

Supplementary Materials for
**Decoding triancestral origins, archaic introgression, and natural selection in
the Japanese population by whole-genome sequencing**

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Note S1: JEWEL, the pilot stage and beyond

JEWEL was established with the aim of sequencing samples from the BBJ. In the pilot stage of the JEWEL project, we investigated pathogenic variants associated with hereditary cancer in 1,037 JEWEL samples (101). A genome-wide scan employing the Singleton Density Score (SDS) method was conducted on 2,234 WGS to identify recent positive selection signatures in the Japanese population. This analysis revealed four candidate loci: ADH cluster, major histocompatibility complex (MHC) region, *BRAP-ALDH2*, and *SERHL2* (73). We now present the expanded JEWEL dataset, comprising a total of 3,256 high-depth WGS. Using this dataset, we generated a reference panel and utilized it for imputation in large-scale GWASs (102, 103). In a separate study, SVs in JEWEL were extensively examined, leading to the identification of SVs significantly associated with various diseases and traits through imputation and association analysis (104).

Note S2: WGS Sample QC

A total of 3,288 samples underwent WGS, and 3,256 passed the QC criteria. The samples that failed QC were excluded due to several filters. First, we excluded five samples that were marked as "gDNA failure" in the sequencing summary. Next, we removed two samples that failed the read quality control, meeting the following criteria: I) high sequencing index error, II) high fraction of uniformity and coverage, III) high GC bias, IV) high fraction of duplication reads, and V) low sequencing depth. We then excluded 19 samples that showed identity-by-descent (IBD) or extreme heterozygosity. Subsequently, two samples with low concordance compared to microarray data were removed. Finally, three subjects with high contamination rates (determined as $\text{CHIPMIX} \geq 0.26$ and $\text{FreeMiX} \geq 0.25$) were excluded.

Note S3: PCA-UMAP analysis

It should be noted that the population structure pattern revealed by PCA-UMAP shown in Fig. 1C was based on rare variants with an allele frequency ranging between 0.01% to 1%. PCA-UMAP using common PCA ($\text{MAF} \geq 1\%$) could not fully capture the fine-scale population structure. We reasoned that the use of rare variants provided higher resolution in depicting population structure compared to common variants. However, we are not entirely clear on the

theoretical rationale behind the population structure revealed by PCA-UMAP using rare-variant and its correlation with the ADMIXTURE results (105). Furthermore, UMAP is a stochastic algorithm that utilizes randomness to expedite approximation steps. Consequently, different runs of UMAP using different initial seeds can yield slightly different results, but we have observed that UMAP tends to exhibit stability in the outcomes. Our results are generally consistent with the previous PCA-UMAP analysis applied to BioBank Japan (BBJ) array genotyping data (35). In the previous study, a structure exhibiting a northeast-to-southwest pattern was observed, and non-mainland clusters appeared to correspond to sub-populations from fine structure analysis. Regarding the sub-clusters of West and South, we suspected they represent individuals from regions such as particularly isolated islands, but due to the lack of detailed geographic information on the samples, this could not be confirmed. Future studies with comprehensive geographic information and a larger sample size are warranted to address these issues.

Note S4: Further note on ADMIXTURE analysis

A recent study identified a total of 27 unusual genomic regions that could potentially distort the population structure inference (106). Excluding these regions may enable a more comprehensible population structure through PCA and ADMIXTURE analysis. In order to examine any potential influence from these problematic regions on our ADMIXTURE results, we re-analyzed both PCA and ADMIXTURE by excluding variants within these regions. We first lift-down 11 out of these 13 troublesome regions to hg19. We noted that only a few SNPs used in PCA/ADMIXTURE analyses were located in these problematic regions (147 out of 184,036 SNPs, or 0.08%). We did not observe any noticeable differences in either PCA or ADMIXTURE analysis after removing 147 SNPs. We note there is a small change in the mean ADMIXTURE K values by region groups (Table S24).

Furthermore, we need to be careful to not interpret present-day Okinawa people as a least-admixed ancestry component or least-admixed descendants of Jomon. First, the limited sample size from Okinawa may not fully capture the extent of genetic heterogeneity among Okinawa sub-groups, as demonstrated by several analyses (35, 107, 108). Second, the genetic composition of Okinawa contained continental influences and is also likely to have been significantly shaped by factors like geographical isolation and strong genetic drift (109). This might partially explain

subtle differences observed between ADMIXTURE and the f_4 ratio analysis. Specifically, in ADMIXTURE analysis, South showed the second highest proportion of K1 (which might be due to genetic exchange facilitated by regional proximity) whereas f_4 ratio analysis indicated that Northeast had the second highest proportion of Jomon ancestry. The latter result aligns with a study focusing on Jomon allele analysis (110).

Finally, we attempted to run ADMIXTURE with both common and rare variants. However, due to the computational limitations of the original ADMIXTURE software, we were unable to process approximately 2 million variants within a reasonable timeframe. To address this challenge, we opted for a more computationally efficient version of ADMIXTURE called SCOPE (111). This analysis yielded a pattern consistent with that obtained using only common variants but appeared to offer more detailed insights. Specifically, it indicated that individuals from Okinawa also carry a small amount of the K2/K3 component, as illustrated in Fig. S16. This observation may align with a recent study that identified a Northeast Asian (NEA) component in historical genomes from the southern Ryukyu Islands (48). Additional analyses are required to investigate this potential connection.

Note S5: Pathogenic or likely pathogenic variants

We screened known pathogenic or likely pathogenic variants (P/LP) reported in the ClinVar database (version 20201208) in the JEWEL dataset. We restricted the analysis to reported variants that have a review status golden star ≥ 2 (practice guideline, reviewed by expert panel and multiple submitters, no conflicts) and without conflicting interpretations. In total, we identified 317 known P/LP variants. An important nuance is that subjects enrolled in JEWEL were patients of cancers (breast, prostate, colorectal, gastric) with an early onset, and patients of myocardial infarction, drug eruption, dementia, and therefore compared with non-disease population cohorts, it is more likely to identify P/LP variants. Each individual carries 1.36 ± 0.56 (mean \pm SD) pathogenic variants. We ranked the genes according to the number of known P/LP variants and observed that *BRCA2* (N=12), *LDLR* (N=10), and *BRCA1* (N=6) were the top genes. A total of 1,723 LoF variants were observed in ClinVar genes harboring P/LP variants (1,433 genes) but not previously reported in ClinVar. We noticed genes, including *TTN*, *PCDH15*, and *SPG11*, have the highest number of ClinVar unreported LoF. *TTN* is a gene

associated with Myopathy, and this gene was shown to have the highest putatively pathogenic variants among mendelian cardiovascular disease genes in the UK Biobank (97).

Note S6: Overlap of Denisovan segments in JEWEL with those in other populations

We examined whether Denisovan segments identified in JEWEL ($N = 220$) significantly overlap with those reported in a previous study that included populations from the 1000 Genomes Project (1KG) and Papua New Guinea (62). The most notable enrichment was observed in East Asian populations, specifically CHS, JPT, and CHB, whereas no significant enrichment was found in Papua New Guinea ($P = 0.54$, enrichment ratio = 1.229). Since our analysis focused on segments with a high matching rate to the Denisovan genome, as identified by IBDMix, and the previous data were obtained using the SPrime algorithm—which may be more sensitive than IBDMix—we conducted additional analyses to ensure that the results were not influenced by the choice of calling algorithm. We analyzed Denisovan segments determined using the SPrime and found a higher fold of enrichment in Papuans than that based on IBDmix (enrichment ratio = 1.774), although the P value slightly fell short of statistical significance ($P = 0.088$). These results appear to suggest a weak signal of enrichment. We next repeated the analysis solely using data generated by the previous study focusing on Denisovan segments in 1KG JPT samples and in Papuans (62). We again observed marginal significance ($P = 0.054$, enrichment ratio = 2.353). Based on these findings, it seems that Denisovan sequences in the Japanese population are largely similar to those in East Asian populations but show a weak enrichment when compared to those in Papuans.

The above observations seem to be plausible considering the presence of a shared Denisovan introgression between East Asians and Papuans, as well as introgression specific to EAS. It has been proposed two distinct pulses of introgression occurred in EAS (62). One pulse appears to be common to both EAS and Papuans, while the other pulse is specific to EAS (112). The precise timing of Denisovan introgression events in EAS remains largely unclear, while it has suggested that the EAS-specific Denisovan introgression, dated at approximately 48 ka, predates the Papuan-specific pulse which was estimated at 30 ka ago, and temporally closer to the initial Denisovan introgression shared between Asian and Oceanian lineages, estimated at around 45 ka (112). Furthermore, it was suggested that the EAS-specific introgression had a higher affinity to

the Altai Denisovan genome, whereas the EAS-Papuans shared introgression exhibited moderate affinity to the Altai Denisovan genome (62). In this context, when analyzing data via IBDMix, we tend to identify introgressed segments specific to the EAS lineage due to their high affinity with the Altai Denisovan genome. Conversely, using Sprime, we might be able to call more introgressed segments common to both EAS and Papuan lineages.

Note S7: Introgressed haplotype reintroduced lost allele at *ADAMTS7* locus

We observed that SNP rs11639375 (chr15:79024214:G:A) in the *ADAMTS7* locus had previously been identified as a lead variant in coronary artery disease (CAD) GWAS, where it exhibited a protective effect (30). Notably, this SNP is in high linkage disequilibrium (LD) ($r^2 = 0.91$) with the top Neanderthal-derived variant rs74508956 (chr15:79022322:T:G). Examining allele frequencies of the two SNPs using the Geography of Genetic Variants Browser (<https://popgen.uchicago.edu/ggv>) revealed that rs74508956 is restricted to populations from East/South Asia and Latin America, while rs11639375 is broadly distributed in all populations, including Africans (Fig. S17). To provide additional evidence that rs11639375 is located within an introgressed haplotype rather than merely in LD with a single archaic SNP, we found that 39 SNPs are in high LD with rs11639375 ($r^2 \geq 0.7$). These variants exhibit a frequency distribution pattern similar to that of rs74508956 as shown in Table S20.

We confirmed the same allele frequency distribution pattern using data from gnomAD. Based on the data above, we speculate that rs11639375 might have been lost during a bottleneck when East Asian populations separated from European populations approximately 35,000 to 50,000 years ago. Subsequently, this allele might have been reintroduced through the Neanderthal introgressed segment.

Note S8: ADMIXTURE analysis using array data

We observed an optimal K value of 3, in contrast to $K = 2$ reported in a previous study (34). This discrepancy may stem from different variants were used. We speculated that common variants from pre-designed microarrays may not fully capture the LD structures in the Japanese population, as compared to variants unbiasedly selected from WGS. This could potentially introduce a higher noise level into the ADMIXTURE results. In our study, array-based

genotyping data were available for 3,157 out of 3,256 subjects. To test this hypothesis, we ran ADMIXTURE using the array data, applying the same protocol as used for the WGS data, and plotted the results for the same individuals. Empirically, we found that the WGS-based ADMIXTURE analysis produced cleaner data, while the array-based approach exhibited more noise (Fig. S18). However, a similar pattern concerning the genetic cline from Northwest to West was observed in both datasets. Further analyses will be essential in the future to validate and extend these findings. This may include comprehensive sampling with detailed sample information to enhance the robustness and generalizability of the results.

Note S9: Perspective on "dual structure" and "tripartite origins" models

We would like to discuss differences and implications between the "dual structure" model and "tripartite origins" model, arguing that the latter might be a superior theoretical framework. First, although there is a consensus from both models that there had been multiple migration waves in Japan's prehistory, the "dual structure" model suggests/implies that the genetic differences in the Japanese population primarily stem from the extent of admixture between those continental people and Jomon. In comparison, the "tripartite origins" model emphasizes the significance of admixture between EA and NEA ancestry. Second, the term "Yayoi" in the "dual structure" model is ambiguous, as it can refer to heterogeneous groups of people. While defining Yayoi individuals as those with continental ancestry who migrated to Japan during the post-Jomon period may be historically or genetically valid, this definition lacks both specificity and resolution. Various waves of migration to Japan, from Yayoi period to post-Kofun era, could encompass individuals with EA, NEA, or a mixture of known or unknown continental ancestries. Although all these groups could technically be considered as having originated from Continental Asia, such a broad categorization fails to capture the nuanced differences among them. On the other hand, in the "tripartite origins" model, if we assume that the early-arriving people in Yayoi era and the later-arriving people in Kofun era may have different genetic or cultural/linguistic backgrounds—albeit the genetic differences may be challenging to distinguish due to the shallow divergence time between NEA and EA and scarcity of ancient genomes at the moment—this model may offer a better fit to the major cultural and societal shifts observed during the Yayoi and Kofun periods. Thirdly, the 'tripartite origins' offer a plausible explanation for the origin of the Japanese language by introducing NEA ancestry into the framework, as evidence suggests

that the Proto-Japonic language can be traced back to Northeast Asian roots (42). While it should be acknowledged that both "dual structure" and "tripartite origins" models are themselves simplifications and that the actual population history might be more complex. Additionally, we suggest that future studies could investigate the potential link between Northeast Asia and the Izumo civilization. It has been shown that the phonology and tone system of dialect in present-day Northeast share similarities with those of Izumo, suggesting a potential migratory connection between the people of Northeast and Izumo (85). This potential link between Northeast/Emishi and Izumo is intriguing given the prominent position that the ancient Izumo occupies in Japanese prehistoric mythology and religion (113, 114).

Note S10: Difference of ADH/ALDH2 signal between Okinawa and Hondo and potential sources of natural selection

We observed differences in the selection signals of ADH cluster and *ALDH2* between Hondo and Okinawa, which are interesting and may warrant further analysis. Reasons for the positive selection of these alcohol metabolism genes remain unknown, but it was proposed might be related to the large-scale adoption of rice cultivation in East Asia. One hypothesis suggested that elevated levels of acetaldehyde may confer a protective effect against parasitic infections, particularly from anaerobic and microaerophilic gut organisms like *Entamoeba histolytica* (*E. histolytica*) (115, 116). This amoeba relies on a key bifunctional alcohol/aldehyde dehydrogenase protein, EhADH2, for its growth and survival, where this protein plays a vital role in the utilization of glucose as an energy source via the fermentative pathway (117, 118). Elevated acetaldehyde levels in the blood due to *ALDH2* deficiency could potentially impair the function of EhADH2, offering a form of protection against infection. This implied notion could find indirect support from the fact that nitroimidazole, an ALDH inhibitor, has been used as the first-line medication to treat *E. histolytica* infection (119). Should this hypothesis be validated, individuals carrying functional variants of *ALDH2* could benefit from potential resistance to parasites. If such an advantage exists, it may be especially relevant in East Asia, where farming has a long history of widespread practice. In this context, the likelihood of encountering parasites like *E. histolytica* may be increased due to activities such as working in rice paddy, where anaerobic conditions in the soil can create an environment conducive to certain parasites. Additionally, the use of human or livestock excreta as fertilizer in agriculture can further

increase the risk of exposure to pathogens (120). If the link between selection of *ALDH2* and the advent of rice farming is indeed true, differing selection pressures could be present in Hondo and Okinawa, considering that rice farming was established in these regions at different times: approximately 3,000 years ago in Hondo and around 1,000 years ago in Okinawa during the Gusuku period (121). While other hypotheses exist, such as protection against hepatitis B virus (122). Moreover, a study has shown that ADH genes and *ALDH2* are associated with the dietary preferences of Japanese individuals, which include the consumption of green tea, milk, yogurt, natto, tofu, and fish, in addition to their roles in alcohol consumption (123). Survival analysis conducted on the BBJ dataset revealed that carrying functional variants of *ADH1B* and *ALDH2* had a positive impact on all-cause mortality in the Japanese population. Notably, these effects were independent of alcohol consumption (124).

Supplementary Figures

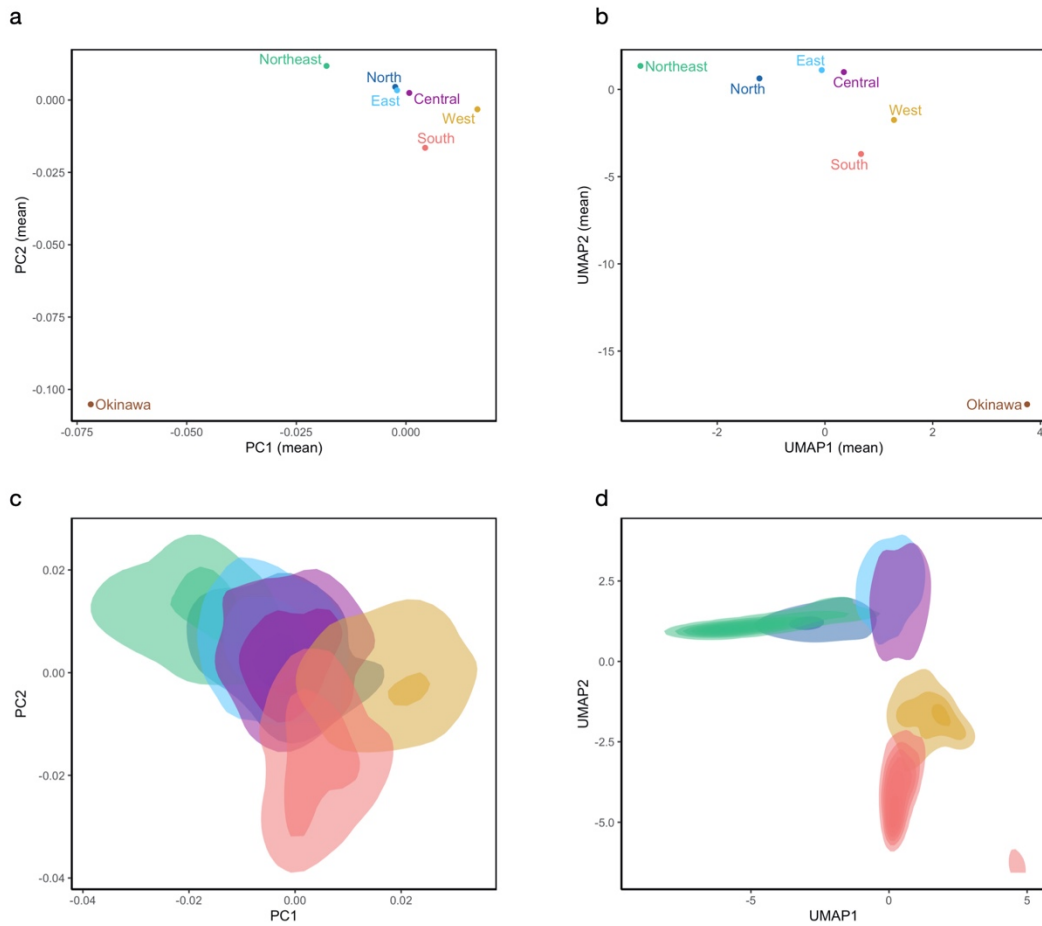


Fig. S1. PCA-UMAP analysis based on rare variants offers a more distinct separation of subjects from the Hondo region. a, b. The mean PCA and PCA-UMAP values grouped by regions. **c, d.** The contour plots depict the density distribution of PCA and PCA-UMAP values, respectively, for six Hondo regions (excluding Okinawa). The colors match those in Figure 1.

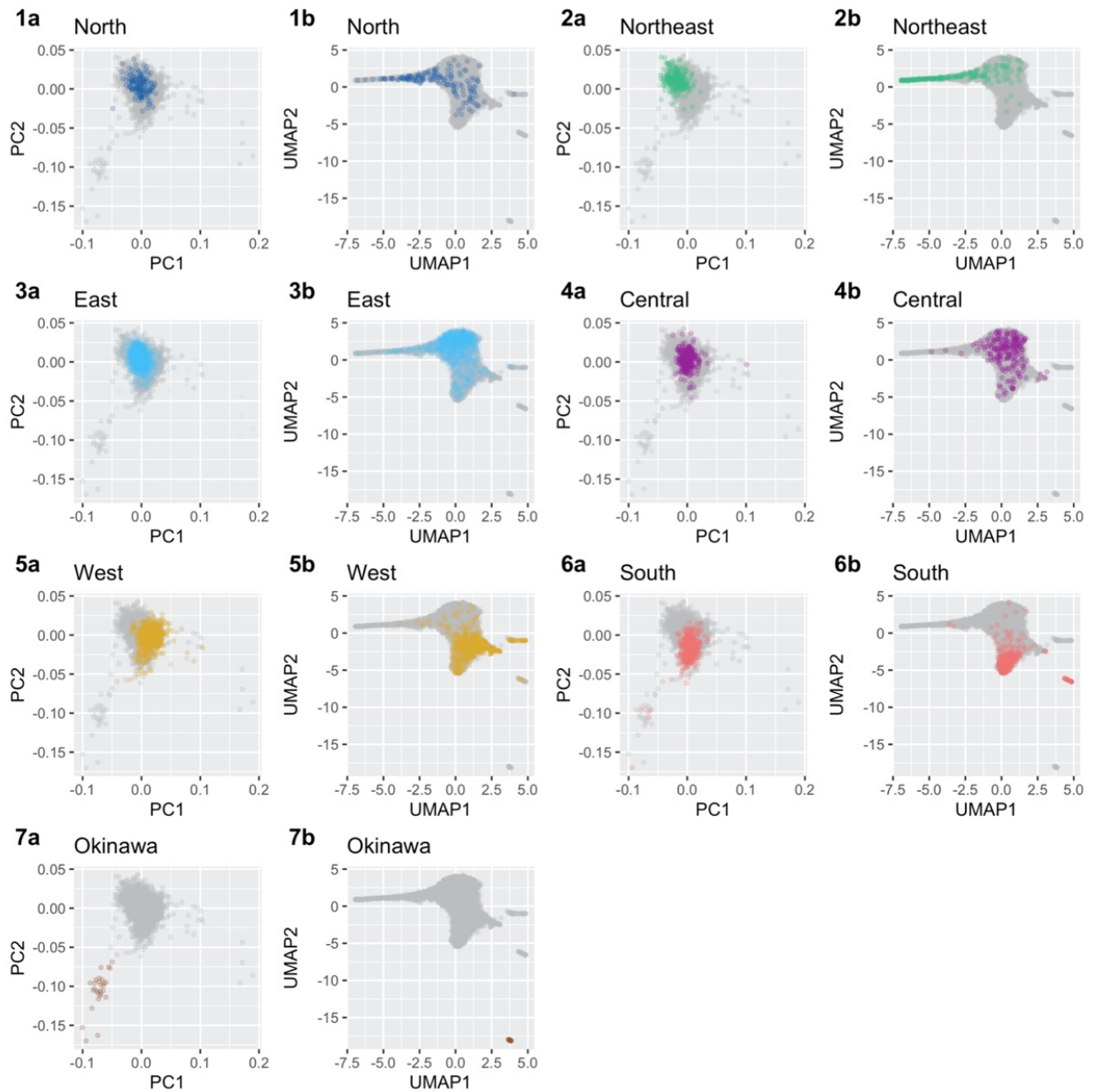


Fig. S2. PCA and PCA-UMAP for each region. 1a-7a. The PCA plots are displayed for the seven regions. In each plot, individuals from one of the seven regions are highlighted using the colors from Figure 1, while individuals from the other six regions are shaded in gray. **1b-7b.** Similarly, each region is highlighted in PCA-UMAP plots.

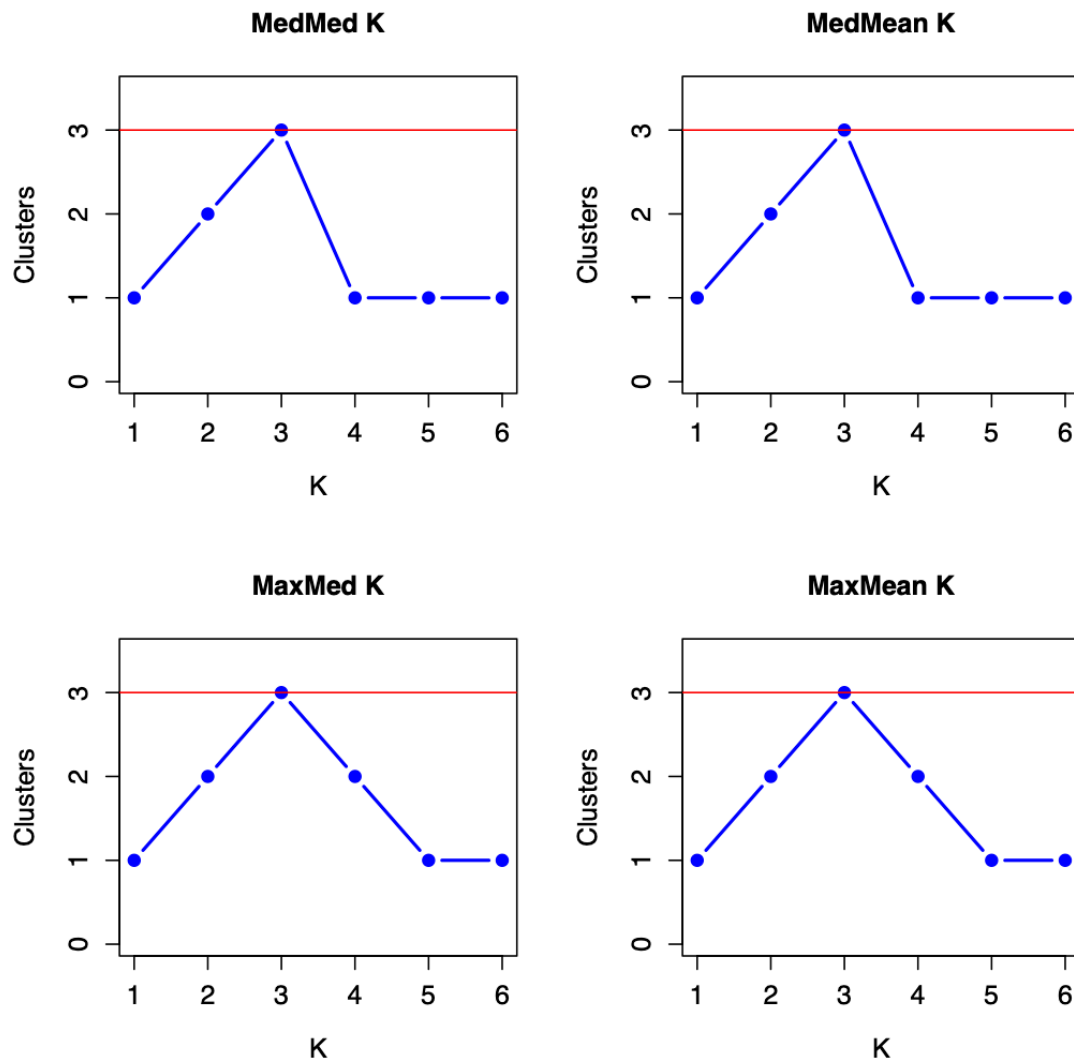


Fig. S3. Optimal K-value identification using statistics implemented in StructureSelector Four statistics, namely MedMedK, MedMeaK, MaxMedK, and MaxMeaK, were employed to identify the optimal K value. The red horizontal line denotes the K value determined by each of the four statistics.

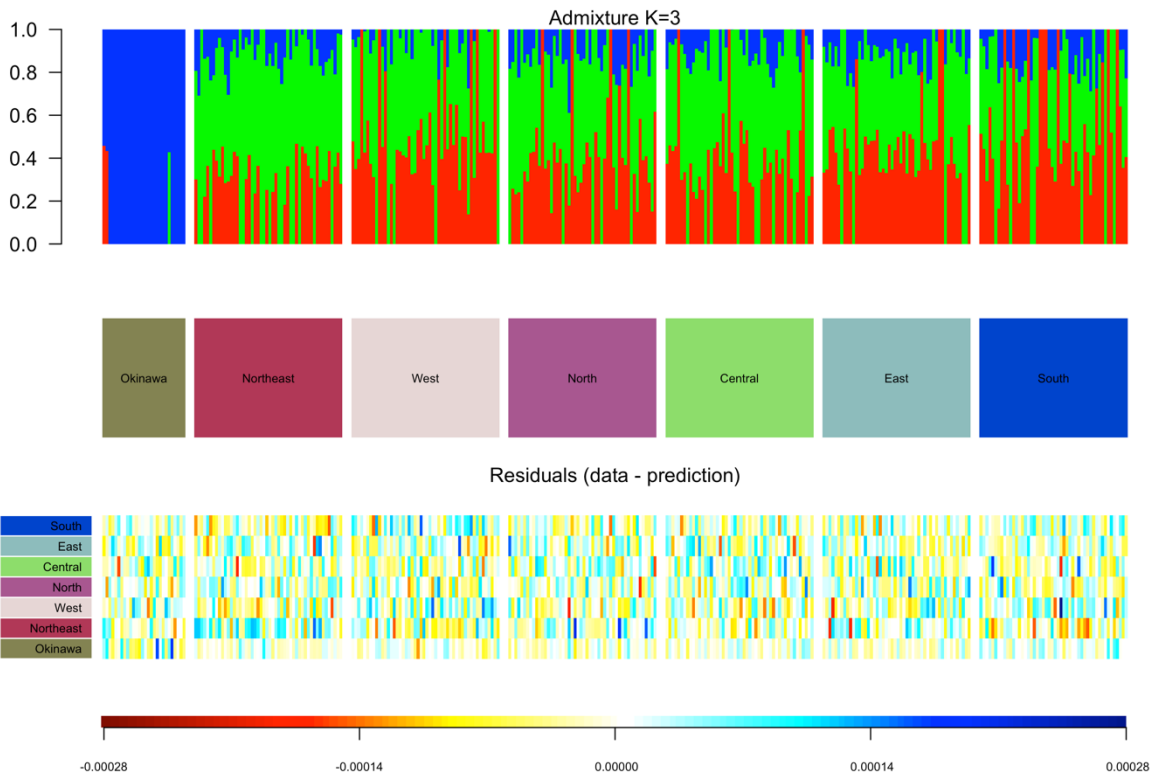


Fig. S4. Inspection of model fitting by badMIXTURE at K=3

For badMIXTURE analysis, we randomly selected 50 samples from each region, except for Okinawa, where all 28 samples were included. The upper panel displays the inferred ADMIXTURE plots at K=3, and the lower panel shows the residual palette under the best-fit ancestral population admixture model. No systematic pattern of residuals was observed.

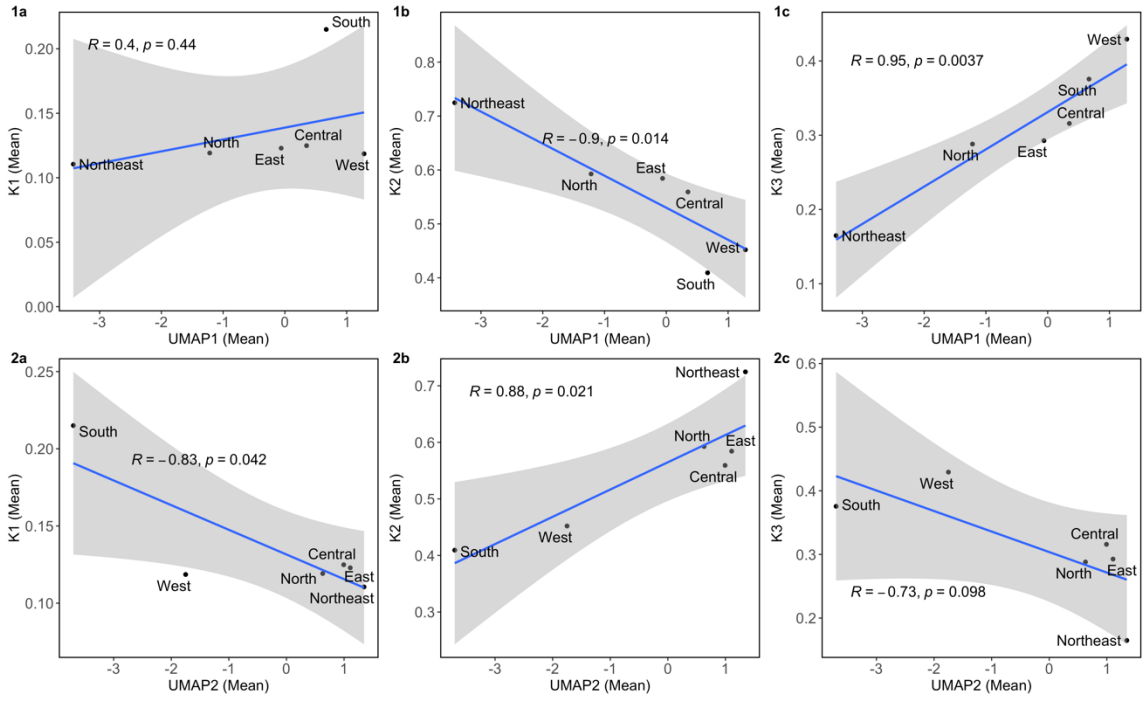


Fig. S5. Correlation between PCA-UMAP and ADMIXTURE K values.
1a-1c. The correlation between UMAP1 and K1-K3, summarized for each region excluding Okinawa. **2a-2c.** The correlation between UMAP2 and K1-K3, summarized for each region.

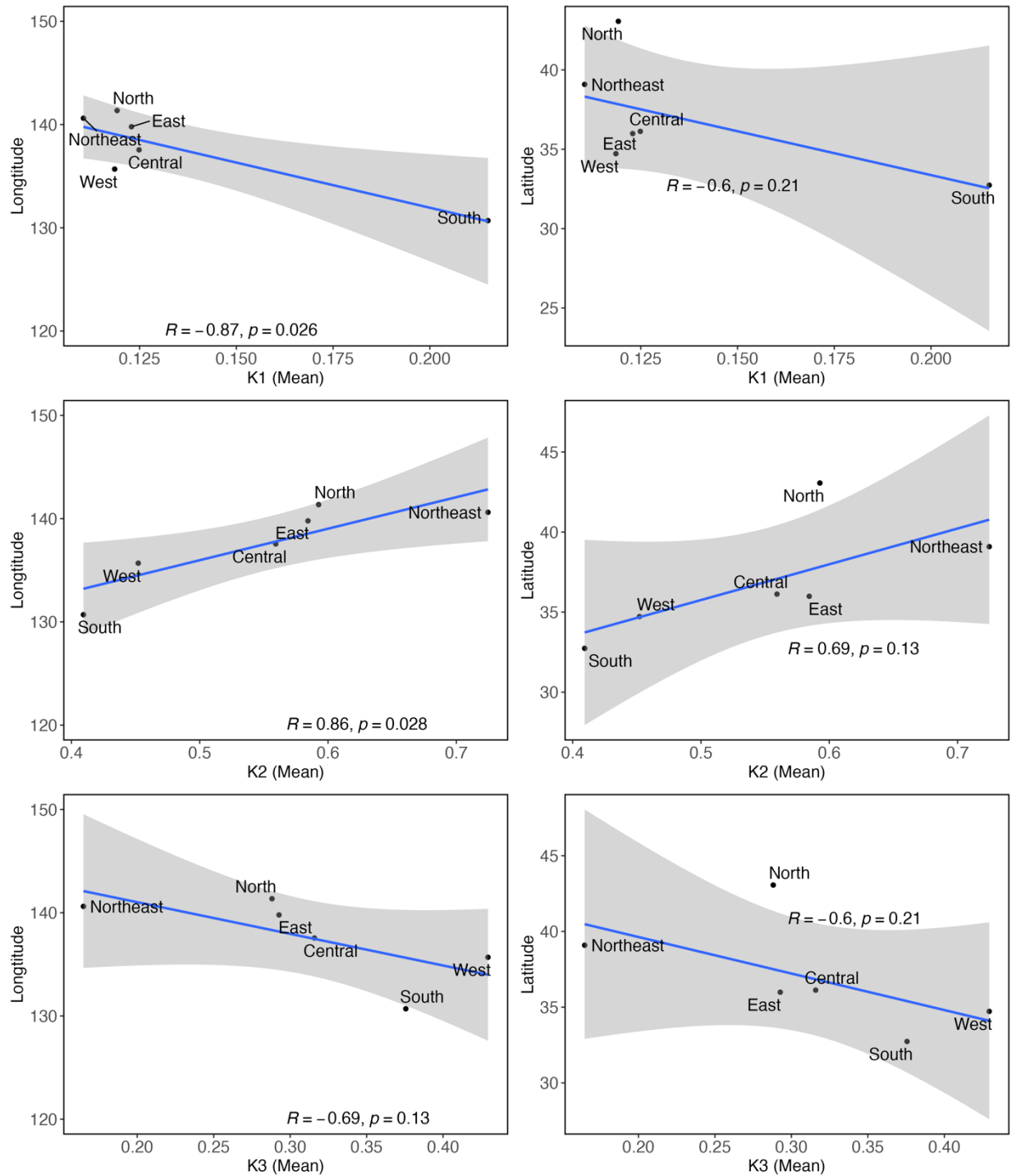


Fig. S6. Correlation between ADMIXTURE K values and geographical locations. Correlations between K1, K2, and K3 with longitude (1a, 2a, 3a) and latitude (1b, 2b, 3b). Significant correlations were observed for K1 and K2 with longitude, but not for K3. Okinawa samples were excluded from the analysis as they predominantly exhibited K1.

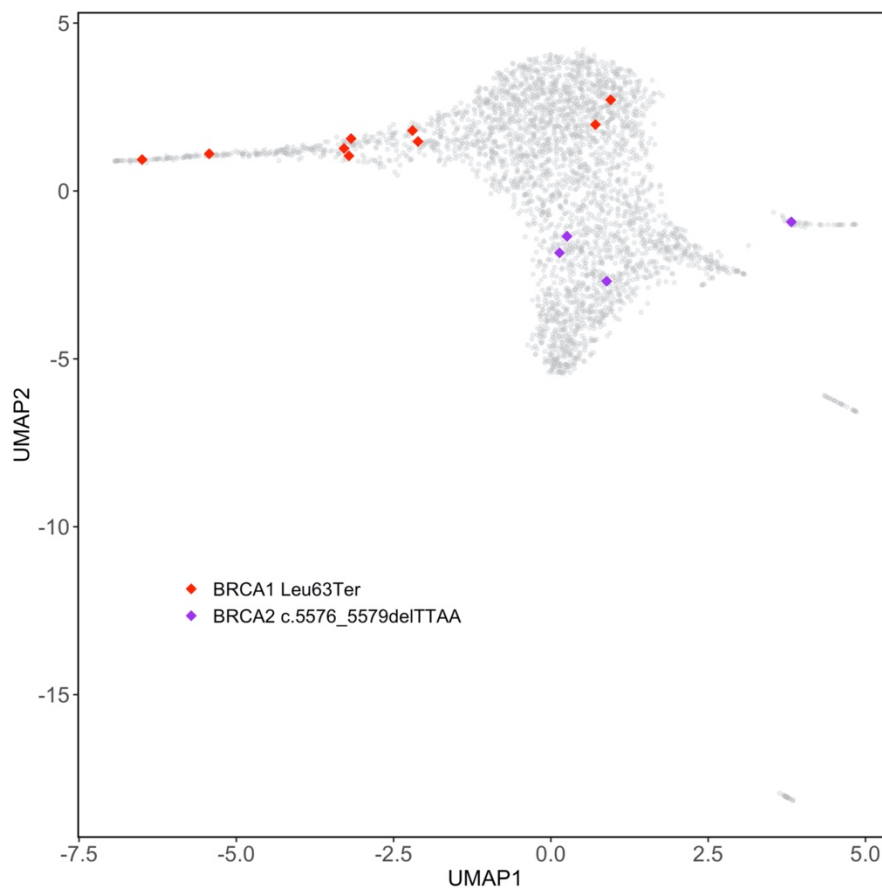


Fig. S7. The PCA-UMAP reveals the origins of two BRCA1/2 founder mutations.

The *BRCA1* Leu63Ter variant is enriched in subjects with likely northeastern ancestry, indicated by carriers marked in red. Additionally, four individuals with the *BRCA2* c.5576_5579delTTAA variant are marked in purple.

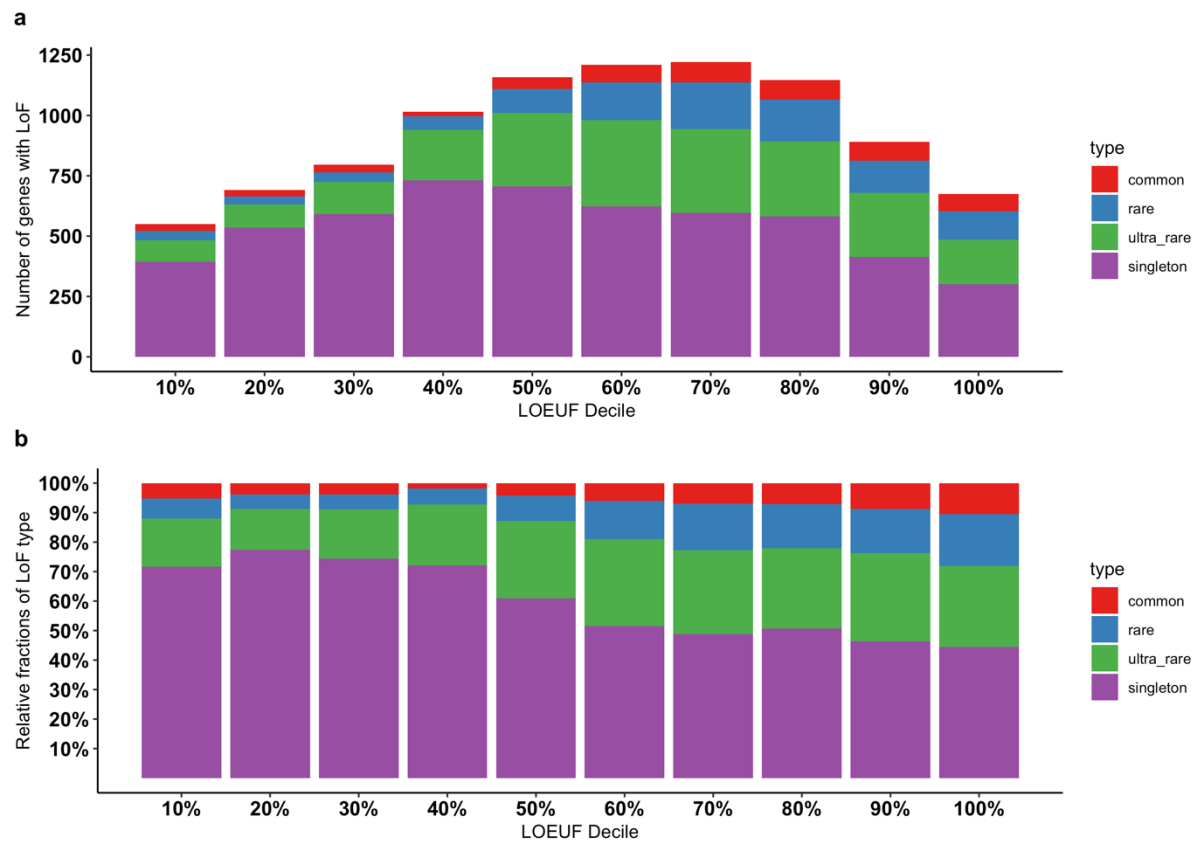


Fig. S8. Number of genes harboring a LoF variants by LOEUF decile.

a) Number of genes containing LoF variants for each decile, further divided by LoF types: Common (MAF (minor allele frequency) ≥ 0.01); Rare ($0.001 \leq \text{MAF} < 0.01$); Ultra-rare ($\text{MAF} < 0.001$ & $\text{AC} > 1$); and Singleton. **b)** Relative fractions of LoF types. The data reveal that fewer genes in top LOEUF deciles contain LoF variants, and there is a higher proportion of singletons among LoF variants affecting genes in these top LOEUF deciles compared to those in the lower LOEUF deciles. Each LOEUF decile contains 1,920 genes, and genes in the top decile (e.g., top 10%) are highly intolerant to LoF mutations.

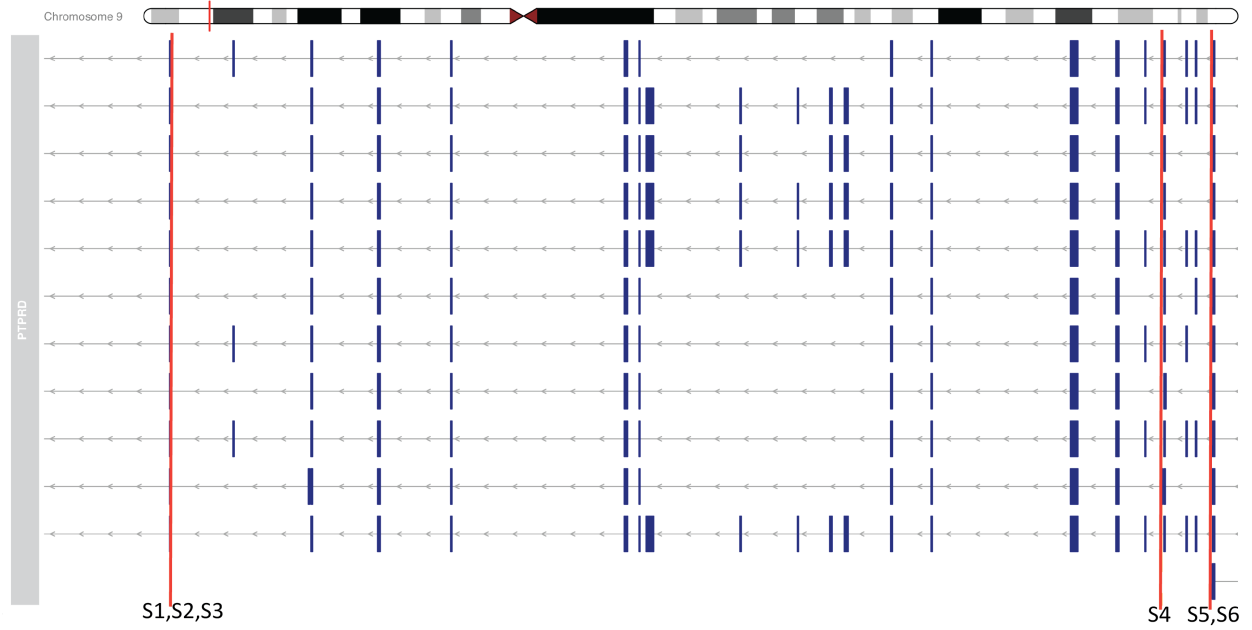


Fig. S9. LoF variants in *PTPRD* gene

The figure provides a zoomed-out view of the region from Fig 2.e, featuring 6 carriers (S1-S6). The yellow line indicates the location of the LoF variants.

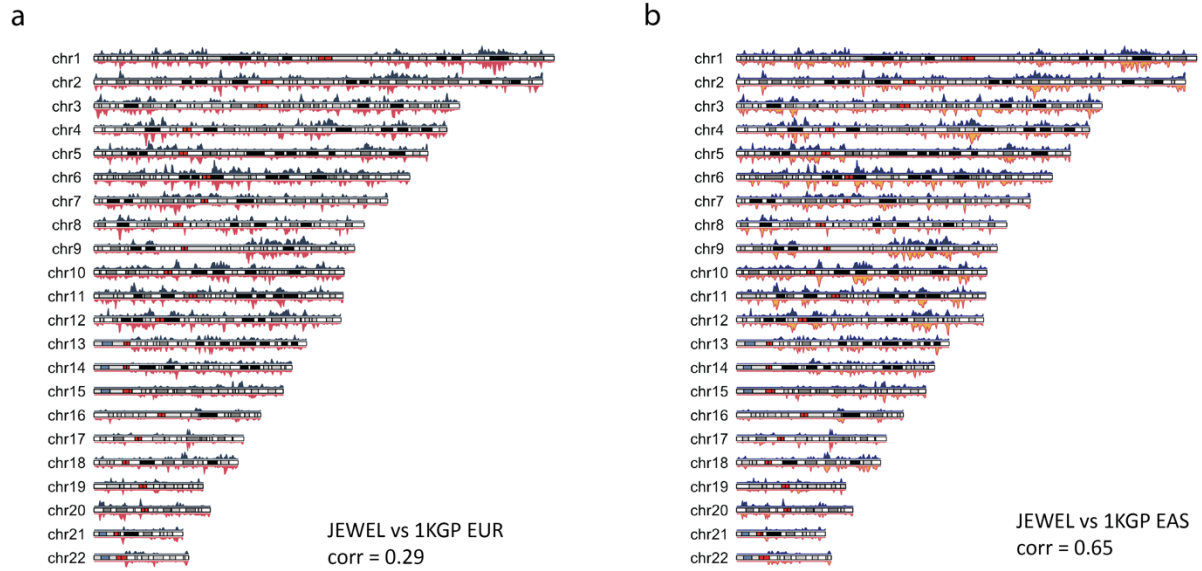


Fig. S10. Comparison of Identified Neanderthal Sequences Across Different Datasets.

a. comparison of Neanderthal-introgressed sequences derived from the JEWEL dataset with those from the 1KGP European populations (EUR). **b** a similar comparison but with 1KGP East Asian populations (EAS). The analysis reveals a stronger correlation between JEWEL-identified introgressed regions in Japanese samples and the 1KGP EAS dataset (Pearson correlation = 0.65) compared to the 1KGP EUR dataset (Pearson correlation = 0.29).

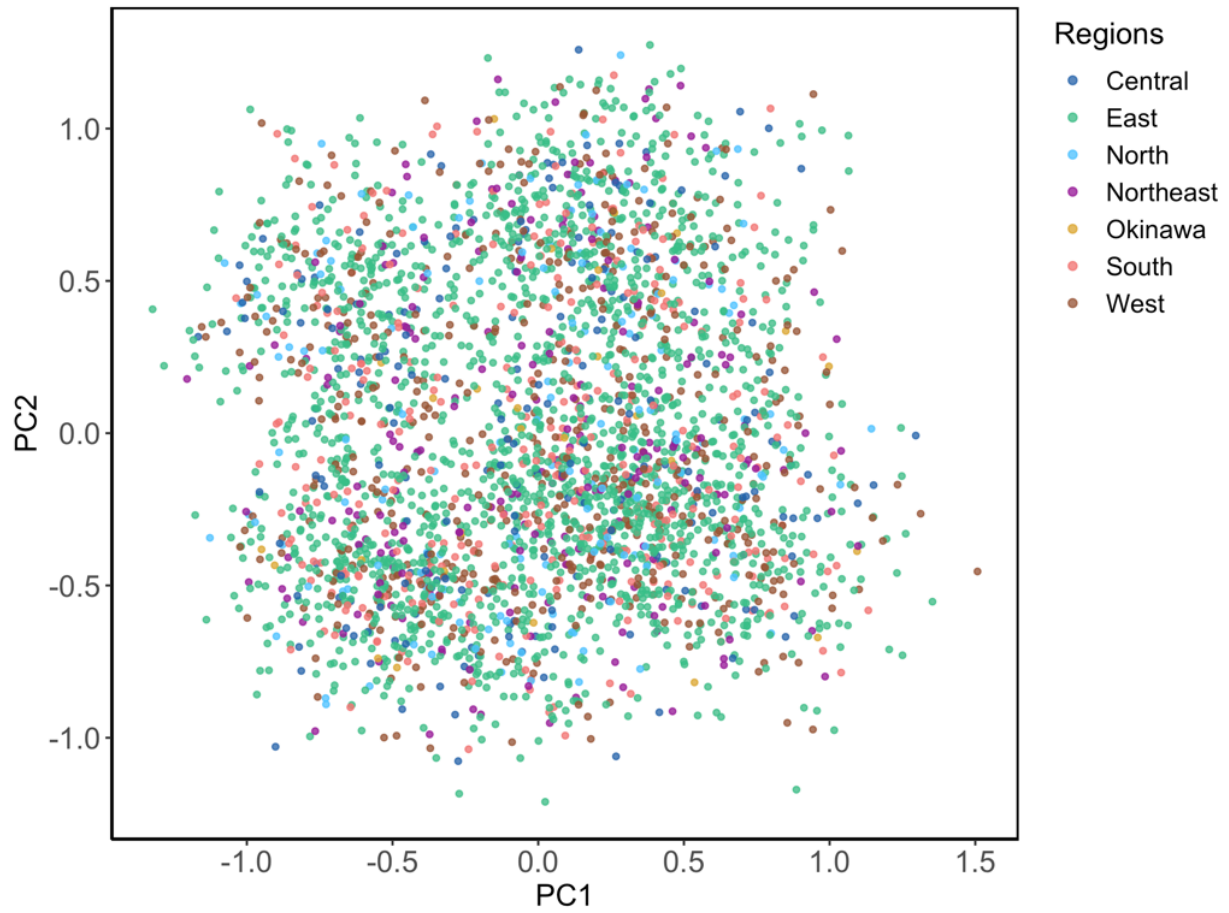


Fig. S11. PCA of the Neanderthal-introgressed segments

PCA was performed based on introgressed segments across 3,256 subjects. No sub-regional differences were observed in the analysis.

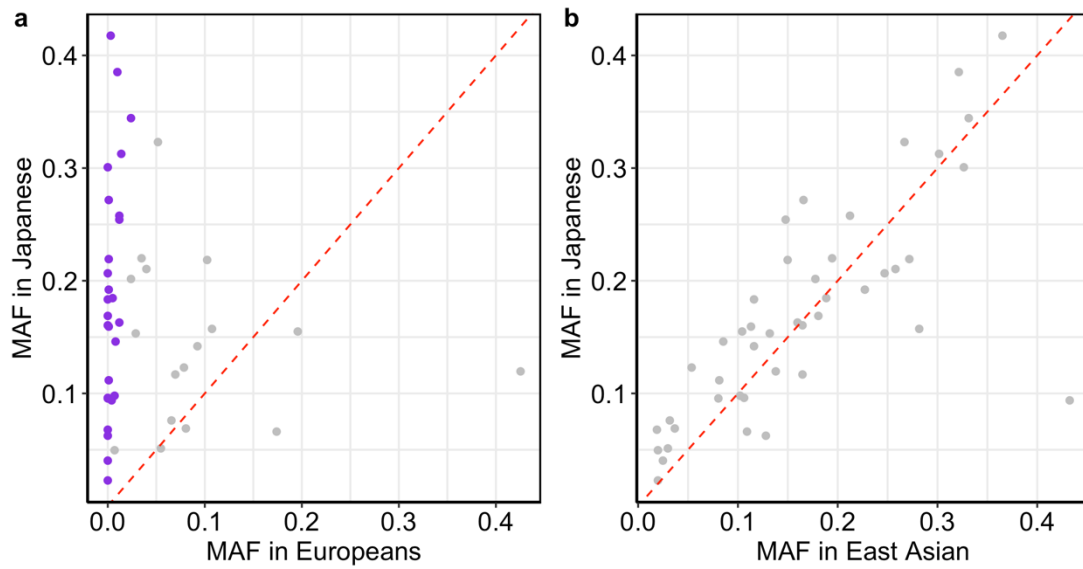


Fig. S12. Comparison of Minor Allele Frequencies (MAFs) for Lead Variants Within 44 Introgressed Segments Associated with Phenotypes. a) Between Japanese and 1KGP Europeans. **b)** Between Japanese and East Asians. Variants displaying more than a 10-fold higher MAF in the Japanese population are highlighted in purple. The findings suggest that the vast majority of lead variants within the 44 introgressed segments associated with phenotypes are specific to East Asians when compared to Europeans.

QQ-plot

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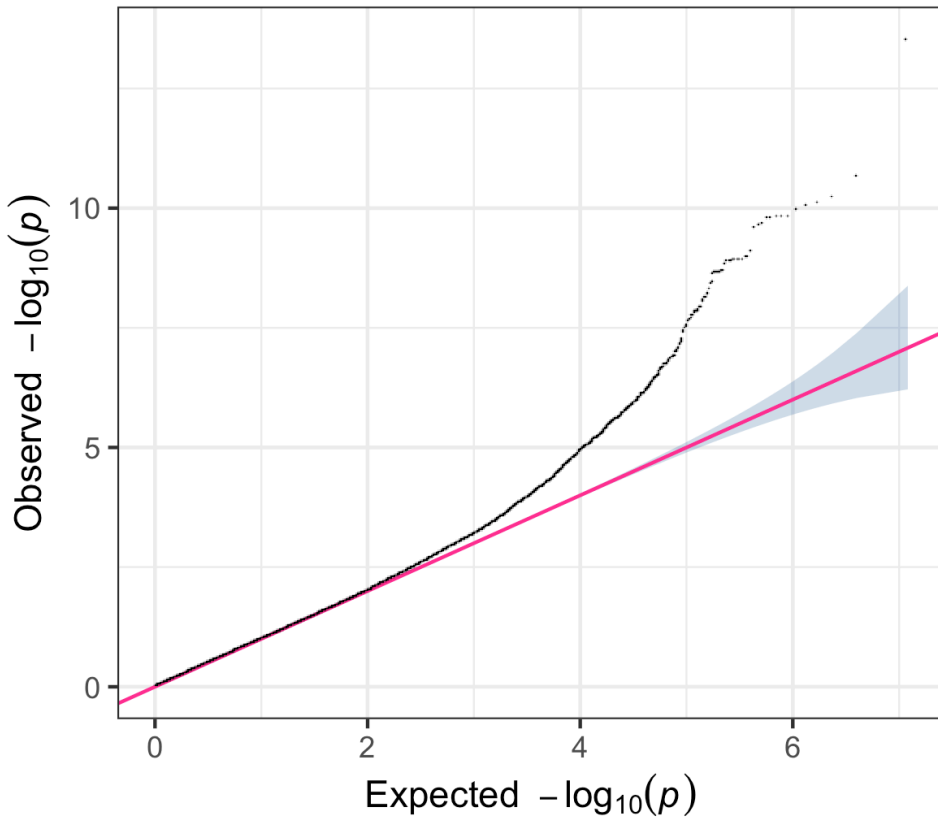


Fig. S13. Quantile-quantile (QQ) plot of iHS statistics in non-HLA regions

Comparison of observed approximate P_{iHS} values versus expected P values for all variants in non-HLA regions,

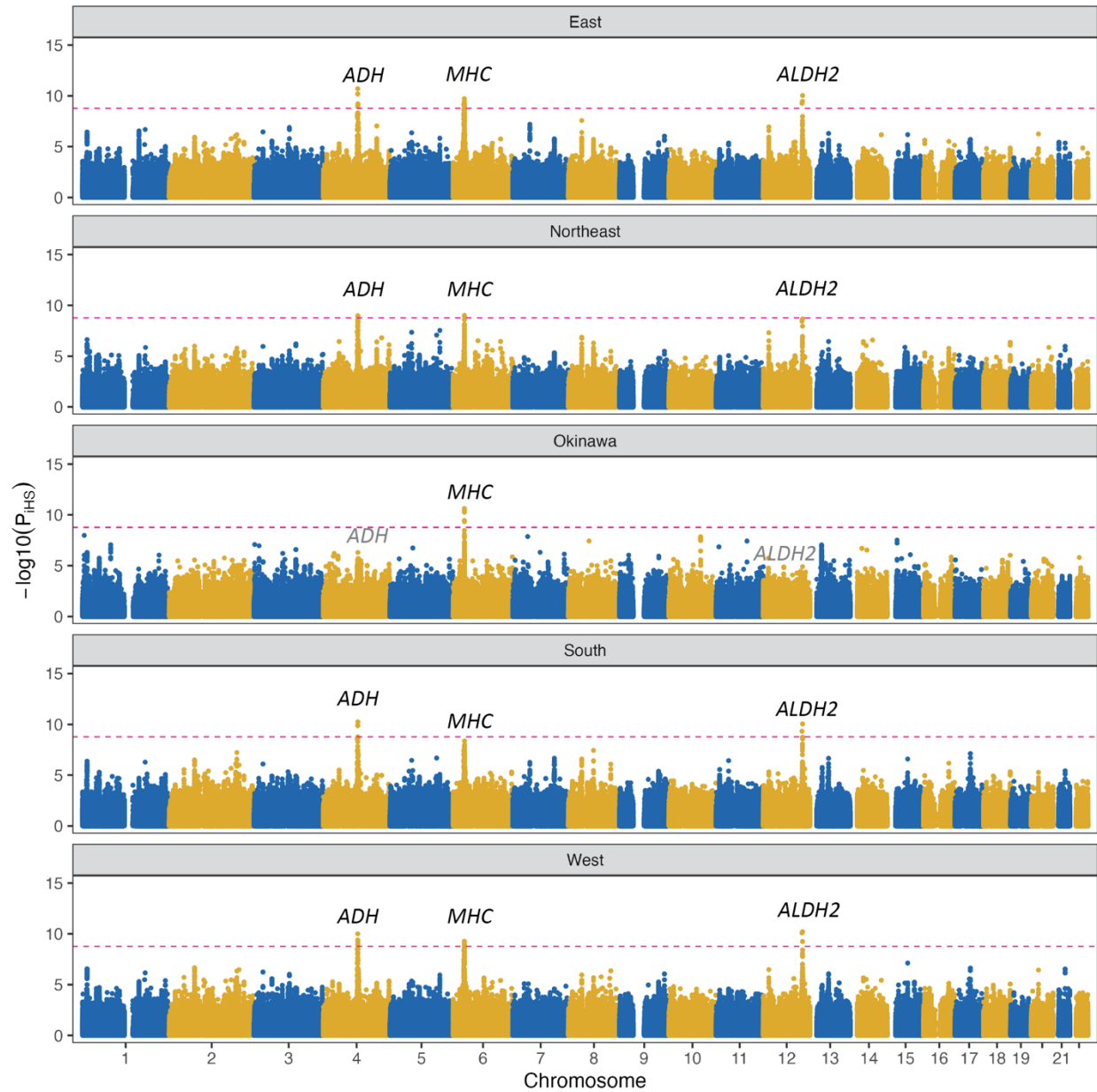


Fig. S14. iHS analysis for sub-regions.

The $-\log_{10}(P_{iHS})$ value (y-axis) and the chromosomal position (x-axis) of each SNP are plotted across the genome. The red dashed line indicates the Bonferroni-corrected genome-wide significance threshold (approximate $P_{iHS} < 8.24 \times 10^{-9}$). The *ADH* locus in Okinawa was marked as grey as it falls short of genome-wide significance.

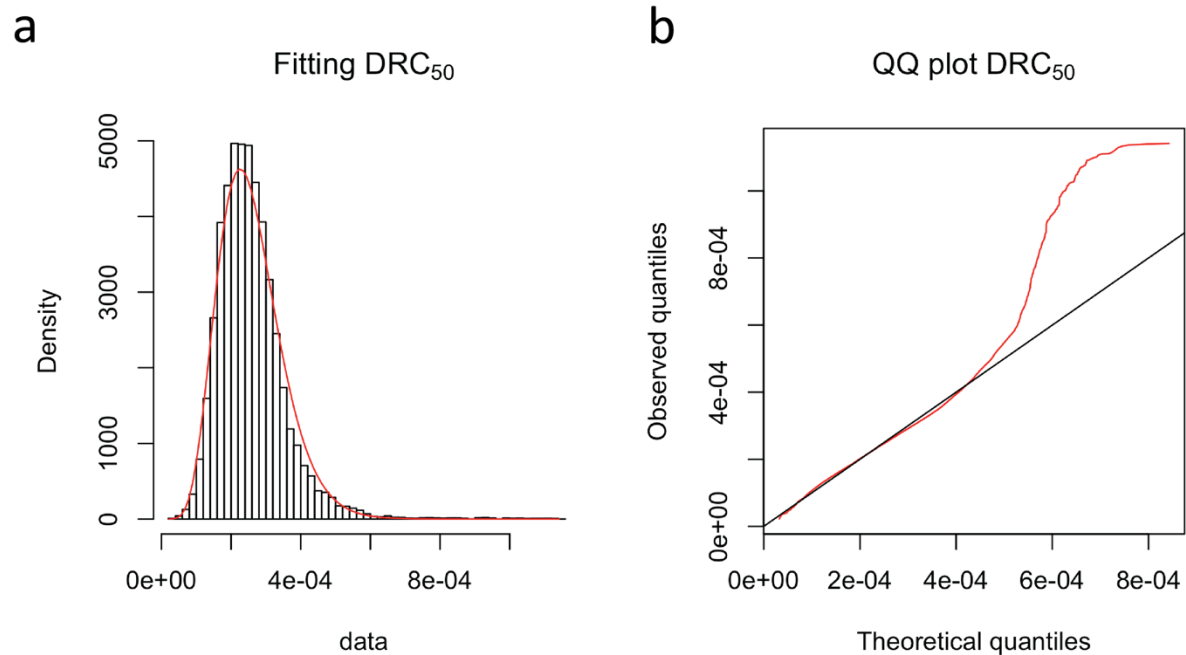


Fig. S15. Empirical null model for the DRC_{50} statistic.

a. the empirical distribution and Gamma fitting (red curve) for the DRC statistic were examined in the putative neutral regions of the genome. **b.** The quantile-quantile (QQ) plot for the DRC statistic

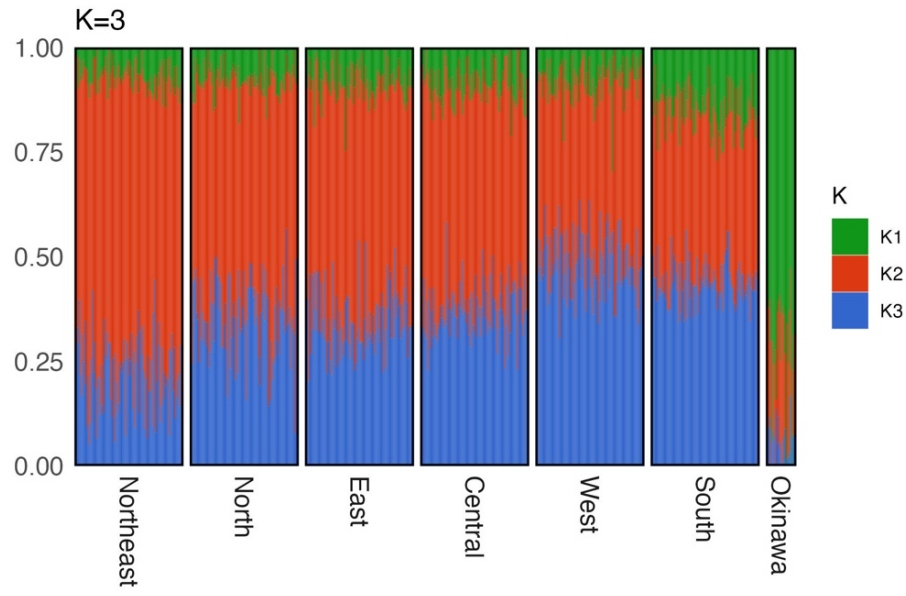


Fig. S16. ADMIXTURE analysis using both common and rare variants

ADMIXTURE analysis conducted using SCOPE software with K set to 3. Both common and rare pruned variants were included as input. The samples plotted are consistent with those presented in Fig. 1d.

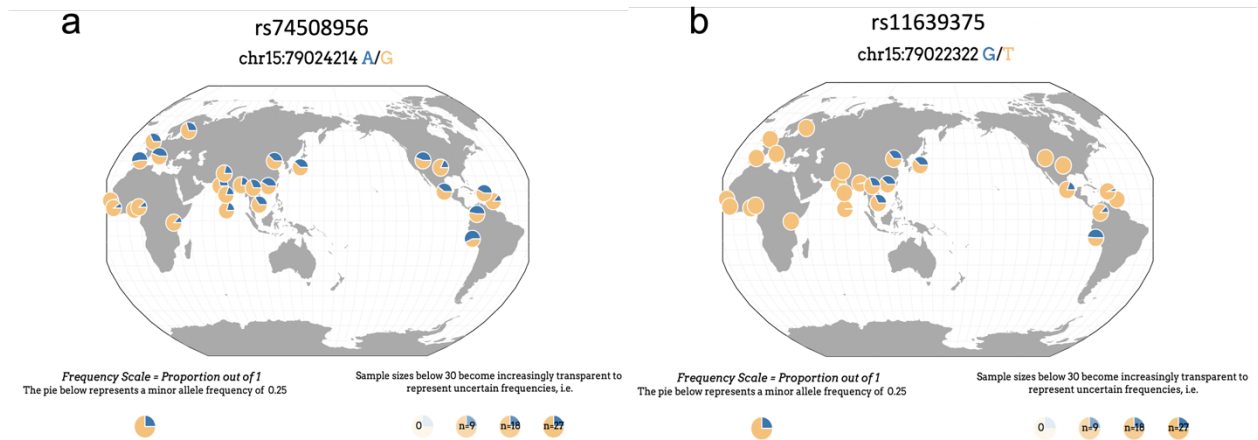


Fig. S17. Worldwide AF of rs74508956 and rs11639375

Worldwide geographic AF distribution for rs74508956 (a) and rs11639375 (b) generated by the Geography of Genetic Variants browser (<https://popgen.uchicago.edu/ggv/>). The source data is derived from the 1KGP dataset. Each pie chart represents a specific population; the blue slice indicates the frequency of the global minor allele.

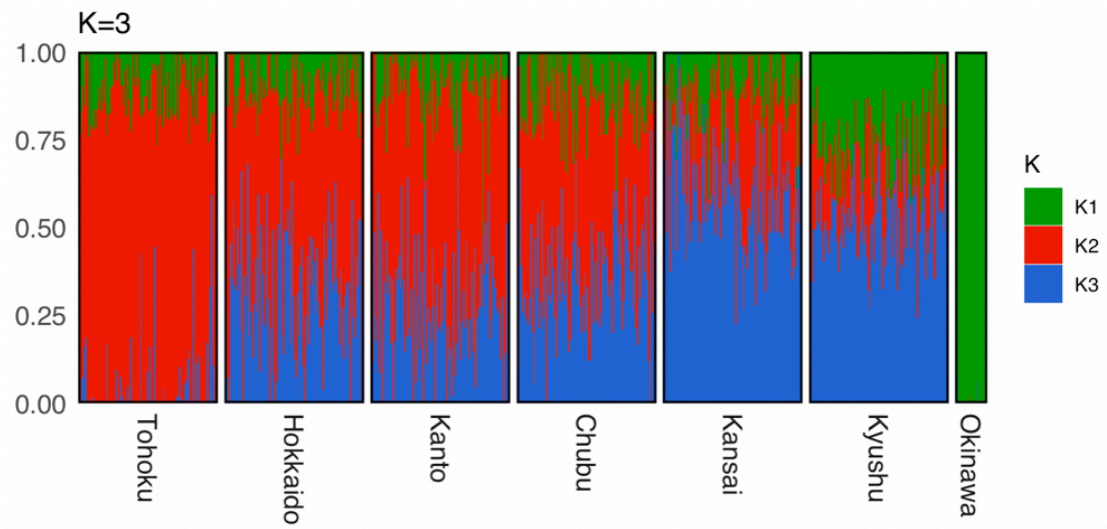


Fig. S18: ADMIXTURE data using array data

ADMIXTURE analysis was conducted using array data, adhering to the same protocol employed for the WGS dataset.

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