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## Supplementary Material

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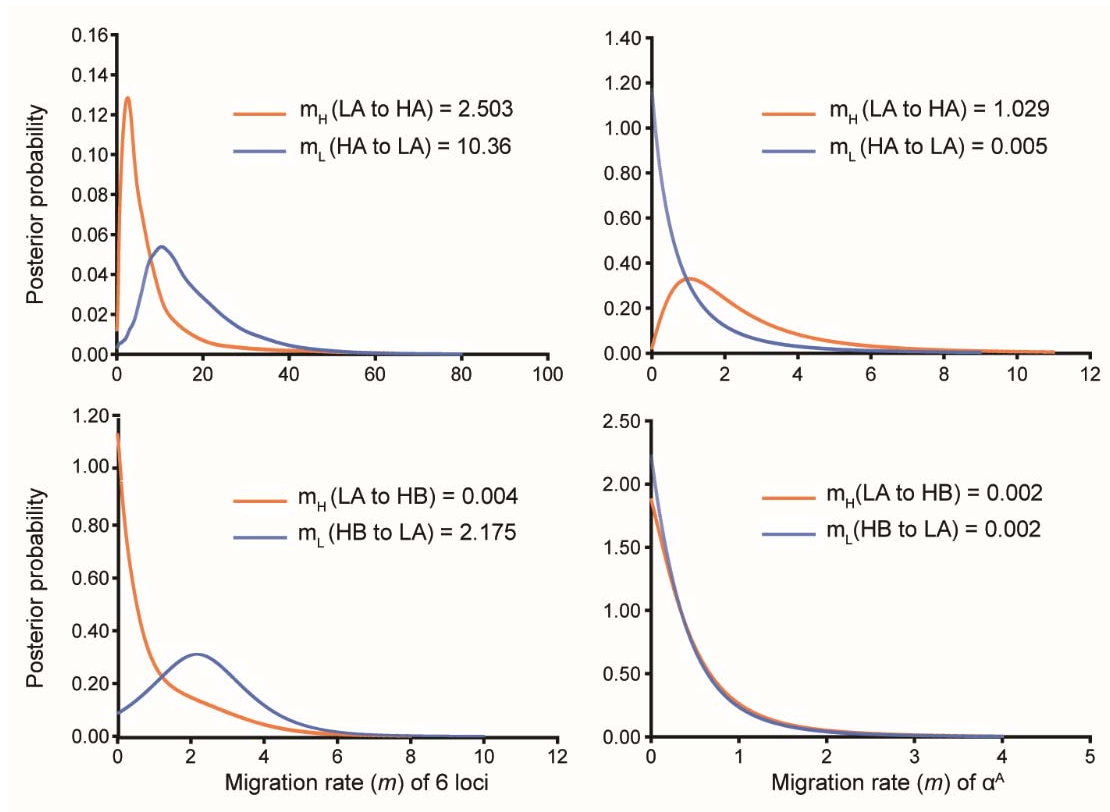
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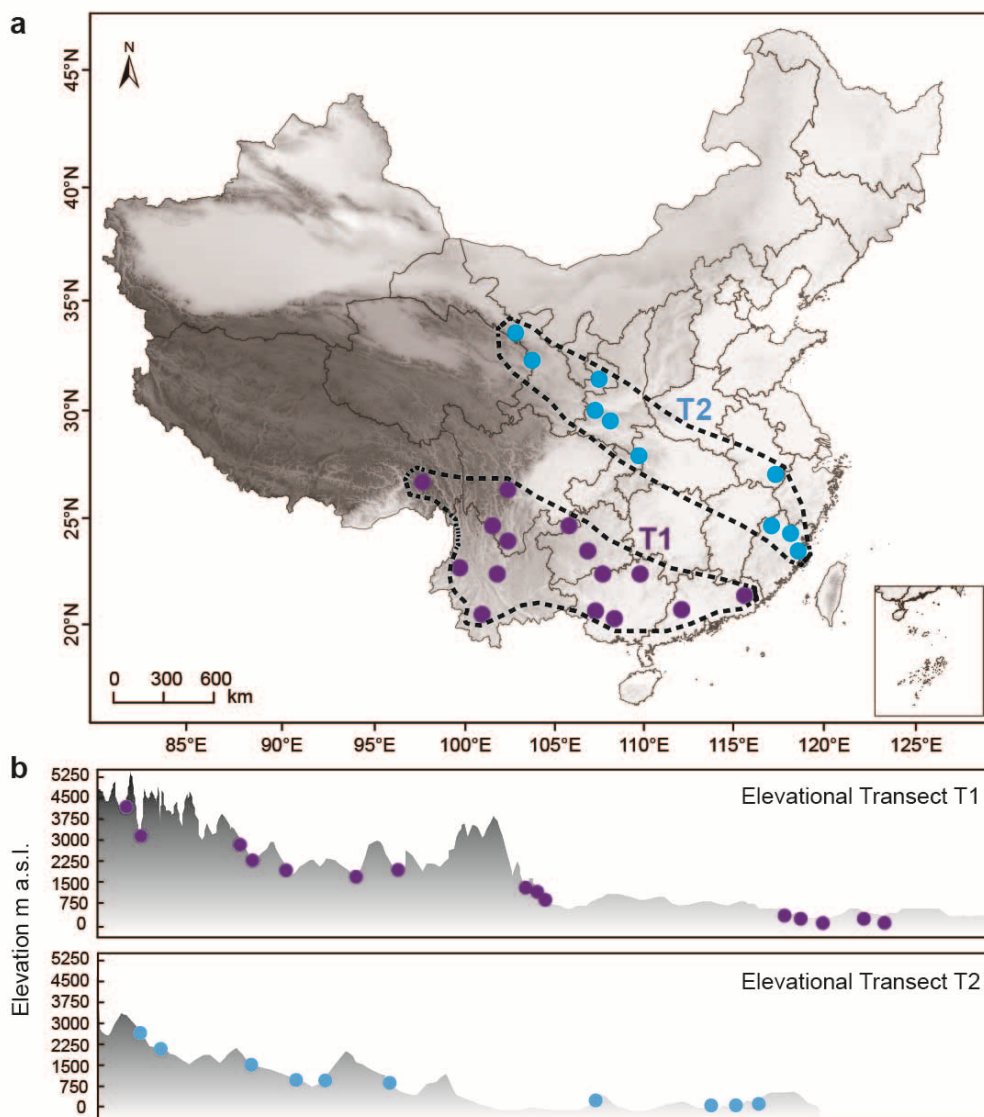
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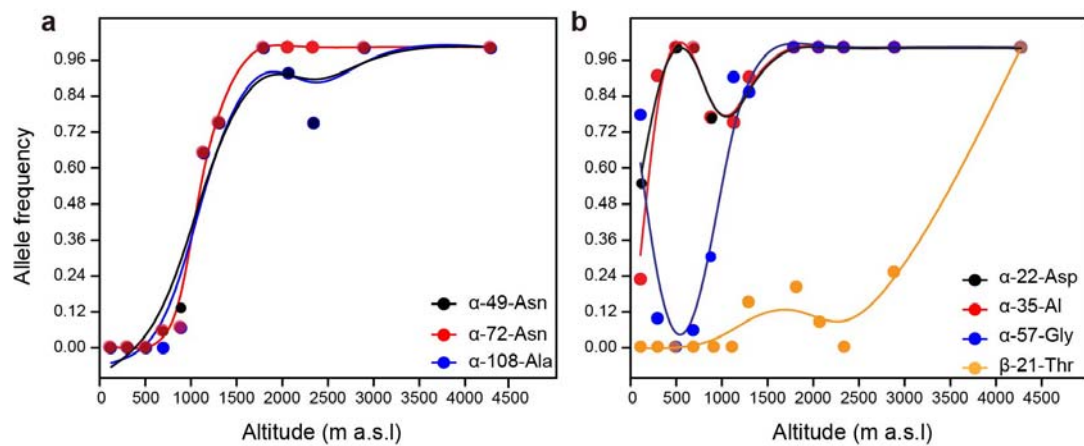
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<b>Species</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Elevation/m</b>	<b>Sample size</b>	<b>Clades</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Dataset</b>
<i>Parus minor</i>	Jixi, Anhui, China	167	6	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	LA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Minhou, Fujian, China	19	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	LA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Fuzhou, Fujian, China	70	2	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	LA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Wuyi mountain, Fujian, China	153	2	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	LA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Zhaoqing, Guangdong, China	7	3	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	LA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Chaoan, Guangdong, China	11	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	LA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Guilin, Guangxi, China	169	3	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	LA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Nan'ning, Guangxi, China	117	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	LA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Fusui, Guangxi, China	97	3	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	LA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Lingui, Guangxi, China	210	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	LA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Su'nan, Gansu, China	2309	8	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	HA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Yongdeng, Gansu, China	2057	6	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	HA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Longdong, Gansu, China	1339	2	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	HA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Ningshan, Shaanxi, China	1380	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	HA
<i>Parus minor</i>	Foping, Shaanxi, China	1150	2	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	HA
<i>Parus minor</i>	San'guanmiao, Shaanxi, China	1540	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	HA

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<i>Parus minor</i>	Bomi, Xizang, China	2828	1	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Mangkang, Xizang, China	4282	1	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Miyi, Sichuan, China	1355	1	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Luding, Sichuan, China	1260	2	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Luding, Sichuan, China	1653	1	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Yanbian, Sichuan, China	2200	1	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Panzhihua, Sichuan, China	1900	2	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Xishuangbanna , Yunnan, China	1211	1	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Chuxiong , Yunnan, China	1872	1	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Lijiang , Yunnan, China	2916	4	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Lijiang , Yunnan, China	1305	2	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Lijiang , Yunnan, China	2410	2	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Gaoligong , Yunnan, China	2406	2	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Gaoligong, Yunnan, China	2031	2	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	HB
<i>Parus minor</i>	Lijiang , Yunnan, China	1305	1	B	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus minor</i>	Chishui, Guizhou, China	947	2	A-B	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network/ClineFit
<i>Parus minor</i>	Guiding, Guizhou, China	1118	6	A-B	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network/ClineFit

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<i>Parus minor</i>	Libo, Guizhou, China	820	3	A-B	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network/ClineFit
<i>Parus minor</i>	Shennongjia, Hubei, China	870	2	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network/ClineFit
<i>Parus minor</i>	Shangzhi, Heilongjiang, China	380	6	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus minor</i>	Baishan, Jilin, China	808	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus minor</i>	Zuojia, Jilin, China	200	4	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus minor</i>	Langxi, Anhui, China	13	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus minor</i>	Jixi, Anhui, China	167	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus minor</i>	Qingyang, Gansu, China	1036	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus minor</i>	Foping, Shaanxi, China	1000	2	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus minor</i>	Ningshan, Shaanxi, China	1000	2	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus minor</i>	Ningqiang, Shaanxi, China	1050	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus minor</i>	Jiedong, Guangdong, China	11	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus minor</i>	Guilin, Guangxi, China	169	1	A	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Yili, Xinjiang, China	589	2	D-E	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Fuhai, Xinjiang, China	498	2	D-E	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Buerjin, Xinjiang, China	664	5	D-E	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Wulumuqi, Xinjiang, China	838	2	D-E	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network

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<i>Parus major</i>	E'ergu'na, Inner Mongolia, China	680	8	D	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Teshig, Mongolia	955	5	D	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Teshig, Mongolia	756	4	D	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Zvolen, Slovakia	284	8	D	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Cherga, Altai Region, Russia	457	3	D	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Kamlak village, Altai Region, Russia	279	6	D	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Bialowieza nat. park, Poland	159	2	D	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Sjællandssodde, Denmark	15	1	D	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Sønderborg, Denmark	23	1	D	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Lesbos, Greece	158	1	D	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Tajikistan	1911	1	E	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Condard village, Varzob region, Tajikistan	1195	2	E	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus major</i>	Khodzhaobigarm village, Varzob region, Tajikistan	2066	3	E	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network



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<i>Parus major</i>	Sebiston village, Dangara region, Tajikistan	1345	1	E	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network
<i>Parus cinereus</i>	Mysore, India	749	1	C	muscle/blood	IOZ	Network

Table S2 Primers and submissions of all genes in this study.

Locus	Primer name	Sequence (5'-3')	Annealing temp/°C	GeneBank Accession	Reference of primers
Unlinked mitochondrial loci					
<b>CR</b>	H636	GAGATGAGGAGTATTCAACCGAC	53	(Zhao et al. 2012)	(Kvist et al. 2003)
	L16700	ATCATAAATTCTCGCCGGGACTCT			
<b>ND2</b>	H6313	CTCTTATTTAAGGCTTTGAAGGC	53	MF322444 ~ MF322446	(Sorenson et al. 1999)
	L5219	CCCATACCCCGAAAATGATG			
Unlinked autosomal loci					
<b>Fib</b>	Fib5	CGCCATACAGAGTATACTGTGACAT	54	MF322459 ~ MF322504	(Kimball et al. 2009)
	Fib6	GCCATCCTGGCGATTCTGAA			
<b>TGFB2</b>	TGFB2.5F	GAAGCGTGCTCTAGATGCTG	58	MF322447 ~ MF322458	(Kimball et al. 2009)
	TGFB2.6R	AGGCAGCAATTATCCTGCAC			
<b>Myo</b>	Myo2	GCCACCAAGCACAAGATCCC	52	MF322320 ~ MF322443	(Kimball et al. 2009)
	Myo3F	TTCAGCAAGGACCTTGATAATGACTT			
<b>ODC</b>	OD6	GACTCCAAAGCAGTTTGTCTCAGTGT	56	MF322196 ~ MF322319	(Friesen et al. 1999)
	OD8R	ATTGGTGGTGGCTTCCCTGGCTCTGAAGA			
Haemoglobin genes					
<b><math>\alpha^4</math></b>	A11F	AGGTGACATCATGGTGCTGTC	56	MF321902 ~ MF322069	This study
	A668R	TAACGGTACTTGGCAGTCAG			
	A12F	GAGGTGACATCATGGTGCTGT	56		This study
	A689R	ACACGTCCTAACGGTACTTGGC			
<b><math>\beta^4</math></b>	B76F	TGCCCAGCGTGCCATCCTTCG	64	MF322070 ~ MF322195	This study
	B1767R	GCGGCTCTTCAGTGGTACTTGC			
	B21F	GGAGAAGCAGCTCATCACCG	60		This study
	B1263R	TGGTATTTGCGGGCCAGAG			

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	B665F	GGAGCAAGAGCAAAGTCTGG	sequencing primers		This study
	B815R	GGGACAAACAGTGGGGTT			

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Table S3 Multi-locus summary statistics in nucleotide polymorphisms of the *P. minor* populations

Gene	Population	L/bp	N	S	h	$H_d$	$\pi$	R	Tajima's <i>D</i>	Fu's $F_S$
$\alpha^4$ (Chr 14)	All	660	132	17	20	0.872	0.0059	10.3	0.669	-2.846
	HB	660	46	5	6	0.574	0.0013	46.3	-0.674	-1.707
	HA	660	40	11	9	0.812	0.0039	10.5	-0.020	-0.639
	LA	660	46	9	13	0.909	0.0035	63.8	0.388	-4.071
$\beta^4$ (Chr 1B)	All	453	108	14	14	0.555	0.0019	35.3	<b>-1.820*</b>	<b>-10.156*</b>
	HB	453	34	8	8	0.752	0.0033	79	-0.682	-2.066
	HA	453	28	6	6	0.439	0.0012	153	<b>-1.847*</b>	-3.628
	LA	453	46	7	8	0.418	0.0011	> 1.e+4	<b>-1.838*</b>	-6.396
TGFB2 (Chr 3)	All	334	132	27	32	0.940	0.0087	7.2	-1.246	<b>-20.175*</b>
	HB	334	46	10	18	0.926	0.0064	> 1.e+4	-0.242	-11.610
	HA	334	40	21	15	0.881	0.0143	2.6	-0.106	-2.257
	LA	334	46	15	24	0.952	0.0115	110	0.392	-13.805
Fib	All	281	132	14	17	0.756	0.0041	> 1.e+4	<b>-1.447*</b>	<b>-11.191*</b>

Gene	Population	L/bp	N	S	h	$H_d$	$\pi$	R	Tajima's $D$	Fu's $F_S$
(Chr 4)	HB	281	46	7	9	0.786	0.0049	89.4	-0.392	-2.874
	HA	281	40	4	5	0.658	0.0029	> 1.e+4	-0.350	-0.918
	LA	281	46	10	11	0.753	0.0041	> 1.e+4	<b>-1.431*</b>	-6.127
Myo	All	556	128	17	22	0.844	0.0027	> 1.e+4	<b>-1.541*</b>	-16.126
(Chr 1)	HB	556	44	12	15	0.872	0.0032	> 1.e+4	-1.081	-8.794
	HA	556	38	6	7	0.799	0.0024	> 1.e+4	-0.207	-1.418
	LA	556	46	11	12	0.757	0.0020	> 1.e+4	<b>-1.652*</b>	-7.907
ODC	All	574	128	21	23	0.785	0.0030	26	<b>-1.557*</b>	-15.156
(Chr 3)	HB	574	44	8	9	0.608	0.0024	2.1	-0.664	-2.826
	HA	574	40	10	9	0.671	0.0025	7.2	-1.154	-2.901
	LA	574	44	13	13	0.778	0.0027	37.5	<b>-1.473*</b>	-6.984
CR	All	539	66	50	29	0.909	0.0230	2	0.482	-2.654
(mtDNA) CR	HB	539	23	30	18	0.964	0.0117	8.3	-0.958	<b>-8.068*</b>

Gene	Population	L/bp	N	S	h	$H_d$	$\pi$	R	Tajima's $D$	Fu's $F_S$
(mtDNA)	HA	539	20	8	7	0.768	0.0029	10.6	-1.050	-2.001
	LA	539	23	27	7	0.735	0.0128	0.001	-0.234	3.495
ND2	All	737	66	32	14	0.621	0.0128	0.001	1.287	3.785
(mtDNA)	HB	737	23	13	10	0.870	0.0024	61.8	<b>-1.727*</b>	<b>-4.599*</b>
	HA	737	20	1	2	0.100	0.0001	> 1.e+4	-1.164	-0.879
	LA	737	23	3	3	0.170	0.0004	0.001	-1.731	-1.305

Notes: Chr, position in Zebra finch chromosomes {Alev *et al.* 2009}; mtDNA, mitochondrial DNA; L, length; N, number of chromosomes; S, number of segregating sites; h, number of haplotypes;  $H_d$ , haplotype diversity;  $\pi$ , nucleotide diversity; Tajima's  $D$ , statistics of Tajima's  $D$  and Fu's  $F_S$ , statistics of Fu's  $F_S$  test (Bold\* is deviated from expected neutral equilibrium at  $P < 0.05$ ).  $\theta_w$ /bp, population mutation rate per site based on the number of segregating sites and recombination rate per gene {Watterson 1975}. R, recombination rate per gene.

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**Table S4** Heterozygosity and genotype frequencies in  $\alpha^4$ - and  $\beta^4$ -globin subunit of the *P. minor* by Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium test.

$\alpha^4$ -globin genotypes	Population						HB	HA	LA
	Haplotypic H <sub>o</sub> /H <sub>e</sub>						0.435*/ 0.578	0.750 / 0.812	0.783*/ 0.909
	Genotypic H <sub>o</sub> /H <sub>e</sub>						NA	0.500 / 0.509	0.435 / 0.587
	22	35	49	57	72	108			
<b>1</b>	Asp	Ala	Asn	Gly	Asn	Ala	100% (23)	45.0% (9)	—
	.	.	.	.	.	.			
<b>2</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	—	30.0% (6)	—
	.	.	Ser	.	.	Val			
<b>3</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	—	10.0% (2)	—
	.	.	Ser	Ala	His	Val			
<b>4</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	—	5.0% (1)	—
	Glu	Thr	Ser	.	His	Val			
<b>5</b>	.	.	Ser	.	.	Val	—	5.0% (1)	—
	.	.	Ser	.	.	Val			
<b>6</b>	.	.	Ser	Ala	His	Val	—	5.0% (1)	8.7% (2)
	Glu	Thr	Ser	.	His	Val			
<b>7</b>	.	.	Ser	Ala	His	Val	—	—	4.3% (1)
	.	Thr	Ser	.	His	Val			
<b>8</b>	Glu	Thr	Ser	.	His	Val	—	—	30.4% (7)
	Glu	Thr	Ser	.	His	Val			
<b>9</b>	.	Thr	Ser	.	His	Val	—	—	26.1% (6)
	.	Thr	Ser	.	His	Val			
<b>10</b>	Glu	Thr	Ser	.	His	Val	—	—	26.1% (6)

$\alpha^A$ -globin genotypes	Population						HB	HA	LA
	Haplotypic $H_o/H_e$								
	Genotypic $H_o/H_e$								
	<b>22</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>108</b>			
	.	Thr	Ser	.	His	Val			
<b>11</b>	.	.	Ser	Ala	His	Val	—	—	4.3% (1)
	.	Thr	Ser	.	His	Val			
$\beta^A$ -globin genotypes	Population						HB	HA	LA
	Haplotypic $H_o/H_e$								
	Genotypic $H_o/H_e$								
	<b>21</b>								
<b>1</b>	Thr						23.5% (4)	—	—
	.								
<b>2</b>	Ala						—	7.1% (1)	—
	.								
<b>3</b>	Ala						76.5% (13)	92.9% (13)	100% (23)
	Ala								

$H_o$ , observed heterozygosity (\*  $P < 0.05$ );  $H_e$ , expected heterozygosity; the replacements mainly exist in highland populations are shown in bold; The genotypic frequencies in observed genotypes are listed following the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium frequencies and the number of individuals are shown in parenthesis.