE insertion		
1	CR45023	chr3R	RAL-321	20359815	20359854	8664	8703	39		Present	20359890		1				
			RAL-584	20359805	20359855	15	70	55			Present	20359890	424 bp	1	ACACAGACT		
			RAL-737	20359837	20359867	8666	8695	29			Present	20359890	424 bp	1	ACACAGACT		
			RAL-748	20359789	20359854	4	8733	8729			-	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-799	20359831	20359868	8660	33				8627	Present	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-801	20359789	20359853	8668	66				8602	Present	20359890	424 bp	1	ACACAGACT	
			RAL-802	20359790	20359853	5	68	63				Absent	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-907	20359817	20359861	8666	46				8620	Absent	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-913	20359796	20359856	8670	71				8599	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-142	9871532	9871580	8716	8675	41			41	Present	9871096	428 bp	-1	GAATG	
2	cbx_CG18446	chr2R	RAL-208	9871524	9871557	8695	8663	32		Present	9871096	428 bp	-1	GAATG			
			RAL-223	9871532	9871593	74	8676	8602			-	-	-	-	-		
			RAL-229	9871526	9871569	22	8659	8637			Present	9871053	428 bp	-1	TACT		
			RAL-304	9871554	9871689	8700	398			8302	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-502	9871734	9871845	1	402	401			Present	9871802	428 bp	1	-	-	
			RAL-642	9871706	9871760	22	9071	9049			-	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-714	9871568	9871628	8664	9050	386			Present	9871622	428bp	1	TATG		
			RAL-105	1087536	1087616	8665	412	8253			Absent	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-380	1087547	1087611	8665	405	8260			-	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-392	1087521	1087619	8671	404	8267			Present	1087588	-	1	-	-	
3	CR44779_CG3655	chrX	RAL-810	1087534	1087604	8664	398			Present	1087588	-	1	-	-		
			RAL-812	1087535	1087618	8664	412	8252			Present	1087588	-	1	-	-	
			RAL-832	1087523	1087630	9	404	395			-	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-861	1087538	1087617	8667	411	8256			Present	1087588	-	1	GTGGC		
			RAL-149	11085594	11085632	8665	385	8280			-	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-28	11085779	11085865	8661	411	8250			-	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-301	11085732	11085911	8664	407	8257			-	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-340	11085648	11086044	8751	375	8376			Present	110085836	-	1	TTGAC		
			RAL-774	11085545	11085695	20	398	378			-	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-850	11085738	11085904	6	400	394			Present	110085836	-	1	TTGAC		
4	CR444940	chr3R	RAL-853	11085767	11085898	8664	409	8255		Present	110085836	-	1	TTGAC			
			RAL-748	6746270	6746436	10	404	394			-	-	-	-	-		
			RAL-801	6746275	6746420	15	9051	9036			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
			RAL-802	6746269	6746435	8673	403	8270			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
			RAL-810	6746314	6746391	8668	409	8259			Absent	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-850	6746286	6746437	8690	405	8285			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
			RAL-859	6746316	6746392	6	411	405			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
			RAL-748	6746270	6746436	10	404	394			-	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-801	6746275	6746420	15	9051	9036			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
			RAL-802	6746269	6746435	8673	403	8270			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
5	CR44895	chrX	RAL-810	6746314	6746391	8668	409	8259		Absent	-	-	-	-	-		
			RAL-850	6746286	6746437	8690	405	8285			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
			RAL-859	6746316	6746392	6	411	405			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
			RAL-748	6746270	6746436	10	404	394			-	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-801	6746275	6746420	15	9051	9036			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
			RAL-802	6746269	6746435	8673	403	8270			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
			RAL-810	6746314	6746391	8668	409	8259			Absent	-	-	-	-	-	
			RAL-850	6746286	6746437	8690	405	8285			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
			RAL-859	6746316	6746392	6	411	405			Present	6746364	-	1	TGACT		
			RAL-748	6746270	6746436	10	404	394			-	-	-	-	-	-	

6	CG34436	chr3R	RAL-391	28282358	28282480	408	8662	8254		Present	28282432	-	-1	ATTACT	NO
			RAL-45	28282377	28282457	409	8665	8256		-	-	-	-	-	NO
			RAL-85	28282396	28282445	390	13		377	-	-	-	-	-	NO
			RAL-907	28282369	28282472	397	8670	8273		Absent	-	-	-	-	NO
			RAL-911	28282387	28282477	9043	1		9042	Present	28282432	-	-1	ATTACT	NO
7	CG15394	chr2L	RAL-350	2592009	2592067	8661	9047	386		Present	2592067	-	1	GAGTGT	NO
			RAL-359	2591991	2592111	8663	408		8255	Present	2592067	-	1	GAGTGT	NO
			RAL-405	2592003	2592100	8664	396		8268	Absent	-	-	-	-	NO
			RAL-584	2591964	2592134	2	400	398		Present	2592067	-	1	GAGTGT	NO
			RAL-882	2591992	2592025	9039	409		8630	-	-	-	-	-	NO
			RAL-716	26521022	26521095	8664	401		8263	Present	25621076	-	1	ATAAAC	YES
			RAL-790	26521000	26521117	8662	403		8259	-	-	-	-	-	NO
			RAL-890	26521019	26521104	8661	411		8250	Present	25621076	427 bp	1	ATAAAC	YES
			RAL-91	26521503	26521558	404	19		385	Present	26521553	-	-1	AGCAGTT	YES
9	unc-13	chr4	RAL-189	905371	905527	13	397	384		-	-	-	-	-	NO
			RAL-280	905408	905481	8664	401		8263	Present	905463	-	1	CATTCGCT	NO
			RAL-336	905376	905479	8744	399		8345	Present	905463	-	1	CATTCGCT	NO
			RAL-338	905410	905481	8666	401		8265	Present	905463	-	1	CATTCGCT	NO
10	CG12480	chrX	RAL-852	14169159	14169217	399	8677	8278		Present	14169203	Full length	-1	ATTAT	NO
			RAL-801	14169135	14169270	9036	10		9026	Present	14169203	Full length	-1	ATTAT	NO
			RAL-802	14169103	14169273	410	8671	8261		Present	14169203	-	-1	ATTAT	NO
11	CG15556	chr3R	RAL-41	31130787	31130854	1	396	395		Present	31130840	428 bp	1	CCCAA	NO
			RAL-375	31130785	31130863	8663	405		8258	Present	31130840	428 bp	1	CCCAA	NO
			RAL-88	31130797	31130863	8675	405		8270	Present	31130840	-	1	CCCAA	NO
12	CG42637, Gyc76C	chr3L	RAL-861	19790017	19790061	8671	9043	372		Present	19790063	-	1	CCCAC	NO
			RAL-737	19790013	19790090	8668	409		8259	Present	19790063	-	1	CCCAC	NO
			RAL-908	19789994	19790111	5	410	405		Present	19790063	Full length	1	CCCAC	NO
13	CG11459	chr3R	RAL-91	6027394	6027554	412	11		401	Present	6027532	Full length	-1	CAAATG	YES
			RAL-371	6027440	6027596	405	21		384	Present	6027532	-	-1	CAAATG	YES
			RAL-235	6027537	6027646	406	8665	8259		Present	6027608	-	-1	TACTC	YES
14	CG15152	chr2L	RAL-426	18114246	18114349	8682	409		8273	Absent	-	-	-	-	NO
			RAL-318	18114251	18114324	3	405	402		Present	18114306	-	1	TTGTT	NO
			RAL-391	18114232	18114348	4	407	403		Present	18114306	-	1	TTGTT	NO
15	CG43085	chr3L	RAL-555	17646444	17646525	409	1		408	Absent	-	-	-	-	NO
			RAL-812	17646453	17646525	399	1		398	Present	17646499	-	-1	ATACT	NO
			RAL-810	17646446	17646524	407	8666	8259		Absent	-	-	-	-	NO
16	CG43329	chr3L	RAL-555	22505402	22505486	8664	412		8252	Present	22505456	-	1	CTAGT	NO
			RAL-812	22505402	22505476	8664	402		8262	Present	22505456	-	1	CTAGT	NO
			RAL-810	22505415	22505486	13	412	399		Present	22505456	-	1	CTAGT	NO

17	CG15879	chr3L	RAL-385	2169107	2169159	404	8700	8296		Present	2169152	-	-1	GTGGT	YES	
			RAL-441	2169090	2169203	8668	405			8263	Present	2169162	Full length	1		TTTTG
18	CG30033, CG18336, dare	chr2R	RAL-395	2169070	2169204	409	8662	8253		Present	2169152	-	-1	GTGGT	NO	
			RAL-491	11293606	11293690	408	8660	8252			Present	11293659	428 bp	-1		TTAGG
			RAL-820	11293616	11293690	398	8660	8262			Present	11293659	428 bp	-1		TTAGG
			RAL-853	11293595	11293699	404	7			397	Absent	-	-	-		-
			RAL-385	7317647	7317680	9020	9053	33			Present	7317652	-	1		GGTAT
19	CG10029	chr3R	RAL-392	7317660	7317692	9033	403		8630	Absent	-	-	-		NO	
			RAL-395	7317647	7317698	350	403	53			Present	7317652	-	1		GGTAT
20	CG33630, CR45205	chr3R	RAL-91	10062357	10062418	11	401	390		Present	10062340	-	1	CATAT	NO	
			RAL-359	10062330	10062445	8667	407			8260	Present	10062340	-	1		CATAT
			RAL-508	10062324	10062445	8661	408			8253	Present	10062340	-	1		CATAT
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21	CG9451, CG9449	chr3L	RAL-392	19497974	19498077	8680	9069	389		Absent	-	-	-		NO	
			RAL-395	19497961	19498075	8673	9061	388			Present	19498036	-	1		TTGTT
22	CR43280	chr3L	RAL-879	18440617	18440662	9047	11		9036	Present	18440646	-	-1	TATAG	NO	
			RAL-774	18440570	18440721	407	8666	8259			Present	18440646	-	-1		TATAG
			RAL-843	18440571	18440717	406	8670	8264			Present	18440646	-	-1		TATAG
23	CR44657	chrX	RAL-386	14114650	14114722	8660	404		8256	Present	14114700	-	1	GAGGA	YES	
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			RAL-732	9887364	9887438	7	410	403			Present	9887412	-	1		TGCAT
24	CR44701	chr2L	RAL-727	9887358	9887440	8665	411		8254	Present	9887412	-	1	TGCAT	NO	
			RAL-908	9887336	9887450	8663	401			8262	Present	9887412	Full length	1		TGCAT
			RAL-861	9760782	9760854	8663	399			8264	Present	9760837	428 bp	1		TGTAC
25	CR45407, CG42268	chr3L	RAL-712	9760784	9760853	8664	398		8266	Present	9760837	428 bp	1	TGTAC	NO	
			RAL-352	9760781	9760858	8662	404			8258	Present	9760837	428 bp	1		TGTAC
26	Rgk3	chr2R	RAL-136	2125575	2125635	411	10		401	Present	21255618	-	-1	CAAAC	NO	
			RAL-301	2125520	2125686	403	8673	8270			Present	21255618	-	-1		CAAAC
			RAL-379	21256142	21256177	411	9039	8628			-	-	-	-		
27	CG14326, CG14324	chr3R	RAL-336	17618978	17619026	391	8		383	Present	17619010	Full length	-1	ATGGG	NO	
			RAL-338	17618975	17619037	9055	1			9054	Present	17619010	Full length	-1		ATGGG
			RAL-513	17618956	17619053	9054	2			9052	Present	17619010	Full length	-1		ATGGG
28	CG31678, CR45004	chr2L	RAL-853	20667093	20667192	8679	408		8271	Present	20667150	-	1	ACTAT	NO	
			RAL-859	20667097	20667170	8664	401			8263	Present	20667150	-	1		ACTAT
			RAL-890	20667098	20667174	1	405	404		Present	20667150	Full length	1	ACTAT		



**Additional file 6C.** Promoter regions where <3 strains putatively have a *roo* insertion based on TIDAL software predictions.

Genes+A4:I32	Strain	Chr	Chr_coord_5p (TIDAL)	Chr_coord_3p (TIDAL)	TE_start (TIDAL)	TE_end (TIDAL)	TE length	Number of predicted <i>roo</i> in the region
AP-1sigma,CG31140	RAL-149	chr3R	23962850	23962919	409	8663	8254	1
Acp54A1	RAL-57	chr2R	17133187	17133290	8669	402	8267	1
Acp65Aa	RAL-85	chr3L	6152914	6152994	8662	406	8256	1
Acp76A,CR44675	RAL-138	chr3L	19052086	19052243	13	403	390	1
Acsi	RAL-306_125b	chr2R	8674680	8674851	3	403	400	1
Argk	RAL-181	chr3L	9066335	9066411	399	8659	8260	1
AstC	RAL-555	chr2L	11081712	11081796	408	8660	8252	1
CCAP-R	RAL-310	chr3R	25956545	25956585	8683	391	8292	1
CG10137,CG33116	RAL-88	chr2L	19533011	19533060	9043	8667	376	1
CG10168	RAL-757	chr3R	23539069	23539140	10	409	399	1
CG10184,CG31145	RAL-884	chr3R	23605608	23605686	8664	406	8258	1
CG10205	RAL-324_100	chr2R	14832627	14832735	8693	411	8282	1
CG10911,Muc55B	RAL-189	chr2R	18052455	18052612	8680	401	8279	1
CG11158	RAL-340_100b	chrX	13682566	13682939	43	8979	8936	1
CG11160	RAL-361	chrX	11044362	11044526	8674	402	8272	1
CG11373	RAL-502	chr3R	5961267	5961377	397	8663	8266	1
CG11379	RAL-426	chrX	1179740	1179827	8686	408	8278	1
CG11458	RAL-822	chr3L	20905401	20905494	9032	8668	364	1
CG11594	RAL-307_125b	chr3L	4026114	4026284	409	11	398	1
CG12078	RAL-45	chr3L	3244368	3244439	8667	402	8265	1
CG12126	RAL-373_125b	chr2R	8263224	8263384	7	395	388	1
CG12209,CG12914	RAL-595	chr2R	10247568	10247637	401	4	397	1
CG12395	RAL-426	chrX	16063181	16063295	8665	9066	401	1
CG12481	RAL-88	chrX	14186828	14186847	8661	17	8644	1
CG12594	RAL-105	chr3R	11722129	11722181	411	31	380	1
CG12605	RAL-884	chr3L	3965116	3965188	408	8670	8262	1
CG12951,CG16749	RAL-897	chr3R	9330565	9330628	4	401	397	1
CG12964	RAL-69	chr2R	15497065	15497127	8663	392	8271	1
CG13183	RAL-703	chr2R	11912692	11912804	409	8	401	1
CG13229,shn	RAL-149	chr2R	11159765	11159840	408	8662	8254	1
CG13408	RAL-359	chr3R	22080059	22080113	22	9027	9005	1
CG1354	RAL-426	chrX	9778390	9778494	7	401	394	1
CG13639,ppk22	RAL-83	chr3R	24859894	24859970	4	408	404	1
CG13675	RAL-38	chr3L	8165984	8166133	8664	407	8257	1
CG13759,Vha36-3	RAL-894	chrX	2580879	2580988	413	14	399	1
CG1387	RAL-38	chrX	8385597	8385713	8664	404	8260	1
CG14082	RAL-228	chr3L	19136715	19136765	8665	9042	377	1
CG14244,CG14246	RAL-738	chr3R	26726879	26726942	8663	397	8266	1
CG14332	RAL-730	chr3R	17422508	17422574	6	406	400	1
CG14446	RAL-843	chrX	6226160	6226338	405	8663	8258	1
CG14626	RAL-367	chrX	1185035	1185107	8669	405	8264	1
CG14627	RAL-897	chrX	1181779	1181860	409	409	0	1
CG14659	RAL-138	chr3R	4831700	4831737	45	8679	8634	1
CG14708	RAL-908	chr3R	11553805	11553909	401	9	392	1
CG14752	RAL-158	chr2R	8590069	8590129	9050	8662	388	1
CG14837	RAL-508	chr3L	7559831	7559937	12	406	394	1
CG14926	RAL-805	chr2L	11343758	11343819	410	8685	8275	1
CG15021,nAChRbeta1	RAL-304_125b	chr3L	4436397	4436517	401	53	348	1
CG15068	RAL-737	chr2R	18390900	18390977	406	8665	8259	1
CG15219,CG31703	RAL-787	chr2L	22104853	22104868	8681	2	8679	1
CG15236	RAL-373_125b	chr2R	6829535	6829685	407	8666	8259	1
CG15278	RAL-356	chr2L	14876281	14876301	8663	25	8638	1
CG15483	RAL-375	chr2L	12761915	12761996	407	8663	8256	1
CG15695	RAL-894	chr3R	20841657	20841776	407	8664	8257	1
CG15711	RAL-280	chr2R	16364865	16364915	10	9054	9044	1
CG15741,CR43908	RAL-42	chrX	11838297	11838406	405	8672	8267	1

CG16772,CR45701,CG10680	RAL-239	chr2L	19963867	19963941	404	2	402	1
CG1678	RAL-176	chrX	21403215	21403298	8661	413	8248	1
CG16826	RAL-336	chr2L	13347334	13347376	389	19	370	1
CG16836	RAL-492	chr2R	18389057	18389089	9022	9053	31	1
CG1688,CR44208	RAL-83	chr2R	9788805	9788875	411	14	397	1
CG16964	RAL-176	chr2L	11947684	11947886	406	8677	8271	1
CG17003	RAL-502	chrX	20002395	20002471	403	8703	8300	1
CG17124	RAL-383	chr2L	10753867	10753980	3	404	401	1
CG17159,CG17162,CR43480	RAL-383	chrX	23091948	23092043	8688	407	8281	1
CG17287	RAL-45	chr2R	17158215	17158281	3	397	394	1
CG17321,CG33120	RAL-884	chr2L	18844894	18844944	401	4	397	1
CG17375	RAL-227	chr2L	6806125	6806193	7	405	398	1
CG17378	RAL-109_125b	chr2L	6774313	6774480	8665	393	8272	1
CG17549, fon	RAL-28	chr2L	19386637	19386686	397	8684	8287	1
CG17570	RAL-391_95b	chr2L	20264747	20264841	401	19	382	1
CG18258	RAL-714	chrX	17211924	17211978	8682	9063	381	1
CG18327,CG18324,CR44368	RAL-821_100b	chr2R	14168426	14168514	8672	9046	374	1
CG18672,CG18673	RAL-818	chr3R	31262111	31262184	405	4	401	1
CG2022	RAL-321	chr3R	4988731	4988849	405	8663	8258	1
CG2120	RAL-761	chrX	8135837	8135905	407	8663	8256	1
CG2574,CG32651	RAL-91	chrX	12408673	12408804	393	8643	8250	1
CG30039	RAL-787	chr2R	12051889	12051964	8669	410	8259	1
CG30187,Nup214	RAL-307_125b	chr2R	22918797	22918902	9034	40	8994	1
CG30369	RAL-28	chr2R	8259191	8259268	1	408	407	1
CG30389	RAL-138	chr2R	21156996	21157096	17	9058	9041	1
CG30416,CG9861	RAL-714	chr2R	23323441	23323526	8661	410	8251	1
CG30438	RAL-405	chr2R	5496474	5496542	404	8712	8308	1
CG30486,CR45468	RAL-373_125b	chr2R	12848796	12848962	404	8669	8265	1
CG31174	RAL-91	chr3R	21869592	21869652	403	7	396	1
CG31313,CG8066	RAL-256	chr3R	14567449	14567509	411	8675	8264	1
CG31998	RAL-748_125b	chr4	206229	206382	393	12	381	1
CG32395	RAL-360_125	chr3L	6668096	6668277	8665	409	8256	1
CG32444,CG32445	RAL-359	chr3L	21639140	21639206	38	392	354	1
CG32633	RAL-93	chrX	13561576	13561644	11	407	396	1
CG32643	RAL-93	chrX	12984427	12984490	8678	405	8273	1
CG32683	RAL-804	chrX	10452444	10452492	9046	7	9039	1
CG32751,CG32750	RAL-309	chrX	6196578	6196662	413	1	412	1
CG33268	RAL-642	chr3L	11591626	11591667	8687	393	8294	1
CG33272	RAL-57	chr3L	11510878	11511061	160	8605	8445	1
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CG3330	RAL-409_125b	chr3R	27330718	27330879	8675	400	8275	1
CG33483	RAL-819	chr3R	30902450	30902526	356	4	352	1
CG33639	RAL-189	chrX	18225494	18225666	405	8669	8264	1
CG33702	RAL-383	chr3L	9513485	9513611	8660	410	8250	1
CG33970	RAL-714	chr3R	26318807	26318878	406	8665	8259	1
CG34054	RAL-40	chr2R	11410426	11410545	8664	407	8257	1
CG34106,beat-IIIa	RAL-491	chr2L	17130585	17130661	8666	412	8254	1
CG34193,CG4847	RAL-336	chr2R	17511438	17511505	403	8672	8269	1
CG34236	RAL-382	chr2R	13605626	13605802	407	8666	8259	1
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CG34316,CR43471,tefu	RAL-563	chr3R	15231821	15231881	2	402	400	1
CG34320	RAL-820	chrX	1164491	1164521	1	29	28	1
CG34330	RAL-88	chrX	19069369	19069444	8663	403	8260	1
CG34384	RAL-837	chr3R	7814642	7814746	411	19	392	1
CG34402,CG10096,CG10097	RAL-361	chr3R	12393392	12393543	400	8685	8285	1
CG34452	RAL-228	chr3L	15687928	15687983	8663	9045	382	1
CG3604,CG16712	RAL-377	chr2L	3696985	3697086	406	17	389	1
CG42335	RAL-83	chr3R	21758375	21758455	414	8668	8254	1
CG42397	RAL-491	chr3L	11974051	11974114	405	2	403	1
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CG42650	RAL-370	chr3R	7391446	7391554	408	8674	8266	1
CG42694,CG3831	RAL-405	chr2R	22941528	22941622	406	8663	8257	1
CG42758	RAL-370	chr3L	14567568	14567670	8669	396	8273	1
CG42784,CG42810	RAL-589	chr2L	13459746	13459808	397	8668	8271	1
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CG42831	RAL-799	chr3L	10814466	10814535	8664	397	8267	1
CG42852	RAL-26	chr3L	16755188	16755259	409	8674	8265	1
CG43076	RAL-732	chrX	15223880	15223936	8668	396	8272	1
CG43190,CR44304,Sln	RAL-861	chr2R	11845105	11845128	9042	9065	23	1

CG43391,CG33269	RAL-338	chr3L	11581042	11581091	404	27	377	1
CG4374	RAL-21	chr3R	23471812	23471931	1	409	408	1
CG43795,CR43792	RAL-176	chr2R	23476709	23476991	409	37	372	1
CG4382	RAL-721	chr2L	9600915	9600971	8679	400	8279	1
CG43901,v	RAL-320	chrX	10923622	10923733	8665	399	8266	1
CG45060	RAL-712	chrX	9868697	9868713	8663	8679	16	1
CG4520	RAL-321	chr3R	15744506	15744620	405	8667	8262	1
CG45691	RAL-181	chr2L	17321049	17321132	411	8662	8251	1
CG5168,pie	RAL-149	chr2L	10423213	10423270	8673	9062	389	1
CG5397	RAL-362_125b	chr2L	1239726	1239898	3	9068	9065	1
CG5440	RAL-21	chr2L	1334203	1334299	5	9052	9047	1
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CG7140	RAL-208	chr3L	22028378	22028450	8666	402	8264	1
CG7300,CR44181	RAL-707	chr2L	10695616	10695688	3	9066	9063	1
CG7510,scaRNA:MeU4-A65	RAL-818	chr3L	17628201	17628254	8676	393	8283	1
CG7512	RAL-913	chr3L	11513815	11514003	8671	409	8262	1
CG7560	RAL-40	chr3L	11424886	11424989	391	8663	8272	1
CG7582	RAL-894	chr3R	29681292	29681406	8	410	402	1
CG7742	RAL-177	chr2L	5214764	5215060	315	5	310	1
CG7777	RAL-375	chr2R	11439832	11439895	409	8682	8273	1
CG8299	RAL-377	chr2R	15941976	15942073	393	8	385	1
CG8343	RAL-805	chr2R	6179602	6179680	411	5	406	1
CG8483	RAL-362_125b	chr3R	13214224	13214356	19	9042	9023	1
CG8564	RAL-790	chr3L	7388340	7388382	8699	378	8321	1
CG8945	RAL-374	chrX	17088002	17088087	8674	399	8275	1
CG9098,Gal	RAL-437_125	chr2L	6007155	6007327	407	8671	8264	1
CG9313	RAL-757	chr2R	20979321	20979397	8665	405	8260	1
CG9465	RAL-195	chr2L	8772417	8772479	400	8674	8274	1
CG9722,CG42500	RAL-217	chr3R	14152819	14152875	405	8686	8281	1
CG9759	RAL-714	chr3R	13609735	13609763	28	8664	8636	1
CG9967,eyes	RAL-820	chr2L	2312008	2312083	412	8670	8258	1
CR42844	RAL-721	chr2L	9305330	9305380	20	401	381	1
CR43334	RAL-646	chr3L	634372	634452	409	1	408	1
CR43426	RAL-894	chr3L	22849867	22849915	8716	8668	48	1
CR43490	RAL-367	chr3R	17288104	17288167	406	8679	8273	1
CR43613	RAL-75	chr3R	29534696	29534834	9063	8667	396	1
CR43625	RAL-426	chr3L	15437068	15437119	9021	409	8612	1
CR43626	RAL-849	chr3L	3252076	3252199	399	8711	8312	1
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CR43751	RAL-765	chr2L	2182916	2182990	403	8665	8262	1
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CR43883	RAL-315_125b	chr3L	820844	820995	5	9047	9042	1
CR43950	RAL-93	chr3L	16018428	16018477	9052	8676	376	1
CR44077	RAL-352	chr2L	3818522	3818557	18	9053	9035	1
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CR44317	RAL-441	chr3R	4600231	4600346	404	8665	8261	1
CR44367	RAL-101	chr2R	13855850	13855900	8668	9046	378	1
CR44376	RAL-821_100b	chr2R	16964566	16964676	9050	8664	386	1
CR44380	RAL-406	chr2R	16815884	16816007	412	8664	8252	1
CR44423	RAL-440	chrX	15636132	15636234	8666	401	8265	1
CR44458	RAL-409_125b	chr2R	15371727	15371891	11	403	392	1
CR44486	RAL-375	chr2L	18401224	18401292	395	8662	8267	1
CR44498	RAL-317	chrX	6001577	6001638	8675	400	8275	1
CR44503	RAL-409_125b	chr2R	19634502	19634656	399	6	393	1
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CR44856	RAL-181	chr2L	14576262	14576332	408	8667	8259	1
CR44967,CG43063	RAL-907	chr3R	13086006	13086053	9023	407	8616	1
CR44999,Gas8	RAL-303_125b	chrX	3504839	3505007	400	8668	8268	1
CR45231	RAL-59	chr2R	19786901	19786976	8664	403	8261	1
CR45239,CR45238	RAL-849	chr3L	6641931	6642092	400	8675	8275	1

CR45278	RAL-426	chr2R	13245092	13245202	401	3	398	1
CR45281,Or45b	RAL-42	chr2R	9559207	9559323	1	9066	9065	1
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CR45319,CR45318	RAL-361	chr2R	11995621	11995784	9061	7	9054	1
CR45349	RAL-508	chr2L	15280325	15280430	399	5	394	1
CR45375,loh	RAL-41	chr2L	10442289	10442310	8690	8669	21	1
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CR45393	RAL-819	chr3L	17947889	17948019	8667	411	8256	1
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CR45422,Fie	RAL-395	chr3L	3892242	3892337	40	412	372	1
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CR45533	RAL-189	chrX	7444953	7445087	8702	9063	361	1
CR45551,CR45550	RAL-136	chr3R	8229381	8229414	6	9052	9046	1
CR45552,CR45553	RAL-897	chr3R	30530415	30530489	1	9054	9053	1
CR45571	RAL-304_125b	chr3R	30612667	30612828	8674	399	8275	1
CR45574	RAL-900_125b	chr3R	8546620	8546784	8676	404	8272	1
CR45583	RAL-461	chr3R	12329209	12329318	406	8672	8266	1
CR45609	RAL-362_125b	chrX	18312118	18312282	403	11	392	1
CR45622	RAL-356	chrX	18228557	18228605	9046	8669	377	1
CR45625	RAL-40	chrX	12912751	12912874	8664	411	8253	1
CR45656,CR45657	RAL-373_125b	chr3R	25847686	25847846	402	8678	8276	1
CR45661	RAL-383	chr3L	22909663	22909776	411	8673	8262	1
CR45662,CG6356	RAL-437_125	chr3R	24283633	24283786	401	12	389	1
CR45673	RAL-492	chr3R	4635233	4635309	408	8708	8300	1
CR45694	RAL-884	chr2L	15841862	15841932	401	8666	8265	1
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CR45748,CG43894	RAL-217	chr3L	12889846	12889902	16	402	386	1
CanA1	RAL-228	chr3R	31039131	31039212	8664	409	8255	1
Cht9,CR44703	RAL-787	chr2R	21067853	21067909	8675	394	8281	1
Cngl,CG9164	RAL-38	chrX	15385798	15385906	8663	395	8268	1
Con	RAL-320	chr3L	4963164	4963266	8664	400	8264	1
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Csas,fln,CR45161	RAL-820	chr3L	19989245	19989329	411	8663	8252	1
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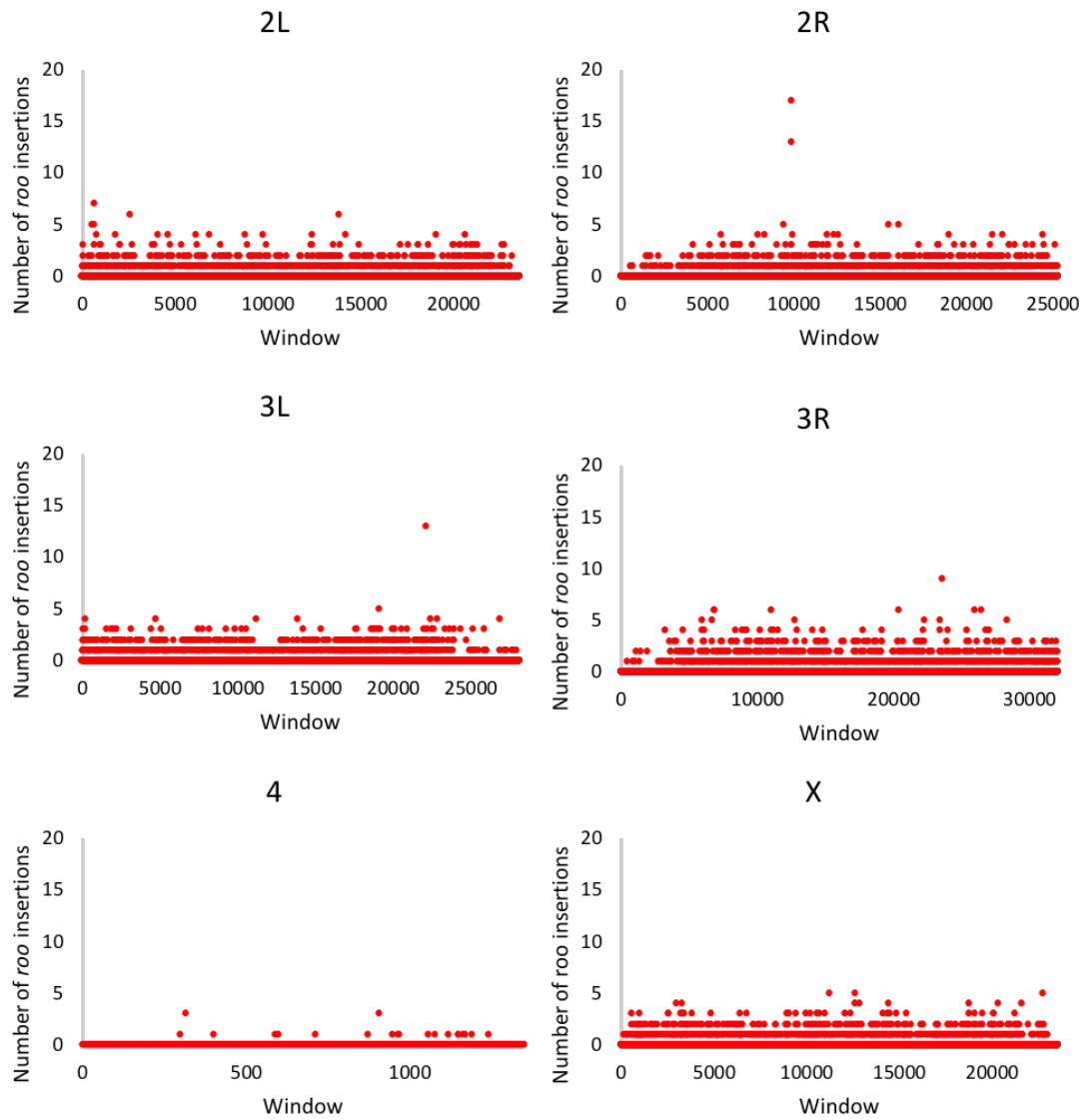
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### Additional file 7

**Additional file 7.** Genome-wide distribution of *de novo* *roo* elements found in 177 DGRP strains. Number of predicted *de novo* *roo* elements found in 177 DGRP strains inserted in 1kb windows in chromosomes 2, 3, 4, and X.





## Additional file 8

Additional file 8A. PCR results of the five 1kb regions with more *roo* insertions predicted by TIDAL software.

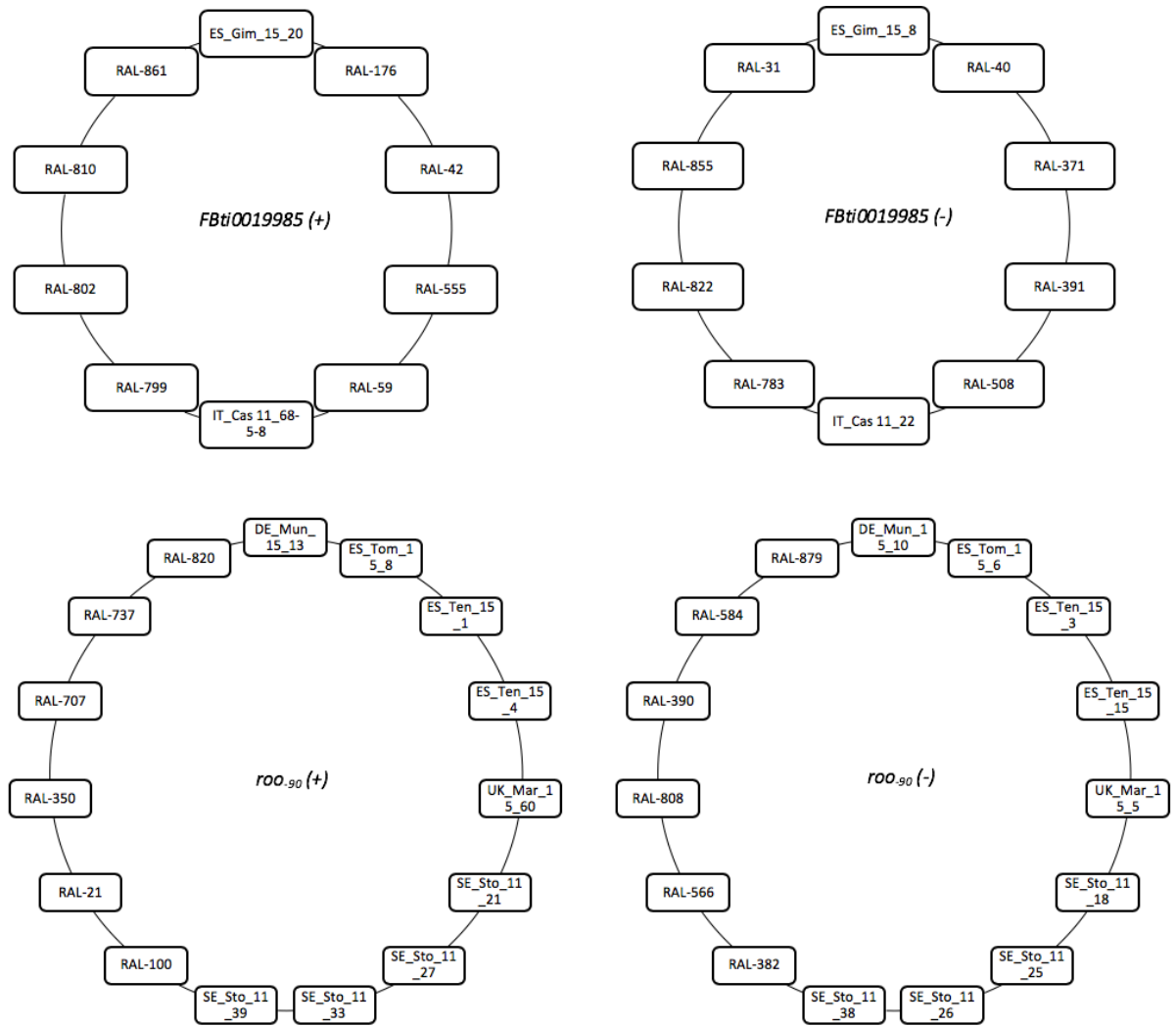
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3	3L:22,158,001..22,159,000	13	Intron	olf413	copper ion binding; dopamine beta-monooxygenase activity	octopamine biosynthetic process; dopamine catabolic process; oxidation-reduction process; norepinephrine biosynthetic process		RAL-59, RAL-91, RAL-358, RAL-437, RAL-502, RAL-508, RAL-737, RAL-776, RAL-853, RAL-890	RAL-59, RAL-91, RAL-358, RAL-437, RAL-502, RAL-508, RAL-737, RAL-776, RAL-853, RAL-890		22,158,407 and 22,158,736
4	3R:23,617,001..23,618,000	9	Intron	CG31145	phosphotransferase activity, alcohol group as acceptor; protein kinase activity; protein serine/threonine kinase activity	Protein phosphorylation		RAL-75, RAL-584, RAL-646, RAL-776, RAL-802, RAL-820, RAL-908	RAL-75, RAL-646, RAL-776, RAL-802, RAL-908		23,617,889 and 23,617,186
5	2L:634,001..635,000	7	Intergenic					RAL-405, RAL-502, RAL-555, RAL-732, RAL-737, RAL-802, RAL-907	RAL-555, RAL-732, RAL-737, RAL-907	RAL-405, RAL-502, RAL-802	634,692
6	3R:10,990,001..10,991,000	6	Intron	side-VI	Unknown	Unknown	Protein features are: CD80-like, immunoglobulin C2-set; Fibronectin type III; Fibronectin type III superfamily; Immunoglobulin subtype; Immunoglobulin subtype 2; Immunoglobulin-like domain; Immunoglobulin-like domain superfamily; Immunoglobulin-like fold.	RAL-239, RAL-321, RAL-461, RAL-502, RAL-584, RAL-737, RAL-799, RAL-801, RAL-802, RAL-907	RAL-239, RAL-502, RAL-584, RAL-737, RAL-799, RAL-801, RAL-907	RAL-321, RAL-802	10,990,797
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**Additional file 8B.** 1kb regions with at least 1 *roo* insertion predicted by TIDAL software. Regions checked by PCR are highlighted in yellow.

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### Additional file 9

**Additional file 9.** Schematic representation of the round-robin cross-design for outbred *FBti0019985* (+), *FBti0019985* (-), *roo<sub>90</sub>* (+), and *roo<sub>90</sub>* (-) generation.



## Additional file 10

**Additional file 10.** Phylogenetic tree of the 20 *roo* solo-LTR found in *CG18446* promoter region and 115 other *roo* insertions annotated in the reference genome.

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## Additional file 11

Additional file 11. List of primers used for insertional cluster validation.

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FBti0019996	AACCGTAACCGTAGTTCGGC	TCGTGGGGTATACCTGTTGG	CACGTTTATAGCGGAGCCCT
FBti0019436	GGCGGAAAGCCGTGATTTTG	ATACATATCGGCGACCAGCG	AGTCCCTTAGTGGGAGACCACAG
FBti0019556	GGTGCAAAATCCCTGGTA	GCGCAACGATAGGGACGATA	TTGAGCAATGCACCCATGTC
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FBti0019017	GAAACGTTGCCAACACCGA	GCGGAGGAATTACACGCTCT	AGTCCCTTAGTGGGAGACCACAG
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FBti0020022	GCAAGAGGGCATCCATAGCA	AGCCGTAAAAACCGAAAGGCA	AGTCCCTTAGTGGGAGACCACAG
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FBti0059662	AGAGGCTGCAAACTAAGCAT	ACAATTCTCTTGGCCAAATTCA	AGTCCCTTAGTGGGAGACCACAG
FBti0019450	CGCCTGTGGCTTCTACGAT	TTTTCCGCAACAGACAAC	AGTCCCTTAGTGGGAGACCACAG

Promoter region	Cluster F primer (5'-3')	Cluster R primer (5'-3')
1	GTCGAAAGTCCGAAGCGGTA	TGTGTTTTGATTGGTCTTGAAA
3	TGCAGATGGAGATGACGTTGG	AGTTTTGGCTCTGTTTGTGG
4	GTAGTCAACGCCATTCCCA	CCCGCTCCGTTTTATCCT
5	ACATCGGAGCTTGGAGCTTG	CCGACGAAACCTTGACTGAC
6	TTTTCCGGCCACAGTTTTCC	GCGCCACTGCAGGTTTTATT
7	CGTCACTGCGAGAGATACGC	CAGCTCCTCAAGTAGTGCCT
8	GCAAGGAATCCCTGTCAACT	TTTACAGACAAGCTGTGGGC
9	CCATTTGTGTTGTACCTTAACT	ATGTACATGTGCATCAGC
10	GCTGAACCGTGTAAAGCGAA	TTTGGTCTGCCAAGTCTGTA
11	GCGAGTGGCGATAAAACGAG	AGCCCTAGTACCGATTGA
12	GCGGAAAATCTGAAGGGGA	CTGTTGCTCTTTGCGCTT
13	GGGATCGACGAGCGATAATTG	CAGATGCGCCTCAAGAACAC
14	GCGGCAAGCATTTTACCGTC	GGGTTATTATCGCCACGGCA
15	TCTGTTATCCTTCTCGATCTCCT	ATTGAACTGGTGTGTGTCT
16	CCGAAAGAGCAGAGTCTGTC	AGCTGCACTGAGATCGAGGA
17	GGAGATGTGACCCCAAGGTG	ACCACCTCGCTATGCTTTT
18	GTCCCAAAATACCAACGGA	CCTATGGCCGTTCCACCATC
19	AGCTAGTGAAGTGCAGACG	GCAACCTACAGAACGAGGT
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26	CACTTGTCCGTATGCAGTCT	GCGGTCTGGAGCCATTTAT
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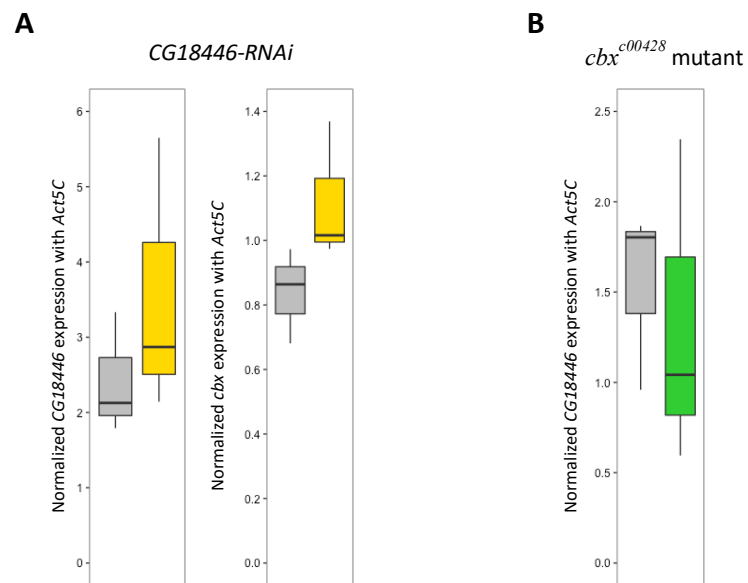
rooL primer (5'-3')	AGTCCCTTAGTGGGAGACCACAG
rooL2 primer (5'-3')	CTGTGGTCTCCCACTAAGGGACT

Region	Cluster F primer (5'-3')	Cluster R primer (5'-3')
1	GCGAGGGCTTCGCTTTTAT	GAATTTCTGGTTCGAGCGGC
2	GCGAGGGCTTCGCTTTTAT	GAATTTCTGGTTCGAGCGGC
3	AGTTTCTCCTGGCAACGAC	GCTTTTCACTGCGGAGCAC
4	CCTTTATTGCGCTGCTGTC	TTGTTTCCGCCCAATATG
5	CCGATCGACTCGGTTAGTGA	CTCATGATTGCGGACAGA
6	ACTTCCGTTCTGCTGTG	CCGAGCACGGGGAAAAAT
7	AGCAACAAGAGCCCAAC	GTGGTCTGGGTGATTCAAGC

rooL primer (5'-3')	AGTCCCTTAGTGGGAGACCACAG
rooL2 primer (5'-3')	CTGTGGTCTCCCACTAAGGGACT

### 7.3. Supplementary material: A versatile transposable element affects the expression of a transcription factor depending on the developmental stage and the environmental conditions in *Drosophila melanogaster*

**Figure S1. A)** Normalized expression of *CG18446* and *cbx* in the *CG18446*-RNAi strain compared with the *ActGAL4* parental strain. **B)** Normalized expression of *CG18446* in *cbx<sup>c00428</sup>* mutant strain compared with the WT strain. We did not use *CG18446*-RNAi and *cbx<sup>c00428</sup>* strains for further experiments.



**Table S1.** Details of the mutant, RNAi and WT strains used.

Name	Gene	Genotype	WT used	Bloomington stock	Expression changes
<i>CG18446</i> <sup>MI02952</sup>	<i>CG18446</i>	y[1] w[*]; Mi{y[+mDint2]=MIC}cbx[MI02952]	y[1] w[67c23] (#6599)	36170	<i>CG18446</i>
<i>cbx</i> <sup>0741-G4</sup>	<i>cbx</i>	w[1118]; PBac{w[+mC]=IT.GAL4}CG46338[0741-G4]	w[1118]	63767	<i>CG18446</i> and <i>cbx</i>
<i>CG18446-RNAi</i>	<i>CG18446</i>	y[1] sc[*] v[1] sev[21]; P{y[+t7.7] v[+t1.8]=TRiP.HMS00618}attP2	w;act GAL4/TM6+tb	33735	-
<i>cbx</i> <sup>CIIR428</sup>	<i>cbx</i>	w[1118]; PBac{w[+mC]=PB}CG46338[c00428]	w[1118]	10067	-



Table S2. qRT-PCR results of *CG18446* and *cbx* genes in the mutant and RNAi strains used.

	Ct <i>Actin5C</i>	Ct <i>CG18446</i>	delta Ct ( <i>Actin</i> - <i>CG18446</i> )	2 <sup>delta</sup> Ct	mean	SD	SEM	t.test
<i>CG18446</i> <sup>M102952</sup>	23,25	24,05	-0,80	0,574	0,565	0,087	0,050	0,015
<i>CG18446</i> <sup>M102952</sup>	23,69	24,32	-0,63	0,646				
<i>CG18446</i> <sup>M102952</sup>	22,89	23,97	-1,08	0,473				
WT #6599	22,76	22,01	0,75	1,682	2,143	0,667	0,385	
WT #6599	23,59	22,71	0,88	1,840				
WT #6599	22,94	21,40	1,54	2,908				
<i>cbx</i> <sup>0741-G4</sup>	25,24	25,66	-0,42	0,750	0,662	0,089	0,051	0,005
<i>cbx</i> <sup>0741-G4</sup>	25,68	26,49	-0,81	0,572				
<i>cbx</i> <sup>0741-G4</sup>	25,43	26,02	-0,59	0,665				
WT w1118	25,09	24,22	0,87	1,834	1,561	0,267	0,154	
WT w1118	25,60	25,22	0,38	1,300				
WT w1118	26,25	25,62	0,63	1,549				
<i>CG18446-RNAi</i>	26,14	24,62	1,52	2,870	3,554	1,850	1,068	0,385
<i>CG18446-RNAi</i>	25,81	23,31	2,50	5,649				
<i>CG18446-RNAi</i>	26,51	25,41	1,10	2,143				
WT ActGAL4	26,66	25,57	1,09	2,127	2,417	0,810	0,468	
WT ActGAL4	26,52	25,68	0,84	1,791				
WT ActGAL4	25,82	24,08	1,74	3,332				
<i>cbx</i> <sup>c00428</sup>	24,32	24,26	0,06	1,042	1,328	0,910	0,525	0,739
<i>cbx</i> <sup>c00428</sup>	22,95	21,72	1,23	2,346				
<i>cbx</i> <sup>c00428</sup>	21,34	22,09	-0,75	0,595				
WT w1118	22,83	22,89	-0,06	0,959	1,543	0,506	0,292	
WT w1118	23,02	22,17	0,85	1,803				
WT w1118	24,22	23,32	0,90	1,866				
	Ct <i>Actin5C</i>	Ct <i>cbx</i>	delta Ct ( <i>Actin</i> - <i>cbx</i> )	2 <sup>delta</sup> Ct	mean	SD	SEM	t.test
<i>CG18446</i> <sup>M102952</sup>	23,25	24,19	-0,94	0,521	0,707	0,217	0,125	0,400
<i>CG18446</i> <sup>M102952</sup>	23,69	23,77	-0,08	0,946				
<i>CG18446</i> <sup>M102952</sup>	22,89	23,50	-0,61	0,655				
WT #6599	22,76	23,37	-0,61	0,655	0,911	0,305	0,176	
WT #6599	23,59	23,86	-0,27	0,829				
WT #6599	22,94	22,62	0,32	1,248				
<i>CG18446-RNAi</i>	26,14	26,11	0,02	1,016	1,120	0,217	0,125	0,138
<i>CG18446-RNAi</i>	25,81	25,36	0,45	1,369				
<i>CG18446-RNAi</i>	26,51	26,54	-0,04	0,974				
WT ActGAL4	26,66	26,70	-0,04	0,973	0,840	0,147	0,085	
WT ActGAL4	26,52	27,08	-0,55	0,681				
WT ActGAL4	25,82	26,03	-0,21	0,864				

Table S3. Infection assay results with CG18446<sup>MI02952</sup> mutant strain.

Males		TIME (hours)										
STRAIN	TREATMENT	13	14,5	19	24,5	37	62	68	84,5	110	132	157
WT #6599	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WT #6599	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WT #6599	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WT #6599	Infected 1	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	4	4	4	4
WT #6599	Infected 2	1	1	1	2	2	5	5	5	6	6	6
WT #6599	Infected 3	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
WT #6599	Infected 4	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3
WT #6599	Infected 5	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
WT #6599	Infected 6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
WT #6599	Infected 7	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	3	5
WT #6599	Infected 8	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
WT #6599	Infected 9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
WT #6599	Infected 10	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	3	3	3
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 1	0	0	0	0	4	8	8	8	8	8	9
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 2	1	1	3	6	8	9	9	9	9	9	10
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 3	0	0	0	3	6	10	10	10	10	10	10
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 4	1	2	2	5	6	7	7	7	7	7	8
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 5	0	1	2	4	6	7	7	7	9	9	9
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 6	0	0	2	4	9	9	9	9	9	9	10
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 7	0	0	1	3	5	7	7	7	7	7	7
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 8	0	0	1	3	4	7	7	8	8	8	9
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 9	0	1	2	3	7	7	7	9	9	9	9
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 10	0	0	1	4	4	8	8	9	9	9	10

Log Rank (Mantel-Cox)
0.000

Females		TIME (min)										
STRAIN	TREATMENT	13	14,5	19	24,5	37	62	68	84,5	110	132	157
WT #6599	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WT #6599	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WT #6599	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WT #6599	Infected 1	0	0	0	2	2	3	3	3	4	5	5
WT #6599	Infected 2	1	1	1	3	7	9	9	9	9	9	9
WT #6599	Infected 3	0	0	0	1	9	10	10	10	10	10	10
WT #6599	Infected 4	1	1	3	4	6	8	8	8	8	9	9
WT #6599	Infected 5	0	0	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3
WT #6599	Infected 6	3	3	3	2	4	6	6	6	6	6	6
WT #6599	Infected 7	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	3	3
WT #6599	Infected 8	3	3	4	5	8	10	10	10	10	10	10
WT #6599	Infected 9	0	0	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	5	5
WT #6599	Infected 10	2	2	2	3	5	7	7	8	8	8	8
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 1	4	7	8	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 2	1	2	3	7	9	10	10	10	10	10	10
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 3	2	2	6	6	7	9	9	9	9	9	9
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 4	2	5	7	7	8	10	10	10	10	10	10
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 5	3	3	7	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 6	2	3	6	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 7	5	5	7	8	8	9	9	10	10	10	10
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 8	0	2	4	5	7	9	9	9	9	9	9
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 9	3	3	5	6	7	8	8	9	9	9	9
CG18446 <sup>MI02952</sup>	Infected 10	7	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Log Rank (Mantel-Cox)
0.000

**Table S4.** Cold-stress assay results with *CG18446* and *cbx* mutant strains.

		Total emerged flies	% Survival
WT #6599	Nonstress 1	26	86,7
	Nonstress 2	21	70,0
	Nonstress 3	24	80,0
	Nonstress 4	21	70,0
	Nonstress 5	19	63,3
	Cold 1	15	50,0
	Cold2	15	50,0
	Cold 3	15	50,0
	Cold 4	16	53,3
Cold 5	16	53,3	
<i>CG18446</i> <sup>M102952</sup>	Nonstress 1	8	26,7
	Nonstress 2	16	53,3
	Nonstress 3	18	60,0
	Nonstress 4	14	46,7
	Nonstress 5	16	53,3
	Cold 1	4	13,3
	Cold2	4	13,3
	Cold 3	7	23,3
	Cold 4	4	13,3
Cold 5	2	6,7	

**Two-way ANOVA**

Effect	Sig.
Genotype	0.000
Treatment	0.000
Genotype*Treatment	0.105

		Total emerged flies	% Survival
WTw1118	Nonstress 1	13	86,7
	Nonstress 2	14	93,3
	Nonstress 3	14	93,3
	Cold 1	16	53,3
	Cold2	19	63,3
	Cold 3	27	90,0
	Cold 4	20	66,7
	Cold 5	15	50,0
<i>cbx</i> <sup>0741-G4</sup>	Nonstress 1	14	46,7
	Nonstress 2	22	73,3
	Nonstress 3	21	70,0
	Cold 1	12	40,0
	Cold2	16	53,3
	Cold 3	14	46,7
Cold 4	14	46,7	
Cold 5	11	36,7	

**Two-way ANOVA**

Effect	Sig.
Genotype	0.002
Treatment	0.003
Genotype*Treatment	0.538

**Table S5.** qRT-PCR results for *cbx* gene in laboratory outbred flies with and without *FBti0019985* under different stress conditions.

Immune-stress	Ct <i>Actin5C</i>	Ct <i>cbx</i>	delta Ct ( <i>Actin - cbx</i> )	2 <sup>delta</sup> Ct	mean	SD	SEM
outbred FBti0019985 + C1	28.76	27.67	1.10	2.140	2.336	0.582	0.336
outbred FBti0019985 + C2	26.98	26.08	0.91	1.877			
outbred FBti0019985 + C3	27.52	25.94	1.58	2.990			
outbred FBti0019985 + T1	24.80	24.09	0.71	1.639	2.163	0.687	0.397
outbred FBti0019985 + T2	25.97	25.03	0.93	1.910			
outbred FBti0019985 + T3	26.88	25.32	1.56	2.941			
outbred FBti0019985 - C1	27.96	27.53	0.43	1.348	2.838	1.648	0.952
outbred FBti0019985 - C2	28.02	25.82	2.20	4.608			
outbred FBti0019985 - C3	27.83	26.48	1.35	2.557			
outbred FBti0019985 - T1	27.18	26.62	0.57	1.483	1.321	0.259	0.150
outbred FBti0019985 - T2	26.85	26.89	-0.04	0.971			
outbred FBti0019985 - T3	26.84	26.63	0.21	1.158			

Cold-stress	Ct <i>Actin5C</i>	Ct <i>cbx</i>	delta Ct ( <i>Actin - cbx</i> )	2 <sup>delta</sup> Ct	mean	SD	SEM
outbred FBti0019985 + C1	23,23	23,84	-0,61	0,654	0,563	0,127	0,073
outbred FBti0019985 + C2	22,66	23,36	-0,70	0,617			
outbred FBti0019985 + C3	22,07	23,33	-1,26	0,419			
outbred FBti0019985 + T1	21,58	22,72	-1,13	0,456	0,687	0,335	0,193
outbred FBti0019985 + T2	22,68	23,58	-0,90	0,534			
outbred FBti0019985 + T3	22,76	22,66	0,10	1,071			
outbred FBti0019985 - C1	22,74	22,93	-0,19	0,875	0,814	0,114	0,066
outbred FBti0019985 - C2	23,05	23,23	-0,18	0,884			
outbred FBti0019985 - C3	23,91	24,46	-0,55	0,682			
outbred FBti0019985 - T1	20,66	21,35	-0,69	0,621	0,708	0,148	0,086
outbred FBti0019985 - T2	23,44	24,12	-0,68	0,624			
outbred FBti0019985 - T3	22,90	23,08	-0,18	0,880			

**Table S6.** qRT-PCR results for *CG18446* gene in laboratory outbred and CRISPR-mutant stains under immune-, cold-, and ethanol-stress conditions.

Female guts Rep.1 Immune-stress Total transcript <i>CG18446</i>	Ct <i>Actin5C</i>	Ct <i>CG18446</i>	delta Ct ( <i>Actin</i> - <i>CG18446</i> )	$2^{\Delta\Delta Ct}$	mean	SD	SEM
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + C1	25.38	30.22	-4.84	0,035	0.065	0.028	0.016
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + C2	23.82	27.63	-3.81	0,072			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + C3	24.28	27.76	-3.48	0,09			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + T1	22.04	25.62	-3.58	0,084	0.185	0.089	0.051
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + T2	23.57	25.58	-2.01	0,249			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + T3	24.10	26.26	-2.16	0,223			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - C1	25.19	27.76	-2.57	0,168	0.769	0.132	0.093
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - C2	24.89	25.10	-0.21	0,862			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - C3	24.84	25.41	-0.57	0,676			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - T1	24.64	27.50	-2.86	0,138	0.069	0.060	0.035
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - T2	24.16	28.85	-4.69	0,039			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - T3	24.32	29.38	-5.06	0,03			

Female guts Rep.1 Immune-stress Long transcript <i>CG18446</i>	Ct <i>Actin5C</i>	Ct <i>CG18446</i>	delta Ct ( <i>Actin</i> - <i>CG18446</i> )	$2^{\Delta\Delta Ct}$	mean	SD	SEM
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + C1	22,49	38,89	-16,40	1,15E-05	3,16E-05	1,84E-05	1,06E-05
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + C2	20,95	35,74	-14,79	3,53E-05			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + C3	22,19	36,54	-14,35	4,78E-05			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + T1	19,21	32,06	-12,86	1,35E-04	1,15E-04	4,69E-05	2,71E-05
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + T2	20,37	34,37	-14,00	6,09E-05			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + T3	21,36	34,09	-12,72	1,48E-04			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - C1	23,00	0,00					
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - C2	21,46	0,00					
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - C3	21,62	45,75					
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - T1	21,35	0,00					
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - T2	21,05	0,00					
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - T3	21,35	45,25					

Female guts Rep.2 Immune-stress Total transcript <i>CG18446</i>	Ct <i>Actin</i>	Ct <i>CG18446</i>	delta Ct ( <i>Actin</i> - <i>CG18446</i> )	$2^{\Delta\Delta Ct}$	mean	SD	SEM
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + C1	18,56	25,22	-6,65	0,010	0,011	0,0012	0,001
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + C2	19,72	26,08	-6,36	0,012			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + C3	18,69	25,27	-6,57	0,010			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + T2	18,83	23,35	-4,52	0,044			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> + T3	18,35	23,12	-4,77	0,037			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - C2	20,99	23,77	-2,78	0,146			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - C3	21,59	24,66	-3,08	0,119			
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - T1	18,45	25,25	-6,80	0,009	0,010	0,0018	0,001
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> - T3	19,27	25,70	-6,43	0,012			
<i>FBti0019985</i> <sup>CRISPR1</sup> C1	32,60	36,13	-3,53	0,086	0,070	0,0231	0,013
<i>FBti0019985</i> <sup>CRISPR1</sup> C3	32,24	36,46	-4,22	0,054			
<i>FBti0019985</i> <sup>CRISPR1</sup> T1	18,50	28,56	-10,06	0,001	0,001	0,0009	0,001
<i>FBti0019985</i> <sup>CRISPR1</sup> T2	19,63	28,31	-8,68	0,002			
<i>FBti0019985</i> <sup>CRISPR1</sup> T3	18,67	29,04	-10,36	0,001			
<i>FBti0019985</i> <sup>CRISPR2</sup> C1	18,49	27,85	-9,36	0,002	0,002	0,0005	0,000
<i>FBti0019985</i> <sup>CRISPR2</sup> C2	19,12	27,78	-8,66	0,002			
<i>FBti0019985</i> <sup>CRISPR2</sup> C3	18,54	27,28	-8,74	0,002			
<i>FBti0019985</i> <sup>CRISPR2</sup> T1	32,62	37,61	-4,99	0,031	0,048	0,0229	0,013
<i>FBti0019985</i> <sup>CRISPR2</sup> T2	32,13	35,88	-3,75	0,074			
<i>FBti0019985</i> <sup>CRISPR2</sup> T3	32,09	36,77	-4,68	0,039			

Male guts Immune-stress Total transcript CG18446	Ct Actin	Ct CG18446	delta Ct (Actin - CG18446)	2 <sup>Δ</sup> deltaCt	mean	SD	SEM
Outbred FBti0019985 + C1	25,34	34,36	-9,02	0,00192	0,00234	0,00155	0,00089
Outbred FBti0019985 + C2	23,96	31,91	-7,94	0,00406			
Outbred FBti0019985 + C3	23,82	33,72	-9,90	0,00105			
Outbred FBti0019985 + T1	23,57	27,27	-3,70	0,07716	0,06997	0,02715	0,01567
Outbred FBti0019985 + T2	22,99	27,63	-4,65	0,03995			
Outbred FBti0019985 + T3	21,48	24,91	-3,43	0,09279			
Outbred FBti0019985 - C1	23,31	34,55	-11,25	0,00041	0,00067	0,00033	0,00019
Outbred FBti0019985 - C2	23,78	34,60	-10,82	0,00055			
Outbred FBti0019985 - C3	24,97	34,88	-9,92	0,00103			
Outbred FBti0019985 - T1	23,52	31,44	-7,93	0,00410	0,00815	0,00410	0,00236
Outbred FBti0019985 - T2	23,24	29,58	-6,35	0,01229			
Outbred FBti0019985 - T3	24,87	31,83	-6,96	0,00806			
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR1</sup> C1	24,60	40,55	-15,95	0,00002	0,00010	0,00008	0,00004
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR1</sup> C2	25,33	38,25	-12,92	0,00013			
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR1</sup> C3	24,67	37,28	-12,61	0,00016			
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR1</sup> T1	24,44	37,73	-13,30	0,00010	0,00017	0,00013	0,00008
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR1</sup> T2	22,67	34,28	-11,61	0,00032			
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR1</sup> T3	23,58	37,05	-13,47	0,00009			
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR2</sup> C1	25,19	38,64	-13,45	0,00009	0,00014	0,00013	0,00008
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR2</sup> C2	25,92	37,69	-11,77	0,00029			
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR2</sup> C3	23,61	38,33	-14,72	0,00004			
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR2</sup> T1	24,74	37,82	-13,08	0,00012	0,00027	0,00014	0,00008
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR2</sup> T2	24,17	35,78	-11,62	0,00032			
FBti0019985 <sup>CRISPR2</sup> T3	24,74	36,10	-11,37	0,00038			

Embryos Cold-stress Total transcript CG18446	Ct Actin5C	Ct CG18446	delta Ct (Actin - CG18446)	2 <sup>Δ</sup> deltaCt	mean	SD	SEM
Outbred FBti0019985 + C1	23,14	23,53	-0,39	0,764	0,964	0,256	0,148
Outbred FBti0019985 + C2	23,12	22,80	0,32	1,252			
Outbred FBti0019985 + C3	22,31	22,51	-0,19	0,875			
Outbred FBti0019985 + T1	20,76	25,26	-4,50	0,044	0,062	0,015	0,009
Outbred FBti0019985 + T2	22,50	26,31	-3,81	0,071			
Outbred FBti0019985 + T3	22,22	26,05	-3,83	0,071			
Outbred FBti0019985 - C1	21,98	23,09	-1,10	0,465	0,452	0,267	0,154
Outbred FBti0019985 - C2	22,86	23,35	-0,49	0,712			
Outbred FBti0019985 - C3	23,19	25,68	-2,48	0,179			
Outbred FBti0019985 - T1	19,99	22,52	-2,53	0,173	0,273	0,086	0,050
Outbred FBti0019985 - T2	23,12	24,72	-1,60	0,330			
Outbred FBti0019985 - T3	22,88	24,55	-1,67	0,314			

Embryos Cold-stress Long transcript CG18446	Ct Actin5C	Ct CG18446	delta Ct (Actin - CG18446)	2 <sup>Δ</sup> deltaCt	mean	SD	SEM
Outbred FBti0019985 + C1	23,14	26,43	-3,29	0,103	0,129	0,024	0,014
Outbred FBti0019985 + C2	23,12	25,86	-2,74	0,150			
Outbred FBti0019985 + C3	22,31	25,19	-2,88	0,136			
Outbred FBti0019985 + T1	20,76	28,42	-7,66	0,005	0,006	0,001	0,001
Outbred FBti0019985 + T2	22,50	29,71	-7,20	0,007			
Outbred FBti0019985 + T3	22,22	29,38	-7,16	0,007			
Outbred FBti0019985 - C1	21,98	40,69	-18,71	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000
Outbred FBti0019985 - C2	22,86	35,88	-13,03	0,000			
Outbred FBti0019985 - C3	23,19	42,18	-18,98	0,000			
Outbred FBti0019985 - T1	19,99	38,24	-18,25	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000
Outbred FBti0019985 - T2	23,12	40,53	-17,41	0,000			
Outbred FBti0019985 - T3	22,88	44,54	-21,66	0,000			

<b>Females Ethanol-stress Total transcript <i>CG18446</i></b>	<b>Ct <i>Actin5C</i></b>	<b>Ct <i>CG18446</i></b>	<b>delta Ct (<i>Actin</i> - <i>CG18446</i>)</b>	<b>2<sup>delta</sup>Ct</b>	<b>mean</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>SEM</b>
outbred FBti0019985 + C1	25,70	27,79	-2,09	0,235	0,224	0,011	0,006
outbred FBti0019985 + C2	24,42	26,65	-2,22	0,214			
outbred FBti0019985 + C3	25,23	27,41	-2,17	0,222			
outbred FBti0019985 + T1	24,44	26,92	-2,48	0,179	0,207	0,025	0,014
outbred FBti0019985 + T2	25,03	27,23	-2,20	0,218			
outbred FBti0019985 + T3	24,91	27,06	-2,15	0,225			
outbred FBti0019985 - C1	24,44	23,14	1,29	2,453	2,260	0,273	0,193
outbred FBti0019985 - C2	24,34	23,29	1,05	2,067			
outbred FBti0019985 - T1	23,67	23,12	0,55	1,468	2,047	0,665	0,384
outbred FBti0019985 - T2	23,69	22,77	0,93	1,900			
outbred FBti0019985 - T3	24,33	22,86	1,47	2,773			

**Table S7.** Infection assay results with laboratory outbred and CRISPR-mutant strains.

Females Rep. 1 STRAIN	TREATMENT	Time (hours)																
		2	14	16	18,5	21	23	25	40	43,5	49	64	74	94	113	119,5	137,5	
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> +	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Infected 1	2	2	2	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	7	8	
	Infected 2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	8	9	9	
	Infected 3	1	3	4	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	8	8	
	Infected 4	0	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	
	Infected 5	1	4	5	5	7	8	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	
	Infected 6	1	3	3	4	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	9	9	9	10	
	Infected 7	1	4	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	
Infected 8	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6		
Infected 9	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	6	7	8	8		
Infected 10	2	4	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	7		
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> -	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Infected 1	0	3	6	6	8	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
	Infected 2	0	1	1	2	3	4	4	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	9	
	Infected 3	0	4	6	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	
	Infected 4	0	1	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	7	7	7	8	8	8	9	
	Infected 5	0	2	3	3	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	9	9	10	10	10	
	Infected 6	0	2	2	4	5	5	6	8	8	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	
	Infected 7	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	6	8	8	8	9	
Infected 8	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	7	7	8		
Infected 9	1	7	7	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10		
Infected 10	2	4	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	10	10		

Log Rank (Mantel-Cox)
0,010

LT50 value	29.822	95% CI
	25.619 - 34.324	

LT50 value	20.89	95% CI
	17.67 - 24.077	



Males Rep. 1 STRAIN	TREATMENT	Time (hours)															
		2	14	16	18,5	21	23	25	40	43,5	49	64	74	94	113	119,5	137,5
Outbred FBt0019985 +	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Infected 1	0	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	5	6	6	7
	Infected 2	0	4	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	10	10	10
	Infected 3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	6	8	8	8
	Infected 4	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	5	7	7
	Infected 5	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	5	8	8
	Infected 6	0	1	5	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	8	9	9	9
	Infected 7	0	1	1	2	2	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	8	9	9
Infected 8	0	2	4	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	9	9	9	
Infected 9	0	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	7	7	7	
Infected 10	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	6	6	8	
Outbred FBt0019985 -	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Infected 1	0	3	3	3	3	4	4	6	6	7	7	7	8	8	8	9
	Infected 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	8
	Infected 3	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	5	5	6	7	8	8	9	9	9
	Infected 4	0	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	6	8	8	8	8	9
	Infected 5	0	2	2	2	2	3	3	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7
	Infected 6	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	6	7	8	8	8	9	9	9	9
	Infected 7	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	6	7	7	7	7	9	9
Infected 8	0	3	3	3	3	3	4	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	
Infected 9	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	4	6	7	7	7	8	9	10	10	
Infected 10	0	2	2	3	5	5	5	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	

Log Rank (Mantel-Cox)
0.026

LT50 value	51.477
95% CI	45.551 - 58.666

LT50 value	37.184
95% CI	34.536 - 39.968

Females Rep. 2		Time (hours)									
STRAIN	TREATMENT	10	13	15	17	21	35	45	60	83	107
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> +	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Infected 1	0	3	7	7	7	9	9	9	9	10
	Infected 2	0	2	2	5	5	8	8	8	8	9
	Infected 3	0	2	4	7	8	9	9	9	9	9
	Infected 4	0	3	4	7	7	8	9	10	10	10
	Infected 5	0	1	4	7	9	9	10	10	10	10
	Infected 6	0	1	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	5
	Infected 7	0	1	3	3	5	9	9	10	10	10
	Infected 8	0	0	1	3	5	7	8	9	10	10
Infected 9	0	1	3	4	4	8	8	8	8	8	
Infected 10	2	3	4	5	6	9	9	9	10	10	
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> -	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Infected 1	0	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	10	10
	Infected 2	1	4	4	6	6	6	6	7	7	7
	Infected 3	2	2	4	5	6	7	7	9	10	10
	Infected 4	0	2	3	5	5	7	7	7	7	7
	Infected 5	3	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	10
	Infected 6	0	4	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	9
	Infected 7	3	6	6	6	7	8	8	10	10	10
	Infected 8	3	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Infected 9	2	4	6	7	9	10	10	10	10	10	
Infected 10	0	3	4	7	8	9	9	10	10	10	
<i>FBti0019985CRISPR1</i>	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Infected 1	3	3	4	4	6	7	7	7	8	8
	Infected 2	1	1	4	4	7	8	8	8	8	9
	Infected 3	1	2	4	5	7	7	7	9	9	9
	Infected 4	2	4	6	6	7	9	9	9	9	10
	Infected 5	1	3	6	6	8	9	9	10	10	10
	Infected 6	2	2	4	4	5	7	7	7	7	7
	Infected 7	3	6	7	8	9	9	9	10	10	10
	Infected 8	4	6	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9
Infected 9	1	7	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	
Infected 10	1	4	6	6	6	7	7	8	9	10	
<i>FBti0019985CRISPR2</i>	Nonstress 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nonstress 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Infected 1	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	6
	Infected 2	5	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	8	9
	Infected 3	4	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	9
	Infected 4	1	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	6
	Infected 5	1	4	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	8
	Infected 6	1	3	5	6	7	7	8	8	9	9
	Infected 7	2	4	4	4	5	6	6	7	8	10
	Infected 8	5	6	6	6	6	7	8	8	9	9
Infected 9	1	1	2	4	5	6	6	7	8	9	

LT50 value	95% CI
22.09	19.651-24.683

LT50 value	95% CI
15.681	12.902-18.328

LT50 value	95% CI
15.77	13.505-17.949

LT50 value	95% CI
20.939	17.42-24.522

**Table S8.** qRT-PCR results for *lacZ* reporter gene in laboratory transgenic flies with and without *FBti0019985* sequence under cold- and ethanol-stress.

Embryos Cold-stress	Ct <i>Actin5C</i>	Ct <i>lacZ</i>	delta Ct ( <i>Actin</i> - <i>lacZ</i> )	2 <sup>delta</sup> Ct	mean	SD	SEM
Empty vector C1	24,17	28,97	-4,80	0,036	0,028	0,010	0,006
Empty vector C2	21,59	27,48	-5,89	0,017			
Empty vector C3	23,08	28,02	-4,94	0,033			
Empty vector T1	23,97	30,82	-6,85	0,009	0,007	0,002	0,001
Empty vector T2	21,90	29,53	-7,64	0,005			
Empty vector T3	22,02	29,14	-7,12	0,007			
<i>FBti0019985</i> C1	22,04	24,61	-2,57	0,168	0,138	0,043	0,025
<i>FBti0019985</i> C2	21,48	24,97	-3,50	0,089			
<i>FBti0019985</i> C3	21,73	24,41	-2,67	0,157			
<i>FBti0019985</i> T1	22,05	26,44	-4,39	0,048	0,026	0,019	0,011
<i>FBti0019985</i> T2	21,34	27,47	-6,13	0,014			
<i>FBti0019985</i> T3	22,09	28,04	-5,95	0,016			

#### Two-way ANOVA

Effect	Sig.
Genotype	0.002
Treatment	0.001
Genotype*Treatment	0.012

Adult Ethanol-stress	Ct <i>Actin5C</i>	Ct <i>lacZ</i>	delta Ct ( <i>Actin</i> - <i>lacZ</i> )	2 <sup>delta</sup> Ct	mean	SD	SEM
Empty vector C1	26,48	35,81	-9,33	0,002	0,001	0,001	0,000
Empty vector C2	25,10	36,09	-10,99	0,000			
Empty vector C3	25,49	36,06	-10,57	0,001			
Empty vector T1	25,51	36,02	-10,51	0,001	0,001	0,000	0,000
Empty vector T2	25,59	35,42	-9,83	0,001			
Empty vector T3	25,49	36,12	-10,63	0,001			
<i>FBti0019985</i> C1	25,29	34,14	-8,85	0,002	0,001	0,001	0,001
<i>FBti0019985</i> C2	23,57	34,18	-10,61	0,001			
<i>FBti0019985</i> C3	23,93	35,28	-11,34	0,000			
<i>FBti0019985</i> T1	25,33	34,44	-9,10	0,002	0,001	0,000	0,000
<i>FBti0019985</i> T2	25,43	34,74	-9,31	0,002			
<i>FBti0019985</i> T3	24,91	34,84	-9,94	0,001			

#### Two-way ANOVA

Effect	Sig.
Genotype	0.272
Treatment	0.669
Genotype*Treatment	0.494

**Table S9.** Cold-stress assay results with laboratory outbred strains with and without *FBti0019985*.

Strain	Treatment	Total emerged flies	% Survival
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> -	Nonstress 1	25	83,33
	Nonstress 2	20	66,67
	Nonstress 3	26	86,67
	Nonstress 4	21	70,00
	Nonstress 5	20	66,67
	Cold 1	16	53,33
	Cold 2	26	86,67
	Cold 3	23	76,67
	Cold 4	18	60,00
	Cold 5	18	60,00
	Cold 6	23	76,67
	Cold 7	19	63,33
	Cold 8	19	63,33
Outbred <i>FBti0019985</i> +	Nonstress 1	23	76,67
	Nonstress 2	24	80,00
	Nonstress 3	25	83,33
	Nonstress 4	27	90,00
	Nonstress 5	25	83,33
	Cold 1	23	76,67
	Cold 2	26	86,67
	Cold 3	21	70,00
	Cold 4	24	80,00
	Cold 5	17	56,67
	Cold 6	7	23,33
	Cold 7	25	83,33
	Cold 8	23	76,67
	Cold 9	13	43,33
Cold 10	19	63,33	

**Two-way ANOVA**

Effect	Sig.
Genotype	0.572
Treatment	0.046
Genotype*Treatment	0.411





