

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

### **Methods**

#### **Bootstrap and Jackknife Sensitivity analyses**

We performed resampling tests to evaluate the robustness of our results in both the MANCOVA and linear mixed effects models for associations between phonemes and RU1-1 frequencies among the 43 populations we studied (Table S5). Confidence intervals for parameter estimates in the linear mixed effects model were generated through 10,000 bootstraps with the *bootMer* function in the R package *lme4* (1).

To quantify the sensitivity of the results to individual populations and population grouping by region, we performed leave-one out and leave-n out jackknifing, respectively, under both the MANCOVA and linear mixed effects models. Leave-one out jackknife tests entailed excluding a single population, among the 43 in our sample, and fitting both the MANCOVA and linear mixed effects models over the remaining 42 populations. Similarly, we assessed sensitivity of our results to regional differences through leave-n out jackknife tests, where a jackknife sample was formed by excluding *n* populations from four regional groupings of the populations in Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Americas, respectively.

#### **Migratory distances**

We modeled migratory distances between populations and the putative location of human origin using an undirected acyclic graph with nodes corresponding to the respective 43 populations in our sample (Figure S5). Six hub nodes were also instantiated for five migratory waypoints defined by Ramachandran, et al., (2007) (2),

located in Cairo (30N, 31E), Istanbul (41N, 29E), Phnom Penh (12N, 105E), Anadyr (64N, 177E), and Prince Rupert Island (54N, 130W), as well as at one putative location of human origin in South Africa (22S, 20E) proposed by Henn, et al. (2011) (3). Edges were also drawn connecting South Africa to Cairo, Cairo to Istanbul, Cairo to Phnom Penh, Cairo to Anadyr, and Anadyr to Prince Rupert Island. Each of the 43 populations were then connected to the hub node where their migration passed through most recently. Each edge was weighted by the great circle distance between the respective two nodes it connected. The migratory distance from any population center to either South Africa or another population center was computed using the shortest distance on this graph with the *igraph* package in R (4).

### **Quadratic term for RU1-1 univariate analysis**

To test whether the fit for the analyses depicted in Figure 2 and Table 2 could be improved, we performed the post hoc univariate analysis of the effect of RU1-1 using a quadratic term for RU1-1 (Table S6). RU1-1 was modeled by an orthogonal polynomial basis of order two for the RU1-1 frequencies (using the *poly* function in R) to remove collinearity between first-order (linear) and second-order (quadratic) terms. We repeated this analysis over the sample of 43 populations. Although in this sample the quadratic model was a better fit and provided a better explanation for variation in the log-transformed consonant counts than a model with only linear terms, this could change with expanded datasets in the future. We chose to use only the simplest model in our main text as it is the most conservative solution.

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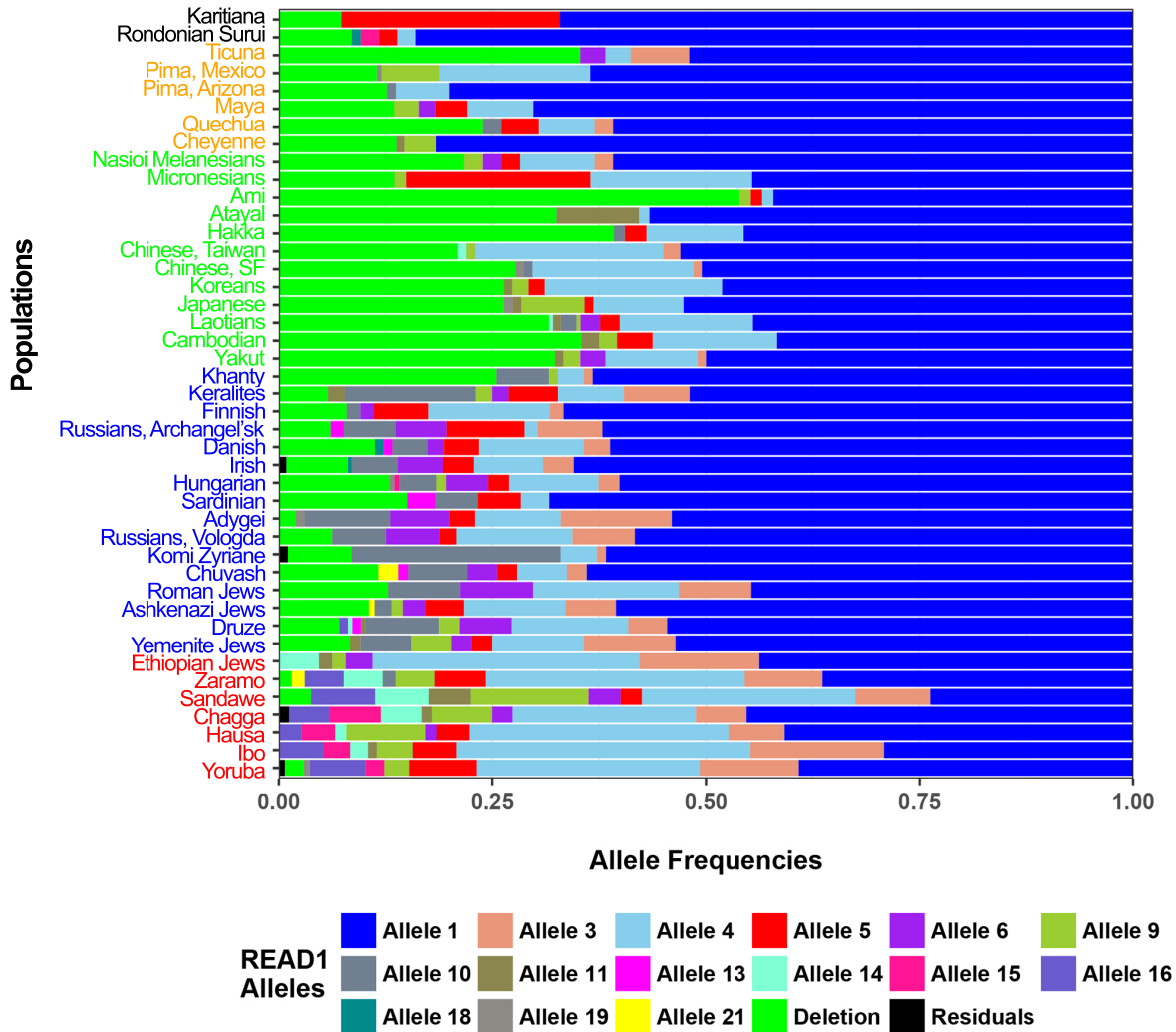
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## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

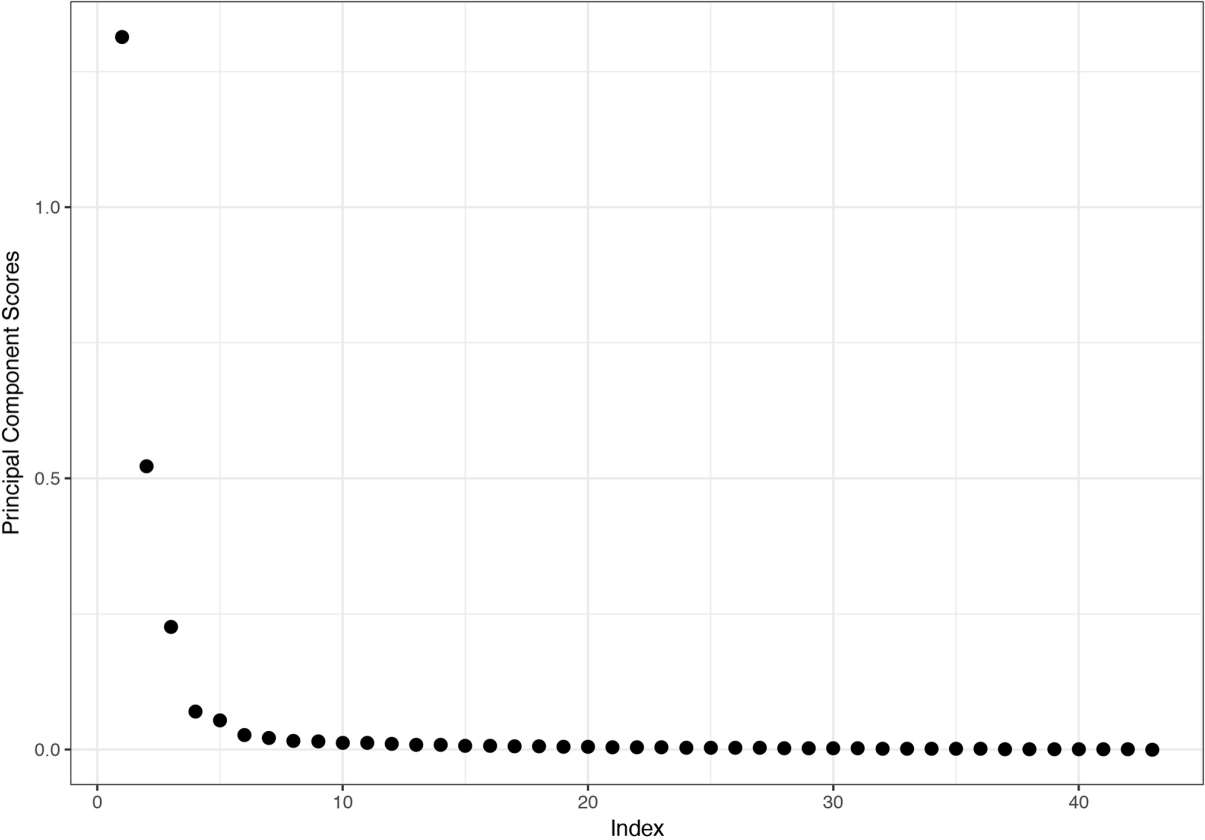
**Supplementary Figure S1.** Alignment of the 16 most common human READ1 sequences. READ1 is composed of seven repeat units: RU1 is GAGAGGAAGGAAA, RU2 is GGAA, SNP1 is GAAA, RU3 is GGAA, Constant Region is GGAAGAATGAA, RU4 is GGAA, RU5 is GGGA.

REPEAT UNIT 1 (RU1)	REPEAT UNIT 2 (RU2)	SNP1	RU3	Constant	RU4	RU5	
GAGAGGAAGGAAA-----	CGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAGGAA-----	AAAA-----	GGAAGGAAGGAAAGAAATGAA	GGAAGGAAGGAAGGAA	GGGAGGGA	Allele 3	
GAGAGGAAGGAAA-----	CGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAGGAA-----	AAAA-----	GGAAGGAAGGAAAGAAATGAA	GGAAGGAAGGAAGGAA	GGGAGGGA	Allele 9	
GAGAGGAAGGAAA-----	CGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAGGAA-----	AAAA-----	GGAAGGAAGGAAAGAAATGAA	GGAAGGAAGGAA	GGGAGGGA	Allele 12	
GAGAGGAAGGAAAAGAGAGGAAGGAAA	CGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAAGGAAGGAAAGGAA	AAAA-----	GGAAGGAAGGAAAGAAATGAA	GGAAGGAAGGAA	GGGAGGGA	Allele 13	
GAGAGGAAGGAAAAGAGAGGAAGGAAA	CGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAAGGAAGGAAAGGAA	AAAA-----	GGAAGGAAGGAAAGAAATGAA	GGAAGGAAGGAA	GGGAGGGA	Allele 6	
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GAGAGGAAGGAAAAGAGAGGAAGGAAA	CGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAAGGAAGGAA	AAAA-----	GGAAGGAAGGAAAGAAATGAA	GGAAGGAAGGAA	GGGAGGGA	Allele 21	
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GAGAGGAAGGAAAAGAGAGGAAGGAAA	CGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAAGGAAGGAAAGGAA	AAAA-----	GGAAGGAAGGAAAGAAATGAA	GGAAGGAAGGAA	GGGAGGGA	Allele 4	
GAGAGGAAGGAAAAGAGAGGAAGGAAA	CGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAAGGAAGGAAAGGAA	AAAA-----	GGAAGGAAGGAAAGAAATGAA	GGAAGGAAGGAA	GGGAGGGA	Allele 1	
GAGAGGAAGGAAAAGAGAGGAAGGAAA	CGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAGGAAAGGAAGGAAAGGAA	AAAA-----	GGAAGGAAGGAAAGAAATGAA	GGAAGGAAGGAA	GGGAGGGA	Allele 5	
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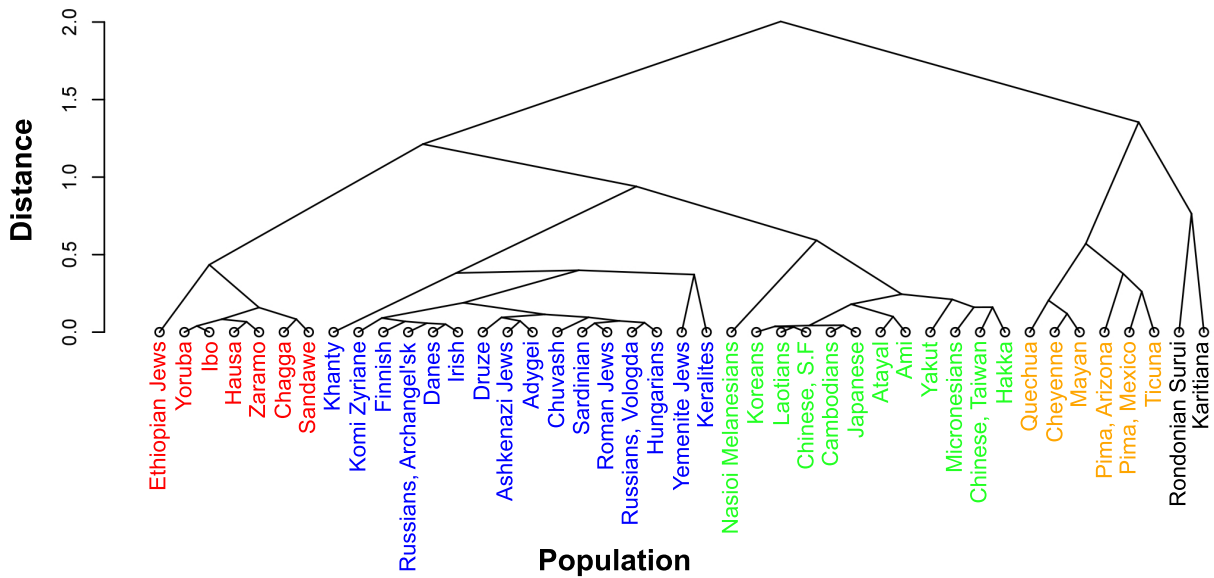
**Supplementary Figure S2.** READ1 allele distributions among world populations. READ1 was sequenced in samples from 43 populations. The populations are arranged on the y-axis reflecting their migrational history, going from Africa to the southern tip of the Americas. Alleles are represented on the x-axis as percentages of the whole. In green is the frequency of a complete deletion of READ1. Black represents residual alleles (sum of all rare alleles). Alleles that are only seen in one population and at a frequency less than 0.02 are assigned to the residual alleles group.



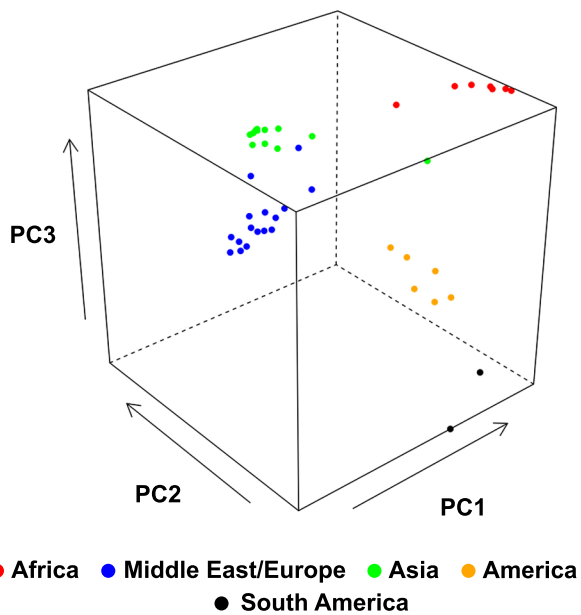
**Supplementary Figure S3.** Distribution of principal component scores of the tau matrix. Principal component one (PC1) accounts for 82.63% of the variation, PC2 accounts for 14.68%, and PC3 accounts for 2.05%.



**Supplementary Figure S4.** Continental clustering. Dendrograms generated from centroid clustering of the tau genetic relatedness matrix. Populations are colored by the continental group to which they are assigned: Africa (red), Middle East and Europe (blue), Asia (green), America (orange), South America (black).

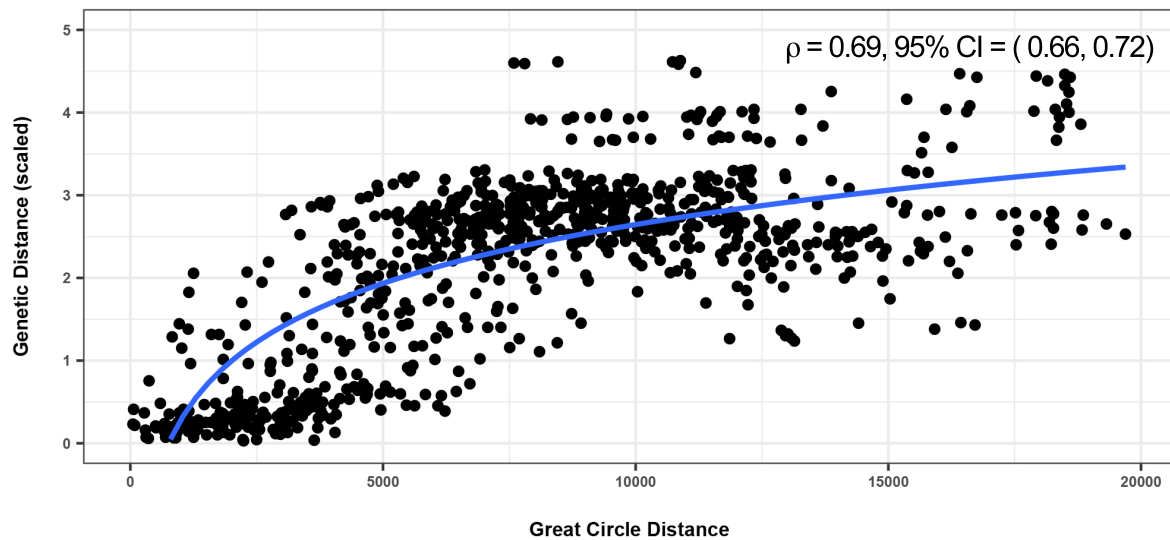


**Supplementary Figure S5.** 3D representation of the first three principal components of the tau genetic relatedness matrix, colored by continental groups. PCs represent geographical diversity. Populations map to continental groupings using first three PCs of the tau genetic relatedness matrix



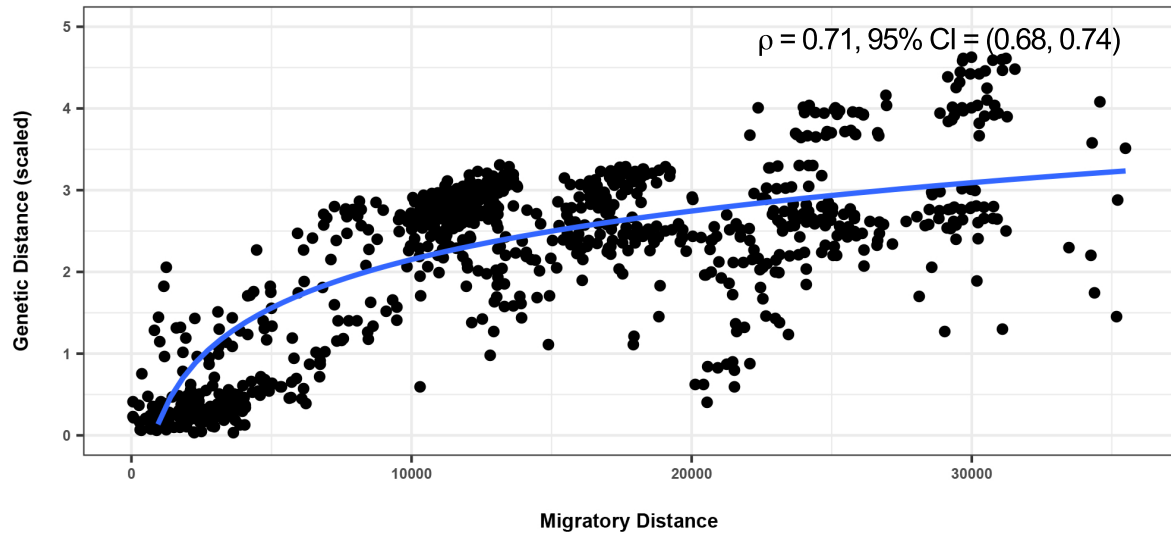
**Supplementary Figure S6.** Population pairwise comparisons of genetic distance and geographic distance. (a) Logarithms of kilometer geographic distances between pairs of populations are plotted on the x-axis, whereas genetic distances (using the first three PCs of the tau genetic relatedness matrix) are plotted on the y-axis (Pearson's product-moment correlation  $\rho = 0.69$ , 95% CI = (0.66, 0.72)). (b) Geographic distances between populations using migratory way points and a proposed origin in South Africa are plotted on the x-axis, genetic distances are plotted on the y-axis (Pearson's product-moment correlation  $\rho = 0.71$ , 95% CI = (0.68, 0.74)). (c) Geographic distances from South Africa for each population using migratory way points are plotted on the x-axis, Principal Component 1 scores are plotted on the y-axis. Points are colored by continental group.

(a)

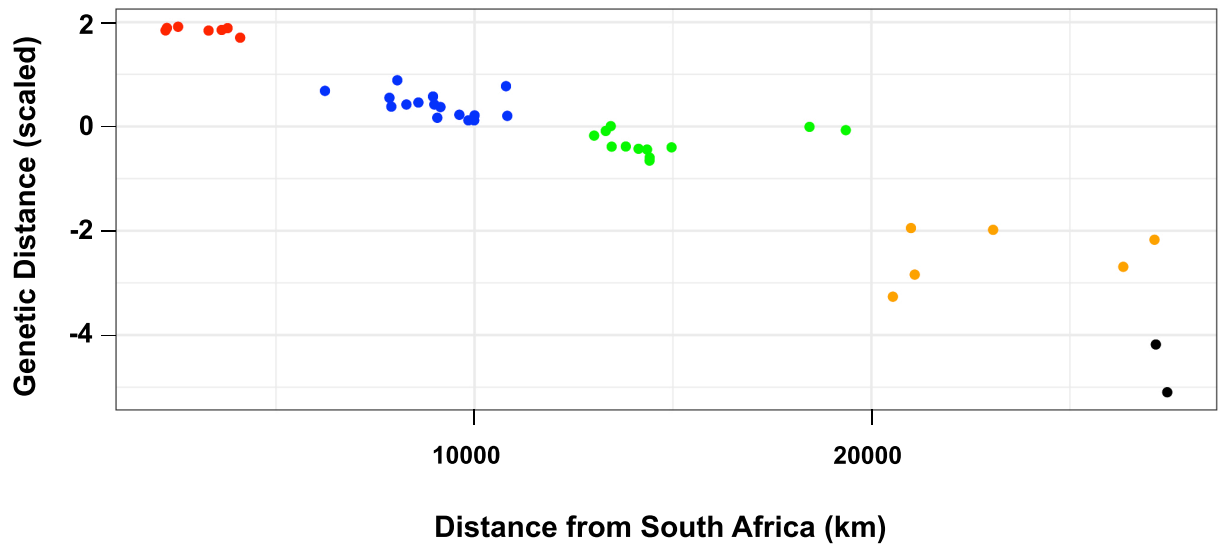




(b)



(c)



**Supplementary Table S1.** READ1 alleles observed in previous studies.

Allele	Repeat unit 1	Repeat unit 2	SNP1	Repeat unit 3	Const. Region	Repeat unit 4	Repeat Unit 5	Length
1	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)7	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	102
2	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)1	(GGAA)9	(GAAA)0	(GGAA)0	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	85
3	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)1	(GGAA)6	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	85
4	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)6	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	98
5	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)8	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	106
6	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)8	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)3	(GGGA)2	102
7	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)8	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)1	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	102
8	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)7	(GAAA)0	(GGAA)0	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	90
9	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)1	(GGAA)7	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	89
10	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)4	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	90
11	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)7	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)3	(GGGA)2	98
12	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)1	(GGAA)8	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)3	(GGGA)2	89
13	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)9	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)3	(GGGA)2	106
14	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)9	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	110
15	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)5	(GAAA)2	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	98
16	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)5	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	94
17	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)4	(GAAA)2	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	94
18	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)7	(GAAA)2	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	106
19	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)9	(GAAA)0	(GGAA)0	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	98
20	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)10	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	114
21	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)6	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)3	(GGGA)2	94
22	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)10	(GAAA)0	(GGAA)0	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	102
23	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)11	(GAAA)0	(GGAA)0	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	106
24	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)6	(GAAA)2	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	102
25	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)1	(GGAA)8	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	93
26	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)5	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)3	(GGGA)2	90
27	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)1	(GGAA)5	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	81
28	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)7	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)5	(GGGA)2	106
29	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)5+(G GGA)1+(GGA A)1	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	102
30	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)5	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)4	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	102

31	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)7	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)1 +(GGGA) 1	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	102
32	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)8	(GAAA)0	(GGAA)0	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	94
33	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)6	(GAAA)0	(GGAA)0	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)3	(GGGA)2	82
34	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)7	(GAAA)2	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)3	(GGGA)2	102
35	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)1+(G AGAGGAAGAAAA)1	(GGAA)7	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	102
36	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)1+(G AGAGGAAGGAA)1	(GGAA)9	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	109
37	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)6	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)1+ (GAAA)1+ (GGAA)2	(GGGA)2	98
38	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)1	(GGAA)10	(GAAA)0	(GGAA)0	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	89
39	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)1	(GGAA)5	(GAAA)2	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	85
40	(GAGAGGAAGGAAA)2	(GGAA)2+(G GAAA)1+(GG AA)7	(GAAA)1	(GGAA)2	GGAAAGAATGAA	(GGAA)4	(GGGA)2	115
Del	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

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**Supplementary Table S2:** READ1 allele frequencies in populations studied. Included are all alleles observed in at least one population.

Population	N	Deletion	Allele 1	Allele 2	Allele 3	Allele 4	Allele 5	Allele 6	Allele 9	Allele 10	Allele 11	Allele 12	Allele 13	Allele 14	Allele 15	Allele 16
Yoruba	69	0.022	0.391	0.000	0.116	0.261	0.080	0.000	0.029	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.022	0.065
Ibo	48	0.000	0.292	0.000	0.156	0.344	0.052	0.000	0.042	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.031	0.052
Hausa	38	0.000	0.408	0.000	0.066	0.303	0.039	0.013	0.092	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.013	0.039	0.026
Chagga	42	0.000	0.452	0.000	0.060	0.214	0.000	0.024	0.071	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.048	0.060	0.048
Sandawe	40	0.038	0.238	0.000	0.088	0.250	0.025	0.038	0.138	0.000	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.000	0.075
Zaramo	33	0.015	0.364	0.000	0.091	0.303	0.061	0.000	0.045	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.045	0.000	0.045
Ethiopian Jews	32	0.000	0.438	0.000	0.141	0.313	0.000	0.031	0.016	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.047	0.000	0.000
Yemenite Jews	42	0.083	0.536	0.000	0.107	0.107	0.024	0.024	0.048	0.060	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Druze	99	0.071	0.545	0.000	0.045	0.136	0.000	0.061	0.025	0.086	0.005	0.000	0.010	0.005	0.000	0.010
Ashkenazi Jews	76	0.105	0.605	0.000	0.059	0.118	0.046	0.026	0.013	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Roman Jew	24	0.128	0.447	0.000	0.085	0.170	0.000	0.085	0.000	0.085	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Chuvash	43	0.116	0.640	0.000	0.023	0.058	0.023	0.035	0.000	0.070	0.000	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.000	0.000
Komi	47	0.074	0.617	0.011	0.011	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.245	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Russian, Vologda	48	0.063	0.583	0.000	0.073	0.135	0.021	0.063	0.000	0.063	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Adygei	50	0.020	0.540	0.000	0.130	0.100	0.030	0.070	0.000	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Sardinian	30	0.150	0.683	0.000	0.000	0.033	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.033	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hungarians	82	0.129	0.601	0.000	0.025	0.104	0.025	0.049	0.012	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.000
Irish	112	0.072	0.655	0.000	0.036	0.081	0.036	0.054	0.000	0.054	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Danes	49	0.112	0.612	0.000	0.031	0.122	0.041	0.020	0.000	0.041	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000



Rondonian Surui	47	0.085	0.840	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.000
Karitiana	41	0.073	0.671	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.256	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Population	N	Allele 18	Allele 19	Allele 20	Allele 21	Allele 22
Yoruba	69	0.000	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ibo	48	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hausa	38	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Chagga	42	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Sandawe	40	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Zaramo	33	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.000
Ethiopian Jews	32	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Yemenite Jews	42	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Druze	99	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ashkenazi Jews	76	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.000
Roman Jews	24	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Chuvash	43	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.023	0.000
Komi	47	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Russian, Vologda	48	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Adygei	50	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000
Sardinian	30	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hungarians	82	0.000	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.000

Irish	112	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.009
Danes	49	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Russian, Archangel'sk	33	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Finns	32	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Keralites	26	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Khanty	49	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Yakut	51	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Cambodians	24	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Laotians	109	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Japanese	48	0.000	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.000
Koreans	53	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Chinese, S.F.	51	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000
Chinese, Taiwan	50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hakka	40	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Atayal	42	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ami	38	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Micronesians	37	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Nasioi Melanesians	23	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Cheyenne	55	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Quechua	23	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Maya	52	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Pima, Arizona	48	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pima, Mexico	96	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ticuna	51	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Rondonian Surui	47	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Karitiana	41	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000



**Supplementary Table S3:** Summary of populations and linguistic data. Included are continental location, population name, abbreviation, language name, language family, top-level language family, ISO code for the language assignment, listing of numbers of phonemes, consonants, vowels, and database sources for phoneme counts. General descriptions of these populations can be found in [alfred.med.yale.edu](http://alfred.med.yale.edu) (5).

<b>Continental Group</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>popcode</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Top-level family</b>	<b>ISO</b>	<b>Phonemes</b>	<b>Consonants</b>	<b>Vowels</b>	<b>Source</b>
Africa	Yoruba	YOR	Yoruba	Ede	Atlantic-Congo	yor	30	18.25	10.25	(1-4)
Africa	Ibo	IBO	Igbo	Igboid	Atlantic-Congo	ibo	49.25	36	11.75	(4-7)
Africa	Hausa	HSA	Hausa	Chadic	Afroasiatic	hau	39.4	30.6	7.6	(4, 8-10)
Africa	Chagga	CGA	Moshi	Narrow Bantu	Atlantic-Congo	old	25	20	5	(11)
Africa	Sandawe	SND	Sandawe	Isolate	Isolate	sad	56	44.33	9	(4, 12, 13)
Africa	Zaramo	ZRM	Zaramo	Narrow Bantu	Atlantic-Congo	zaj	24	19	5	(14, 15)
Africa	Ethiopian Jews	ETJ	Qimant	Agaw	Afro-Asiatic	ahg	39	28	7	(16)
Middle East, Europe	Yemenite Jews	YMJ	Ancient Hebrew	Semitic	Afro-Asiatic	hbo	33	27	6	(17)
Middle East, Europe	Druze	DRU	Arabic, North Levantine	Semitic	Afro-Asiatic	apc	27.5	20	7.5	(4, 18)
Middle East, Europe	Ashkenazi Jews	ASH	Ancient Hebrew	Semitic	Afro-Asiatic	hbo	33	27	6	(17)
Middle East, Europe	Roman Jews	RMJ	Ancient Hebrew	Semitic	Afro-Asiatic	hbo	33	27	6	(17)
Middle East, Europe	Chuvash	CHV	Chuvash	Turkic	Turkic	chv	31.33	22.33	9	(4, 19, 20)
Middle East, Europe	Komi-Zyrian	KMZ	Komi-Zyrian	Uralic	Uralic	kpv	33.67	26.67	7	(4, 21, 22)
Middle East, Europe	Russian, Vologda	RUV	Russian	Slavic	Indo-European	rus	37	31.67	5.33	(4, 23, 24)
Middle East, Europe	Adyghe	ADY	Adyghe	Circassian	Abkhaz-Adyghe	ady	48.5	44	4.5	(4, 25)
Middle East, Europe	Sardinian	SRD	Sardinian	Romance	Indo-European	srd	33	28	5	(26)

Middle East, Europe	Hungarian	HGR	Hungarian	Uralic	Uralic	hun	45	33	12	(4, 27, 28)
Middle East, Europe	Irish	IRI	Irish	Celtic	Indo-European	gle	54	36	18	(4, 29, 30)
Middle East, Europe	Danish	DAN	Danish	Germanic	Indo-European	dan	32	16	16	(4, 31)
Middle East, Europe	Russian, Archangel'sk	RUA	Russian	Slavic	Indo-European	rus	37	31.67	5.33	(4, 23, 24)
Middle East, Europe	Finnish	FIN	Finnish	Uralic	Uralic	fin	29.33	18.33	11	(4, 32, 33)
Middle East, Europe	Khanty	KTY	Khanty	Uralic	Uralic	kca	31	18	13	(34)
Middle East, Europe	Keralites	KER	Malayalam	Dravidian	Dravidian	mal	39	29.5	9.5	(4, 35)
Asia	Yakut	YAK	Yakut	Turkic	Turkic	sah	36.33	24.33	12	(4, 36, 37)
Asia	Cambodian	CBD	Khmer	Austronesian	Austronesian	khm	38	21	17	(4, 38, 39)
Asia	Laotian	LAO	Lao	Tai-Kadai	Tai-Kadai	lao	40	28	12	(4, 40)
Asia	Japanese	JPN	Japanese	Japonic	Japonic	jpn	27.67	19.33	7	(4, 41, 42)
Asia	Korean	KOR	Korean	Koreanic	Koreanic	kor	34.67	21.33	12.67	(4, 43)
Asia	Chinese, S.F.	CHS	Cantonese	Sinitic	Sino-Tibetan	yue	30	20.33	6	(4, 44, 45)
Asia	Chinese, Taiwan	CHT	Taiwanese	Sinitic	Sino-Tibetan	nan	25	19	6	(46)
Asia	Hakka	HKA	Hakka	Sinitic	Sino-Tibetan	hak	27	18	5.67	(4, 47, 48)
Asia	Atayal	ATL	Atayal	Austronesian	Austronesian	tay	25.67	19	6.67	(4, 49)
Asia	Ami	AMI	Amis	Austronesian	Austronesian	ami	21	17.5	3.5	(4, 50)
Asia	Micronesian	MCR	Nauruan	Malayo-Polynesian	Austronesian	nau	27.5	18.5	9	(4, 51)
Asia	Nasioi Melanesian	NAS	Nasioi	South Bougainville	South Bougainville	nas	15.33	8	6.67	(4, 52, 53)
North America	Cheyenne	CHY	Cheyenne	Algonquian	Algic	chy	15	10	3	(4, 54)
North America	Pima, Arizona	PMA	O'odham	Uto-Aztecan	Uto-Aztecan	ood	26.33	19.33	7	(4, 55, 56)

North America	Pima, Mexico	PMM	Pima Bajo	Uto-Aztecan	Uto-Aztecan	pia	21.5	15.5	6	(4, 57)
North America	Mayan	MAY	Yucatec	Mayan	Mayan	yua	28.5	20	7.5	(4, 58)
South America	Quechua	QUE	Quechua	Quechuan	Quechuan	quz	29.5	25.5	4	(4, 59)
South America	Ticuna	TIC	Ticuna	Ticuna-Yuri	Ticuna-Yuri	tca	32.75	17	11.5	(4, 60-62)
South America	Rondonian Surui	SUR	Surui	Tupian	Tupian	sru	25.5	18	7.5	(4, 63)
South America	Karitiana	KAR	Karitiãna	Tupian	Tupian	ktn	25	11	14	(64)

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**Supplementary Table S4.** SNPs used for calculating tau scores. Listed are the 165 SNPs genotyped on the 43 populations studied.

SNP	Alleles	SNP	Alleles	SNP	Alleles	SNP	Alleles	SNP	Alleles
rs10007810	AG	rs1800414	TC	rs2986742	CT	rs4951629	CT	rs9171115	CT
rs10108270	AC	rs1834619	AG	rs310644	CT	rs4955316	GT	rs9291090	AC
rs10236187	AC	rs1837606	CT	rs3118378	AG	rs4984913	AG	rs9319336	CT
rs1040045	AG	rs1871428	AG	rs316598	CT	rs5768007	CT	rs946918	GT
rs1040404	AG	rs1871534	CG	rs316873	CT	rs6104567	GT	rs948028	AC
rs10496971	GT	rs1876482	AG	rs32314	CT	rs6422347	CT	rs9522149	CT
rs10497191	CT	rs1879488	AC	rs37369	TC	rs6451722	AG	rs9530435	CT
rs10510228	AG	rs192655	AG	rs3737576	CT	rs6464211	CT	rs9809104	CT
rs10511828	CT	rs1950993	GT	rs3745099	AG	rs647325	AG	rs9845457	AG
rs10512572	AG	rs2001907	CT	rs3784230	AG	rs6541030	AG		
rs10513300	CT	rs200354	GT	rs3793451	CT	rs6548616	CT		
rs10839880	CT	rs2024566	AG	rs3793791	CT	rs6556352	CT		
rs10954737	CT	rs2030763	AG	rs3811801	AG	rs671	AG		
rs11227699	AG	rs2033111	AG	rs3814134	AG	rs6754311	CT		
rs11652805	CT	rs2042762	CT	rs3823159	AG	rs6990312	GT		
rs12130799	AG	rs2070586	AG	rs3827760	AG	rs705308	AC		
rs12439433	AG	rs2073821	CT	rs385194	AG	rs7226659	GT		
rs12498138	AG	rs2125345	CT	rs3907047	CT	rs7238445	AG		
rs12544346	AG	rs214678	CT	rs3916235	CT	rs7251928	AC		
rs12629908	AG	rs2166624	AG	rs3943253	AG	rs731257	AG		
rs12657828	AG	rs2196051	AG	rs4411548	CT	rs7326934	CG		
rs12913832	AG	rs2238151	AG	rs4458655	CT	rs734873	AG		
rs1296819	AC	rs2269793	GT	rs4463276	AG	rs735480	CT		
rs1325502	AG	rs2306040	CT	rs4471745	AG	rs7421394	AG		
rs13400937	GT	rs2330442	AG	rs459920	CT	rs7554936	CT		

rs1407434	AG	rs2357442	AC	rs4666200	AG	rs7657799	GT
rs1426654	AG	rs2397060	CT	rs4670767	GT	rs7722456	CT
rs1462906	CT	rs2416791	AG	rs4717865	AG	rs772262	AG
rs1471939	CT	rs2504853	CT	rs4746136	AG	rs7745461	AG
rs1500127	CT	rs2532060	CT	rs4781011	GT	rs7803075	AG
rs1513056	AG	rs2593595	AG	rs4798812	AG	rs7844723	CT
rs1513181	AG	rs260690	AC	rs4800105	CT	rs798443	AG
rs1569175	CT	rs2627037	AG	rs4821004	CT	rs7997709	CT
rs1572018	CT	rs2702414	AG	rs4833103	CA	rs8021730	GT
rs16891982	CG	rs2814778	CT	rs4880436	TC	rs8035124	AC
rs1693425	TC	rs2835370	CT	rs4891825	AG	rs8113143	AC
rs174570	CT	rs2899826	AG	rs4908343	AG	rs818386	CT
rs1760921	CT	rs2946788	GT	rs4918664	AG	rs874299	CT
rs17642714	AT	rs2966849	AG	rs4918842	CT	rs881728	AC



**Supplementary Table S5.** Jackknife sensitivity analyses. Leave-one out and leave-n out jackknifing, respectively, under both the MANCOVA and linear mixed effects models. Jackknife samples ordered by Incremental R2 in association between RU1-1 and consonants. Incremental R2 (Inc R2) is the change in adjusted R2 from the model fits over the full model and the null model where RU1-1 has no effect.

Sample	MANCOVA model						Linear mixed effects model		
	Consonants			Vowels			Slopes		Log-likelihood ratio
	Beta	Inc R2	P	Beta	Inc R2	P	Consonants	Vowels	Jackknife/Full
<b>Full sample (n=43)</b>	1.75	0.14	0.003	-0.61	-0.01	0.471	0.0020	-0.0023	-
<b>Removed population</b>									
Nasioi Melanesians	1.35	0.09	0.013	-0.71	-0.01	0.424	0.0019	-0.0023	0.97
Sandawe	1.50	0.09	0.015	-0.87	0.00	0.340	0.0016	-0.0023	0.98
Adygei	1.58	0.10	0.011	-0.25	-0.03	0.774	0.0017	-0.0019	0.97
Finns	1.67	0.12	0.005	-0.54	-0.02	0.531	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Danes	1.67	0.13	0.004	-0.49	-0.02	0.554	0.0022	-0.0027	0.97
Zaramo	1.71	0.13	0.004	-0.75	-0.01	0.380	0.0019	-0.0024	0.97
Ibo	1.67	0.13	0.004	-0.75	-0.01	0.374	0.0019	-0.0024	0.96
Chagga	1.72	0.13	0.004	-0.75	-0.01	0.381	0.0019	-0.0024	0.97
Yoruba	1.70	0.13	0.004	-0.53	-0.02	0.530	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Rondonian Surui	1.70	0.13	0.004	-0.62	-0.01	0.472	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Khanty	1.71	0.13	0.004	-0.52	-0.02	0.541	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Chuvash	1.74	0.13	0.004	-0.59	-0.01	0.493	0.0019	-0.0023	0.96
Keralites	1.73	0.13	0.004	-0.66	-0.01	0.441	0.0020	-0.0023	0.97
Russian, Archangel'sk	1.74	0.14	0.004	-0.50	-0.02	0.560	0.0020	-0.0022	0.96
Micronesians	1.77	0.14	0.003	-0.57	-0.02	0.511	0.0020	-0.0023	0.97
Koreans	1.75	0.14	0.003	-0.65	-0.01	0.440	0.0020	-0.0024	0.96
Russian, Vologda	1.74	0.14	0.004	-0.53	-0.02	0.527	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Druze	1.75	0.14	0.003	-0.61	-0.01	0.475	0.0021	-0.0022	0.96
Yakut	1.75	0.14	0.003	-0.62	-0.01	0.460	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Hakka	1.75	0.14	0.003	-0.66	-0.01	0.438	0.0020	-0.0024	0.96
Ethiopian Jews	1.76	0.14	0.003	-0.60	-0.01	0.489	0.0020	-0.0023	0.97

Chinese, S.F.	1.76	0.14	0.003	-0.62	-0.01	0.467	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Ashkenazi Jews	1.76	0.14	0.003	-0.59	-0.01	0.483	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Cambodians	1.77	0.14	0.003	-0.49	-0.02	0.549	0.0020	-0.0023	0.97
Atayal	1.77	0.14	0.003	-0.64	-0.01	0.453	0.0020	-0.0024	0.97
Ami	1.76	0.14	0.003	-0.59	-0.01	0.469	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Chinese, Taiwan	1.77	0.14	0.003	-0.56	-0.02	0.509	0.0020	-0.0022	0.96
Komi	1.78	0.14	0.003	-0.65	-0.01	0.450	0.0020	-0.0024	0.97
Roman Jew	1.78	0.14	0.003	-0.54	-0.02	0.526	0.0020	-0.0022	0.97
Maya	1.78	0.14	0.003	-0.61	-0.01	0.477	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Karitiana	1.72	0.14	0.004	-0.49	-0.02	0.549	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Ticuna	1.83	0.14	0.003	-0.85	0.00	0.325	0.0020	-0.0026	0.99
Hausa	1.78	0.15	0.002	-0.60	-0.01	0.480	0.0020	-0.0023	0.97
Pima, Mexico	1.82	0.15	0.003	-0.56	-0.02	0.519	0.0020	-0.0021	0.97
Pima, Arizona	1.82	0.15	0.002	-0.62	-0.01	0.469	0.0021	-0.0024	0.97
Hungarians	1.82	0.15	0.002	-0.53	-0.02	0.532	0.0021	-0.0022	0.97
Laotians	1.85	0.15	0.002	-0.52	-0.02	0.537	0.0022	-0.0019	0.98
Japanese	1.95	0.15	0.002	-0.60	-0.02	0.506	0.0020	-0.0021	1.00
Irish	1.81	0.15	0.002	-0.49	-0.02	0.550	0.0021	-0.0018	0.96
Yemenite Jews	1.99	0.16	0.002	-0.47	-0.02	0.601	0.0020	-0.0020	1.00
Cheyenne	1.77	0.16	0.002	-0.59	-0.01	0.469	0.0020	-0.0023	0.96
Quechua	1.89	0.16	0.001	-0.77	0.00	0.359	0.0021	-0.0025	0.98
Sardinian	2.00	0.16	0.001	-1.03	0.01	0.244	0.0020	-0.0027	1.00
<b>Removed region</b>									
Africa (n=7)	1.22	0.05	0.056	-1.31	0.03	0.182	0.0014	-0.0024	0.78
Americas (n=8)	1.47	0.10	0.012	-1.22	0.02	0.203	0.0020	-0.0025	0.80
EastAsia (n=16)	1.66	0.12	0.015	-0.51	-0.03	0.599	0.0021	-0.0021	0.63
Europe (n=12)	1.90	0.13	0.030	0.47	-0.04	0.694	0.0021	-0.0013	0.52

**Supplementary Table S6.** RU1-1 Univariate regression using a quadratic term.

<b>Model</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>p-value</b>	<b>AIC</b>	<b>Significance (p-value) in ANOVA vs 3 PCs Model</b>
3 PCs	0.3	0.001207	-51.61	N/A
Linear RU1-1	0.4	$5.275e^{-05}$	-55.19	0.0028
Quadratic RU1-1	0.5	$8.015e^{-06}$	-60.67	0.0005