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Abstract

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# Data description

The subclass copepods are very diverse and approximately 12,000 copepod species have been described [1, 2]. They dominate the zooplankton community contributing about 70% of total zooplankton biomass [3] and play an important role in the marine meiobenthic food web linking between the phytoplankton and higher trophic levels [4]. Harpacticoid copepods of the genus Tigriopus Norman 1868 are dominant members of shallow supratidal rock pools worldwide. They are distributed among habitats that vary widely in salinity, temperature, desiccation risk, and UV radiation, and have been used as a model system to investigate topics such as osmoregulation [5], temperature adaptation [6, 7] and environmental toxicology [8]. As the genome resources of copepods has been publically available (Tigriopus californicus [http://i5k.nal.usda.gov/Tigriopus californicus], Tigriopus japonicus [9], Eurytemora affinis [http://i5k.nal.usda.gov/Eurytemora\_affinis] and salmon louse Lepeophtheirus salmonis [http://sealouse.imr.no/]), now it is possible to explore their fundamental biological processes and physiological responses to diverse environments. 

Antarctica provides not only an extreme habitat for extant organisms, but also a model for research on evolutionary adaptations to cold environments [10, 11]. The Antarctic intertidal zone, particularly in the Western Antarctic Peninsula region, is one of the most extreme environments on earth. It also serves as a potential barometer for global climate changes, since it is the fastest-warming region on earth [12]. Antarctic intertidal species that have evolved stenothermal phenotypes through adaptation to a year-round climate of extreme cold may now face extinction by global warming. The response of these species to further warming in Western Antarctica is of serious concern; however, to date there have been few studies focusing on species from the Antarctic intertidal zone. 

*Tigriopus kingsejongensis* was first found and recognized as a new endemic species in a rock

pool in the Antarctic Peninsula, and is extremely cold-tolerant and can survive in frozen sea water [13]. We observed the morphological differences, such as increased numbers of caudal setae in nauplii, optimal growth temperature (ca. 8°C) and developmental characteristics have been compared to those of the congener *Tigriopus japonicus*, which is found in the coastal area of the Yellow Sea. Tigriopus kingsejongensis has evolved to overcome the unique environmental constrains of Antarctica, and therefore provides an ideal experimental model for all aspects of research on extreme habitats. This species may represent a case of rapid speciation, since the intertidal zone on King George Island and surrounding areas did not exist before 10,000 years ago [14]. Tigriopus kingsejongensis likely evolved as a distinct species within this relatively short time period. Thus, inter- and intraspecies comparative analyses of Antarctic *Tigriopus* species will help define the trajectory of adaptation to the Antarctic environment and also provide insights into the genetic basis of Tigriopus divergence and evolution.

#### Library construction and sequencing

Tigriopus kingsejongensis were collected from tidal pools in Potter Cove, near King Sejong Station, on the northern Antarctic Peninsula (62°14'S, 58°47'W) (Fig. S1 and S2 in additional file1) in January 2013 with a hand-nets. Water temperatures were  $1.6 \pm 0.8$ °C during this month. High-molecular-weight genomic DNA from pooled T. kingsejongensis was extracted using the DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kit (Qiagen). For Illumina Miseq sequencing, four library types were constructed with 350, 400, 450, and 500 bp for paired-end libraries, and 3 kb and 8 kb for mate-pair libraries, prepared using the standard Illumina sample preparation methods (Table 1). All sequencing processes were performed according to the manufacturer's instructions (Illumina). 

RNA was prepared from pooled *T. kingsejongensis* and *Tigriopus japonicus* specimens from two different temperature experiments (4°C and 15°C) using the RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen). For Illumina Miseq sequencing, subsequent experiments were carried out under the manufacturer's instructions (Illumina). The *de novo* transcriptome assembly was performed with CLC Genomics Workbench, setting the minimum allowed contig length to 200 nucleotides. The assembly process generated 40,172 contigs with a max length of 23,942 bp and an N50 value of 1,093 bp. These generated contigs were used as reference sequences for mapping of trimmed reads, and fold changes in expression for each gene were calculated with a significance threshold of  $P \le 0.05$  using CLC Genomics Workbench (Table 2 and 3).

# 79 Genome assembly

First, k-mer analysis was conducted using jellyfish 2.2.5 [15] to estimate the genome size from DNA paired-end libraries. The estimateds genome size was 298 Mb with main peak at a depth of ~39x (Fig. 1). Then, assemblies were performed using a Celera Assembler with Illumina short reads [16]. Prior to assembly, Illumina reads were trimmed using the FASTX-Toolkit (http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx\_toolkit) with parameters -t 20, -l 70 and -Q 33, after which a paired sequence from trimmed Illumina reads was selected. Finally, trimmed Illumina reads with 65-fold coverage (insert sizes 350, 400, 450, and 500 bp) were obtained and converted to the FRG file format (required by the Celera assembler) using FastqToCA. Assembly was performed on a 96-processor workstation with Intel Xeon X7460 2.66 GHz processors and 1 terabyte RAM with the following parameters: overlapper = ovl, unitigger = bogart, utgGraphErrorRate = 0.03, utgGraphErrorLimit = 2.5, utgMergeErrorRate = 0.030, utgMergeErrorLimit = 3.25, ovlErrorRate = 0.1, cnsErrorRate = 0.1, cgwErrorRate = 0.1, merSize = 22, and doOverlapBasedTrimming = 1. The initial Celera assembly had a total size 

of 305 Mb, N50 contig size of 17,566 bp, and max contig size of 349.5 kb. Scaffolding was
completed using the software SSPACE 2.0 scaffolder using mate-paired data [17].
Subsequently, we closed gaps using Gapfiller Ver.1.9 software with 65× trimmed Illumina
reads with default settings [18]. *De novo* assembly of 203 million reads from paired-end
libraries and mate-paired libraries yielded a draft assembly (65-fold coverage) with a total
length of 295 Mb, and contig and scaffold N50 sizes of 17.6 kb and 159.2 kb, respectively
(Table 4 and Fig. 2).

# 100 Annotation

We used MAKER for genome annotation [19]. MAKER is a portable and easily configurable genome annotation pipeline. MAKER first identified repetitive elements using RepeatMasker [20]. This masked genome sequence was used for *ab initio* gene prediction with SNAP software [21], after which alignment of expressed sequence tags with BLASTn and protein information from tBLASTx were included. We used the *de novo* repeat library of T. kingsejongensis from RepeatModeler for RepeatMasker; proteins from five species with data from D. melanogaster, D. pulex, T. japonicus, and Tigriopus californicus were included in the analysis. RNA-seq-based gene prediction was performed by aligning all RNA-seq data against the assembled genome using TopHat [22], and Cufflinks [23] was used to predict cDNAs from the resultant data. Next, MAKER polished the alignments using the program Exonerate [24], which provided integrated information to synthesize SNAP annotation. MAKER then selected and revised the final gene model considering all information. A total of 12,772 genes were predicted using MAKER in T. kingsejongensis. Annotated genes contained an average of 4.6 exons, with an average mRNA length of 1,090 bp. Additionally, 12,562 of 12,772 genes were assigned preliminary functions based on automated annotation using Blast2GO (Ver. 2.6.0) [25] (Fig. S3 and S4 in additional file 1). The Infernal software 

package (Ver. 1.1) [26] and covariance models (CMs) from the Rfam database [27] were
used to identify other non-coding RNAs in the *T. kingsejongensis* scaffold. We identified
putative tRNA genes using tRNAscan-SE [28] (Table S1 in additional file 2). tRNAscan-SE
uses a covariance model (CM) that scores candidates based on their sequence and predicted
secondary structures.

Non-gap sequences occupied 284.8 Mb (96.5%), and simple sequence repeats (SSRs) were 1.2 Mb (0.4%) in total (Table S2 in additional file 2). Transposable elements (TEs) comprised 6.5 Mb, which is roughly 2.3% of the assembled genome (Table S2 and S3 in additional file 2). On the basis of homology and *ab initio* gene prediction, we found that the genome of *T. kingsejongensis* contains 12,772 protein-coding genes (Table 5). By assessing the quality of the annotated 12,772 gene models, we found that 11,686 protein-coding genes (91.5%) were supported by the RNA-seq data, of which, 7,325 (63%) showed similarity to proteins from other species. Analysis of Core Eukaryotic Genes Mapping Approach (CEGMA) [29] showed that 179 of 248 CEGMA score genes were fully annotated (72.18 % completeness) and 197 of 248 genes were partially annotated (79.44 % completeness) (Table S4 in additional file 2). We also found that Benchmarking Universal Single-Copy Orthologs (BUSCO) [30] analysis showed that the genome assembly contains 71 % of complete and 6 % of partial Metazoan orthologous gene set (Table S5 in additional file 2). 

# 135 Gene families

The orthologous groups were identified from 11 species (*T. kingsejongensis, Aedes aegypti, D. melanogaster, Ixodes scapularis, M. martensii, Strigamia martima, Tetranychus urticae, D. pulex, Homo sapiens, Ciona intestinalis,* and *Caenorhabditis elegans*) (Table 6)
using OrthoMCL [31] with standard parameters and options, and transcript variants other
than the longest translation forms were removed. For *T. kingsejongensis*, the coding sequence

from the MAKER annotation pipeline was used. The 1:1:1 single-copy orthologous genes were subjected to phylogenetic construction and divergence time estimation. Protein-coding genes were aligned using PRANK with the codon alignment option [32], and poorly aligned sequences with gaps were removed using Gblock under the codon model [33]. We constructed a maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree using RAxML with 1,000 bootstrap values [34] and calibrated the divergence time between species with TimeTree [35]. Finally, the average gene gain/loss rate along the given phylogeny was identified using the program CAFÉ 3.1 [36]. We constructed orthologous gene clusters using four arthropod species (Antarctic copepod, T. kingsejongensis; scorpion, Mesobuthus martensii; fruit fly, Drosophila melanogaster and water flea, Daphnia pulex) to compare the genomic features and the adaptive divergence in the arthropods. In total, 2,063 gene families are shared by all four species, and 1,028 genes are specific to the Antarctic copepod. Tigriopus kingsejongensis shares 4,559 (73.5%) gene families with D. pulex, which belongs to the same crustacean lineage Vericrustacea, 3,531 (56.9%) with D. melanogaster, and 3,231 (52.1%) with M. martensii (Fig. 3A). Gene ontology (GO) analysis revealed that the 1,028 T. kingsejongensis-specific genes are enriched in transport (single-organism transport, GO: 0044765; transmembrane transport, GO: 0055085; ion transport, GO: 0006811; cation transport, GO: 0006812) and single-organism metabolic processes (GO: 0044710) (Table S6 and S7 in additional file 2). Subsequently, we performed gene gain-and-loss analysis on 11 representative species, and found that T. kingsejongensis gained 735 gene families and lost 4,401 gene families (Fig. 3B). Thus, this species exhibits a gene family turnover of 5,136, the largest value among the eight arthropods. We also analyzed expansion and contraction of the gene families (Table S8-S11 in additional file 2), and found 232 significantly expanded gene families in T. kingsejongensis; these gene families are significantly overrepresented in amino acid metabolism and carbohydrate metabolism in KEGG metabolic pathways. 

### **Genome evolution**

Adaptive functional divergence caused by natural selection is commonly estimated based on the ratio of nonsynonymous (dN) to synonymous (dS) mutations. To estimate dN, dS, and average dN/dS ratio (w), and lineage-specific PSGs in T. kingsejongensis and T. japonicus, protein-coding genes from T. japonicus were added to define orthologous gene families among the four species (T. kingsejongensis, T. japonicus, D. pulex, and D. *melanogaster*) using the program OrthoMCL with the same conditions previously described. We identified 2,937 orthologous groups shared by all four species, and single-copy gene families were used to construct a phylogenetic tree and estimate the time since divergence using the same methods described above. Each of the identified orthologous genes was aligned using the PRANK, and poorly aligned sequences with gaps were removed using Gblock. Alignments showing less than 40% identity and genes shorter than 150 bp were eliminated in subsequent procedures. The values of dN, dS and w were estimated from each gene using the Codeml program implemented in the PAML package with the free-ratio model [37] under F3X4 codon frequencies, and orthologs with  $w \le 5$  and  $dS \le 3$  were retained [38]. To examine the accelerated nonsynonymous divergence in either T. kingsejongensis or T. japonicus lineage, a binomial test [39] was used to determine GO categories with at least 20 orthologous genes. To define PSGs in T. kingsejongensis and T. japonicus, we applied basic and branch-site models, and Likelihood Ratio Tests (LRTs) were used to remove genes under relaxation of selective pressure. To investigate which functional categories and pathways were enriched in the PSGs, we performed DAVID Functional Annotation [40] with Fisher's exact test (cutoff:  $P \le 0.05$ ). 

The average w value from 2,937 co-orthologous genes of T. kingsejongensis (0.0027) is higher than that of T. japonicus (0.0022). The GO categories that showing evidence of accelerated evolution in T. kingsejongensis are energy metabolism (generation of precursor metabolites and energy, GO: 0006091; cellular respiration, GO: 0045333) and carbohydrate metabolism (monosaccharide metabolic process, GO: 0005996; hexose metabolic process, GO: 0019318) (Figure 4A, Table S12 in Additional file 2). Branch-site model analysis showed that the genes belonging to the functional categories above have undergone a significant positive selection process by putative functional divergence in certain lineages. There are 74 and 79 positively selected genes (PSGs) in T. kingsejongensis (Table S13 in Additional file 2) and T. japonicus (Table S14 in Additional file 2), respectively. The functional categories enriched in T. kingsejongensis, when compared to T. japonicus, support the idea that the functional divergence in T. kingsejongensis is strongly related to energy metabolism (oxidative phosphorylation, GO: 0006119; energy-coupled proton transport down electrochemical gradient, GO: 0015985; ATP synthesis-coupled proton transport, GO: 0015986; generation of precursor metabolites and energy, GO: 0006091) (Figure 4B, Table S15 and S16 in Additional file 2). In particular, three of the identified genes are involved in the oxidative phosphorylation (OxPhos) pathway, which provides the primary cellular energy source in the form of adenosine triphosphate (ATP). These three genes are nuclear-encoded mitochondrial genes: the catalytic F1 ATP synthase subunit alpha (ATP5A) (Fig. S5 in Additional file 1), a regulatory subunit acting as an electron transport chain such as ubiquinol-cytochrome c reductase core protein (UQCRC1) (Fig. S6 in Additional file 1), and an electron transfer flavoprotein alpha subunit (ETFA) (Fig. S7 in Additional file 1).

#### Availability of supporting data

The data for T. kingsejongensis genome and transcriptome has been deposited in the SRA as

BioProject PRJNA307207 and PRJNA307513, respectively.

#### List of abbreviations

simple sequence repeats, SSRs; Transposable elements, TEs; CEGMA, Core Eukaryotic Genes Mapping Approach; Gene ontology, GO

#### **Competing interests**

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#### **Figure legends**

Figure 1 Estimation of the T. kingsejongensis genome size based on 33-mer analysis. The x-axis represents the depth (peak at 39X) and the y-axis represents the proportion. The genome size was estimated as 298 Mb (total k-mer number/volume peak). 

Figure 2 Scaffold and contig size distributions of T. kingsejongensis. The percentage of the assembly included (y-axis) in contigs or scaffolds of a minimum size (x-axis, log scale) is shown for the contig (red) and scaffold (blue). 

Figure 3 Comparative genome analyses of the *T. kingsejongensis* genome. a Venn diagram of orthologous gene clusters between the four arthropod lineages. b Gene family gain-and-loss analysis. The number of gained gene families (red), lost gene families (blue) and orphan gene families (black) are indicated for each species. Time lines specify divergence times between the lineages.

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 Table 4 Statistics of genome assembly.
 

**Table 5** General statistics of genes in T. kingsejongensis.

**Table 6** Summary of orthologous gene clusters in the 11 representative species.
 

	/ /		Ave	e. Sequences	Reads	Ave.	Sequences	
Library		Reads (n)	lengt	h (bp) (n)	(trimmed) (n)	length	(trimmed) (n)	
Paired- end	Sum	99,710,266		29,271,916,613	65,644,374		14,668,956,871	
	350S1	6,661,392	300	2,005,078,992	4,446,394	233	1,034,231,244	
	350S2	4,933,058	265	1,311,700,122	4,618,711	211	975,471,763	
	400S1	65,668,598	300	19,766,247,998	36,863,154	228	8,397,426,481	
	450S1	3,418,988	300	1,029,115,388	2,812,455	230	646,302,159	
	450S2	8,009,162	245	1,968,652,020	7,660,814	199	1,527,566,312	
	500S1	11,019,068	289	3,191,122,093	9,242,846	226	2,087,958,911	
Mate- Paired	Sum	103,373,998		7,753,049,850	73,515,391		5,169,006,268	
	3KS1	8,374,238	75	628,067,850	6,745,546	73	493,099,413	
	3KS2	9,250,994	75	693,824,550	5,281,513	65	344,618,723	
	3KS3	51,349,594	75	3,851,219,550	39,147,167	72	2,816,638,666	
	3KS4	3,063,232	75	229,742,400	1,740,986	65	112,554,745	
	8KS1	9,847,636	75	738,572,700	7,887,612	73	572,246,251	
	8KS2	16,322,038	75	1,224,152,850	9,653,293	65	630,842,698	
	8KS3	5,166,266	75	387,469,950	3,059,274	65	199,005,774	
Total		203,084,264		37,024,966,463	139,159,765		19,837,963,139	
Coverage (folds)				120.7		6	54.7	

# Table 1 Statistics for each DNA library.

Sequencing	
Total reads (n)	37,956,160
Total bases (n)	7,714,415,316
Trimmed reads (n)	35,577,636
Trimmed bases (n)	5,989,188,343
Assembly	
Contigs (n)	40,172
Total contig length (bases)	28,850,726
N50 contig length (bases)	1,093
Max scaffold length (bases)	23,942
Annotation	
With blast results	20,392
Without blast hits	7,090
With mapping results	8,172
Annotated sequences	4,518

**Table 2** Sequencing and assembly results of transcriptome analysis of *T. japonicus*.

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Total reads (n)	15,786,118	16,417,072
Total bases (n)	3,567,662,668	3,763,295,032
Trimmed reads (n)	14,845,103	15,388,513
Trimmed bases (n)	2,761,189,158	2,833,805,442

**Table 3** Sequencing statistics of RNA-seq analysis of *T. kingsejongensis*.

# Celera assembler (Version : 8.0)

Scaffold	Total scaffold length (bases)	295,233,602
	Gap size (bases)	10,474,460
	Scaffolds (n)	11,558
	N50 scaffold length (bases)	159,218
	Max scaffold length (bases)	3,401,446
Contig	Total contig length (bases)	305,712,242
	Contigs (n)	48,368
	N50 contig length (bases)	17,566
	Max contig length (bases)	349,507

Genes (n)	12,772
Gene Length Sum (bp)	82,293,116
Exons per genes (n)	4.6
mRNA Length Sum (bp)	43,306,342
Average mRNA length (bp)	1,090
Number of tRNA	1,393
Number of rRNA	215

 Table 5 General statistics of genes in T. kingsejongensis.

Species	Source of data	No. of coding genes	No. of gene families	No. of genes in gene families	No. of orphan genes	No. of unique gene families	Average No. of genes in gene families
Aedes aegypti	Ensembl genome 25	15,797	7,958	12,792	7,839	854	1.61
Caenorhabditis elegans	Ensembl gene 78	20,447	6,536	13,737	13,911	1,528	2.10
Ciona intestinalis	Ensembl gene 78	16,671	7,017	9,058	9,654	503	1.29
Daphnia pulex	Ensembl genome 25	30,590	6,710	8,362	7,208	368	1.25
Drosophila melanogaster	Ensembl gene 78	13,918	9,673	21,917	20,917	2,408	2.27
Homo sapiens	Ensembl gene 78	20,300	8,696	17,186	11,604	1,065	1.98
Ixodes scapularis	Ensembl genome 25	20,486	8,097	11,277	12,389	873	1.39
Mesobuthus martensii	http://lifecenter.sgst.cn /main/en/scorpion.jsp	32,016	8,389	19,961	23,627	2,276	2.38
Strigamia maritima	Ensembl genome 25	14,992	7,727	11,012	7,265	583	1.43
Tetranychus urticae	Ensembl genome 25	18,224	6,602	11,788	11,622	939	1.79
T. kingsejongensis	this study	12,772	6,205	8,813	6,567	649	1.42

 Table 6 Summary of orthologous gene clusters in the 11 representative species.





Minimum length (log scale)





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