A search for parent-of-origin effects on honey bee gene expression

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Supplemental Materials and Methods.

Crosses. Five Africanized honey bee (AHB) colonies and four European honey bee (EHB; *A.m. carnica*) colonies were maintained in at INIFAP facilities in Tonatico, Estado de México, Mexico. Colonies were identified as Africanized based on mitochondrial haplotype and morphometrics. The EHB lineages had been maintained by instrumental insemination. The estimated F_{ST} between *A.m. ligustica* (a close relative to *A.m. carnica*) and Africanized strains ranges from 0.385-0.406 (Whitfield *et al.* 2006). One AHB and one EHB colony were chosen based on extreme differences in stinging response (Shorter *et al.* 2012) and attraction to queen mandibular pheromone; AHB are less responsive to this pheromone (Kocher, Hunt, and Grozinger, *unpublished data*).

Sample handling and sequencing. Potential biases in measurement of allele specific expression caused by low library complexity were controlled by using multiple libraries per sample and multiple samples. RNA was extracted from pools of larvae (n= 90 individual first instar larvae in pool 1, n=75 in pool 2) and pools of adults (n = 56 individual guards per pool) with Trizol (Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY). Brains of individual adults were dissected on dry ice and RNA was extracted with the PicoPure kit (Life Technologies, Grand Island, NY) and amplified. To identify SNPs that would enable distinguishing maternal and paternal alleles, we extracted DNA from the two queen mothers and drone fathers of the EA (European mother) and AE (European father) reciprocal crosses using the DNeasy Blood and Tissue kit from Qiagen (Valencia, CA), sequenced their genomes and mapped the reads to the reference genome (Amel4.0 (Consortium 2006); Table S4). Both drone genomes were sequenced on an ABI SOLiD, and queen genomes were sequenced using a combination of data from the ABI SOLiD as well as an Illumina HiSeq.

To assess parent-specific biases in gene expression, we sequenced the RNA of pooled larvae and pooled adults; two libraries of each sample group were constructed for both the AE and EA reciprocal colonies. We also sequenced the brains of 3 individual adults from each reciprocal colony (AE and EA). RNAseq libraries were sequenced to high coverage on an Illumina HiSeq platform (~200x per sample; Table S4).

Read processing and SNP calling for parental genomes. Sequencing reads were first processed in FastX v.0.0.13

(http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit/index.html) to examine data quality; read quality was also visually inspected in IGV

(Robinson et al. 2011). Reads were trimmed when the quality decreased below 20. Trimmed genomic DNA reads were then

input into Novoalign (http://www.novocraft.com) for alignment to the *Apis mellifera* 4.0 genome assembly(Consortium 2006) (www.hgsc.bcm.tmc.edu/project-species-i-Apismellifera.hgsc?pageLocation=Apis mellifera) with the following options: -k, -H, -Q 10. Briefly, these options required that reads had a minimum alignment quality of 10, with quality calibration and hard clipping of low quality bases on the 3' end both enabled. Detailed descriptions of these options can be found in the Novoalign manual (http://www.novocraft.com). Reads that aligned to multiple regions were excluded from subsequent analyses.

Bam files were processed in Picard Tools v1.62. SNP calling was according to the Best Practice Variant Detection protocol available for the Genome Analysis Toolkit v2.0.39(McKenna *et al.* 2010). SNPs were called using the Unified Genotyper, and were also called using samtools mpileup (Li *et al.* 2009). Variants with quality scores < 30 and/or mapping qualities < 40 were excluded from downstream analysis. After variant filtration, the Unified Genotyper and mpileup showed a high degree of concordance. The SNPs generated from the Unified Genotyper were used for subsequent analyses.

There were 2,896,401 SNPs that varied between queens and passed quality control. Of these, 2,340,162 were heterozygous sites, and 556,239 were homozygous in both queens. The drone alleles matched the queen alleles of the same race at 547,964 SNPs, yielding the desired aa x b and bb x a combination. 264,597 of these SNPs were located within expressed regions. SNPs were confirmed by sequencing the genomic DNA from 44 pooled workers from the AE F1 colony. 53,364 were called by the Unified Genotyper as either homozygous at that site (n=53,181) or heterozygous with different allelic calls (n=246); these sites were excluded from further analyses. Genotype calls were further confirmed with the pooled F1 cDNA. If the parental genotypes and F1 genotypic data were inconsistent, this site was excluded from subsequent analyses. After filtering, 203,637 overlapped with expressed regions in the F1 RNA-seq datasets, and were used for allele-specific expression analyses in SAS.

Read processing and SNP calling for offspring transcriptomes. cDNA reads were also visually inspected and processed as previously described using FastX prior to downstream processing. These reads were then aligned using Tophat v2.0.6, and transcript predictions were produced using Cufflinks v1.1.0. Transcripts were assembled using Cuffmerge 2.0.2 using the *Apis mellifera* official gene set version 1.0 with manual annotations (OGS1.0) (Trapnell *et al.* 2012).

The outermost boundaries for each transcript were established by using the coordinates of the longest isoform associated with each transcript that did not overlap the next adjacent transcript. In total, there were 203,637 SNPs that were expressed in the

F1 worker transcriptomes. For inclusion in downstream analyses, a total of least 8 reads per site was required for each replicate in each sample.

After filtering for quality and coverage, there remained 1,883 unique transcripts containing 5,182 SNPs in the larvae, 1,083 transcripts containing 2,759 SNPs in the adults, and 1,854 transcripts containing 5,278 SNPs in the brains. Mean coverage per SNP was calculated for each replicate. Larvae had a mean per-SNP coverage of 91.75 (90.66 in AE colony, and 92.86 in EA), the adult guards had a mean per-SNP coverage of 213.24 (88.40 in AE; 338.19 in EA), and the adult brains had a mean per-SNP coverage of 146.32 (130.0 in AE; 162.7 in EA). To get the count data from the F1 cDNA, pileups were generated for both parents and F1s using the pileup function in Samtools v0.1.12a. Read counts were then parsed from the pileup file using a custom C++ script, and then imported into SAS v9.2 (Cary, NC) for subsequent statistical analyses.

Statistics. A general linear interactive mixed model (GLIMMIX) was implemented for each transcript using counts from each allele at each SNP to assess parent-of-origin effects on expression. Because analyses were done at the transcript-level, this method has the advantage of taking into account variance due to SNP and sample replicates. Parent-of-origin (maternal vs. paternal), race-of-origin (AHB vs. EHB), and their interaction (parent*race) were used as fixed terms, and SNP and replicate were included as random factors in the model. We corrected for multiple testing with a false discovery threshold of p<0.05.

Notably, though the reciprocal design attempts to control for allele-specific effects, we still detected an overall bias towards the reference alleles, with most maternally biased transcripts showing stronger bias in the EA cross (European mother). This could result from poorer mapping of some diverged African sequences, and therefore we validated our methods using library and mapping independent methods.

Ascertainment bias. To ensure that the observed patterns were not due to ascertainment bias, we mapped genomic reads (with a clear expectation of a 1:1 allelic ratio) from an independent set of individuals from the AE cross to the reference genome and found a 1:1 allele ratio, demonstrating that ascertainment bias could not explain the asymmetry. We calculated the average ratio of AE to EA for SNP loci with coverage in the 20 to 40x range and found that the ratio was 50.2%. Excluding SNPs with flanking indels, a chi square test was performed for each of the remaining loci. 37 SNPs in 30 loci failed the chi square test at a 0.05 level, suggesting that there may be a mapping bias for approximately 30 loci (Table S3). However, all but four of these loci contained an equal or greater number of SNPs that passed the chi square test, suggesting that these effects may be isolated to individual SNPs. Only 13 of these loci overlapped with our significant genes showing maternal biases (n=317)

significant transcripts), allowing us to rule out the possibility of ascertainment bias in generating the overall bias towards overexpression of the maternal alleles (hypergeometric test, p=0.68).

We also minimized the possibility that these effects were caused by artifacts of library construction because we used seven different libraries for each family and our results were validated by methods independent of potential library construction bias. We amplified selected transcripts from these samples as well as independent samples and sequenced them on an Illumina MiSeq platform. A second validation was performed by pyrosequencing to provide an additional test that involves neither read mapping nor library construction (see below).

Validation of parent-of-origin effects. We performed two independent validations, using library-independent MiSeq sequencing of amplicons and library- and mapping-independent pyrosequencing.

(1) MiSeq. First, validation was performed within each reciprocal cross using library-independent sequencing of amplicons on the Illumina MiSeq platform. Sequencing amplicons provided an independent method that did not involve biases that may arise in HiSeq library construction. RNA from pools of 75 larvae (all of which were in the original HiSeq pools), 60 whole-body adult guards (most of which were in the original pools), and a different set of 40 whole-body adult foragers from the same colonies (but not represented in the HiSeq sequencing run) was prepped according to TruSeq sample preparation methodologies (Illumina, San Diego, CA). PCR primers were designed using Primer3(Untergasser et al. 2012) and Amplify3 (http://engels.genetics.wisc.edu/amplify/) software to produce amplicons containing 1-3 SNPs of interest from transcripts across the genome. Amplicons ranged from 70-350 bp and paired-end sequencing resulted in 2 x 150 bp reads. Reads were mapped to the target sequences using Burrows-Wheeler Aligner (BWA), discarding reads with quality scores <20. SNPs were visually inspected using IGV(Robinson et al. 2011) and read counts were quantified. Chi-square tests were used to evaluate significant deviation from a 1:1 ratio of maternal to paternal read counts (as is expected when no bias is present) within each reciprocal cross (EA and AE). Validation was confirmed when expression patterns of the amplicon data matched the expression pattern of the HiSeq transcript data.

(2) Pyrosequencing. Validation with pyrosequencing was performed to ensure that mapping bias did not skew our results.

Primers for pyrosequencing were designed for transcripts showing maternal expression bias in the EA cross using Pyromark

Assay Design 2.0 (Qiagen, Valencia, CA) and the highest scores for each transcript were chosen for primer synthesis. RNA

sample pools were the same as utilized for the MiSeq validation. cDNA was generated from the pools of RNA from larvae and adults as well as from individual brains using an Oligo (dT)₁₈ primer and the Tetro cDNA Synthesis Kit (Bioline USA Inc, Taunton, MA). PCR was performed according to the manufacturer's instructions using the PyroMark PCR Kit (Qiagen, Valencia, CA). For each SNP to be analyzed, DNA of the queens from each reciprocal family was sequenced alongside the cDNA of their daughters in order to ensure that the queens were homozygous and different at that SNP, thereby ensuring pools of heterozygous daughters. Pyrosequencing was performed at the genomics core facility at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (Seattle, WA) on a PyroMark Q96 MD (Qiagen). We were unable to perform a goodness of fit test due to the nature of the PyroMark data (proportions of alleles rather than counts). We therefore simulated data sets with varying total read counts to determine a threshold level of parental bias that would be significant. We used total counts of 50, 75 and 100 reads to determine if the increase in assumed read count would bias our results by lowering the parental bias threshold. We used these values because all but two of our transcripts to be validated had >75 total reads in our RNAseq data set. Using these total read counts, we calculated the minimum parental bias necessary to achieve significance at our conservative Bonferroni corrected alpha value (bias = +/-0.48; p < 0.001 for 48 total comparisons). We considered transcripts to be validated if they were significantly biased in the same direction in both the HiSeq and PyroMark datasets.

Manual annotation of transcripts. Predicted proteins (based on the OGS3.21.1(Elsik *et al.* 2014) gene set) were used in BLASTp searches of NCBI's non-redundant databases. Homologous proteins were evaluated for function in literature searches.

Transcripts with no predicted gene model were used in BLASTx searches and analyzed for open reading frames to identify putative ncRNA. Putative *Drosophila* orthologs were determined by reciprocal BLASTp between OGS3.2 and *Drosophila* peptide sequences and a minimum score of 1e⁻¹⁰. Annotations are shown in Additional files 1 and 2.

In order to determine if our biased gene set is enriched for genes that localize to the mitochondria, we performed a reciprocal BLASTp between the honey bee official gene set (OGS 3.2) proteins(Elsik *et al.* 2014) and a set of *Drosophila melanogaster* orthologs of nuclear-encoded mouse genes that have been experimentally and computationally determined to localize to mitochondria; the mouse Mitocarta gene set 16 (*D. melanogaster* orthologs(Smith *et al.* 2012); mouse Mitocarta(Pagliarini *et al.* 2008)). We performed a BLAST of the Mitocarta genes against the honey bee OGS3.2 and a reciprocal BLAST of OGS3.2 against the Mitocarta genes.

The single best matching sequence to each query was selected based on the e-value, followed by percent identity (if e-values were identical). Only reciprocal best hits were included in downstream analyses (i.e. fly Mitocarta gene 1 best matches honey bee gene A in the first BLAST, and honey bee gene A best matches mouse Mitocarta gene 1 in the second BLAST). This ensures that the two genes are most likely orthologous. We then used the count of orthologous genes (those that localize to mitochondria) relative to the total number of genes in the honey bee OGS3.2 as a null hypothesis to test whether there is an overrepresentation of these genes in our biased gene set after removing genes that don't code for proteins. We tested this using an exact hypergeometric test.

Gene ontology and overlap with published studies. The significantly-biased transcripts from each sample group were compared to several published methylation datasets(Foret *et al.* 2012; Herb *et al.* 2012; Lyko *et al.* 2010; Elango *et al.* 2009). The number of overlapping genes was evaluated using a two-tailed hypergeometric test to determine if there were significantly more or less genes represented on both lists than expected by chance. Gene ontology analyses were conducted using DAVID(Dennis *et al.* 2003). Orthologous genes were determined using the BLASTp algorithm to identify the best *D. melanogaster* match to the predicted honey bee genes.

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Tables S1-S4

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Table S1. Parentally-biased transcripts, related to Experimental Results.

Transcripts with a significant parent-of-origin effect on gene expression. The first column includes the annotations based on a BLASTp search. XLOC ID indicates the annotated transcript ID as output by Cufflinks. Data values indicate the proportion of maternal (or paternal) reads relative to the total number of reads for each sample replicate. Data are presented the same way for both the pyrosequencing and MiSeq validation methods.

Table S2. Lineage-biased transcripts, related to Experimental Results.

Transcripts with a significant lineage-of-origin effect on gene expression in both crosses. As previously, the first column includes the annotations based on a BLASTp search. XLOC ID indicates the annotated transcript ID as output by Cufflinks. Data values indicate the proportion of Africanized (or European) reads relative to the total number of reads for each sample replicate.

Table S3. Maternally-biased transcripts, related to Experimental Results.

Transcripts with a significant maternal effect on gene expression in one cross. As previously, the first column includes the annotations based on a BLASTp search. XLOC ID indicates the annotated transcript ID as output by Cufflinks. Data values indicate the proportion of maternal (or paternal) reads relative to the total number of reads for each sample replicate. Data are presented the same way for both the pyrosequencing and MiSeq validation methods.

Table S4. Ascertainment bias, related to Experimental Results.

Transcripts predicted to show significant maternal biases in the EA cross due to ascertainment bias mapping effects. Columns as described above.

Table S5. Depth of sequencing coverage for all samples, related to Experimental Procedures.

The number of mapped reads and properly paired reads for each sample replicate. Mean coverage is calculated as (# mapped reads*read length(bp)) / (total sequence length(bp)).

Sample	Total reads	Mapped	Paired	Coverage*
6R_drone	117142832	74702857	64391032	29.38
8B_drone	124991604	85535921	73635406	33.64
6R_queen	114949298	97323965	92094406	41.79
8B_queen	391327620	347122687	332117964	149.05
Instars_A_Blanco	30229044	30229044	26885324	167.53
Instars_B_Blanco	35767847	35767847	31858708	198.22
Instars_A_Rojo	33813595	33813595	29820526	187.39
Instars_B_Rojo	32879078	32879078	29219912	182.21
Guards_1_Blanco	37275881	37275881	32898690	206.58
Guards_2_Blanco	44503015	44503015	38681402	246.63
Guards_1_Rojo	12310104	12310104	10789138	68.22
Guards_2_Rojo	10702645	10702645	9365404	59.31
Brains_1_Blanco	68461783	68461783	57180064	379.41
Brains_2_Blanco	14489590	14489590	12041090	80.30
Brains_3_Blanco	67738004	67738004	56525008	375.39
Brains_1_Rojo	25085265	25085265	20679418	139.02
Brains_2_Rojo	55130044	55130044	46079118	305.52
Brains_3_Rojo	34382456	34382456	28614778	190.54

^{*}Calculated as (#reads*length)/genome_length