Genomic insights into the ancient spread of Lyme disease across North America

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Supplementary Figure 1. Frequent recombination along the *B. burgdorferi* genome.

Maximum likelihood phylogenies are pictured to the left of predicted recombinant tracts along the (a) chromosome (910724-bp), (b) plasmid cp26 (26498-bp), and (c) plasmid lp54 (53657-bp). Red blocks indicate recombination events occurring on an internal branch, shared by multiple samples through common descent. Blue blocks represent recombinations that occur on terminal branches and are unique to individual tip samples. The track at the top of each panel is a gene map; genes of interest are labeled.



Supplementary Figure 2. Maximum likelihood *B. burgdorferi* tree inferred from a recombination-free alignment of 16,370 SNPs. As depicted in Figure 2, with each tip labeled by ospC serotype (ospC label is also colored by serotype). Tips are colored by sampling region. Branches with greater than 50% bootstrap support are labeled with support value. Branch lengths indicate the estimated number of substitutions per variable site. Pie charts depict the distribution of ospC serotypes within each clade.



Supplementary Figure 3. *B. burgdorferi* maximum likelihood phylogeny including all 15 previously published genomes. Tips are colored by sampling region. *Borrelia finlandensis*, the most closely related sister species to *B. burgdorferi* sensu stricto, is the outgroup (Table S1). A pink arrow identifies the two monophyletic European samples. Blue arrows identify the three California samples. Branches with greater than 50% bootstrap support are labeled with support value. Branch lengths indicate the estimated number of substitutions per variable site.







Supplementary Figure 4. Co-evolution of *B. burgdorferi* chromosome and plasmids lp54 and cp26. Co-phylogenies of (a) the chromosome and plasmid lp54, (b) the chromosome and plasmid cp26, and (c) plasmids lp54 and cp26. Phylogenies are unrooted maximum likelihood trees. Branches are rotated to optimize matching of tips¹. Blue dotted lines connect tips corresponding to the same tick sample. Branches with greater than 50% bootstrap support are labeled with support value. Branch lengths indicate the estimated number of substitutions per variable site. Co-phylogenies show significant support for co-evolution of chromosome and plasmids with several historic plasmid exchanges between lineages. A global test (Parafit)² supports co-evolution of the chromosome and plasmid lp54 (p < 0.01), chromosome and plasmid cp26 (p < 0.01), and both plasmids (p < 0.01).



Supplementary Figure 5. Sequence by-catch maps to the tick genome. Each point represents a single sample; the proportion of reads (log-scale) mapping to *B. burgdorferi* (x-axis) and the tick, *I. scapularis* (y-axis). This sequence by-catch allows us to use hybrid capture data to investigate variation in the tick vector.



Supplementary Figure 6. Violin plot of coverage of 10 tick genes. The violin plot shows the probability density of mean coverage or the proportion of samples with a mean coverage of *y* for each gene. The dotted line represents 1 X mean coverage. *COII, 16S,* and *CR* (cytochrome oxidase II, 16S, and the control region) are mitochondrial genes with > 1.5 X mean coverage and were used for population genetic study of *I. scapularis*. The remaining nuclear genes have < 1X average coverage, precluding analysis of these loci.



Supplementary Figure 7. Sequence by-catch enables co-evolutionary study of *B.* burgdorferi and its tick vector. Co-phylogeny of *I. scapularis* (left) and *B. burgdorferi* (right). Branches have been rotated to maximize links between tree tips and tips are colored by sampling region. The *I. scapularis* maximum likelihood phylogeny is based on three concatenated mitochondrial genes (*COII*, *16S*, and *CR*). Branch lengths indicate the estimated number of substitutions per variable site. While the midwestern *B. microti* samples are monophyletic and strongly differentiated from northeastern *B. microti*, the *B. burgdorferi* sampled from the same ticks fall into two divergent clades (Supplementary Figure 7). A global test of co-evolution for the tick and bacteria confirms their independent evolutionary histories (pvalue = 0.403)^{2,3}.



Supplementary Figure 8. Co-captured *Babesia microti* sequence enables co-evolutionary study of the two co-vectored parasites. Co-phylogeny of the *B. microti* apicoplast (left) and *B. burgdorferi* (right). Branches have been rotated to maximize links between tree tips and tips are colored by sampling region. Branch lengths indicate the estimated number of substitutions per variable site. A global test of coevolution of the two parasites reveals no support for coevolution $(p-value = 0.251)^2$.





Supplementary Figure 9. Long distance migration shapes diversity. To perform ancestral state reconstruction, we estimated migration rates between each sampled region (Northeast, Midwest, and South) with a Markov model implemented in diversitree⁴. (a) The posterior distribution of bidirectional migration rates. Horizontal bars beneath the distributions correspond to the 95% credibility intervals and overlap, revealing a lack of support for differential migration rates between regions. However, there is a hierarchy (though not statistically significant) in migration rates. Migration between the Northeast and Midwest is most frequent, followed by migration between the Northeast and South. Migration between the South and Midwest is least frequent. (b) Relative rates of migration between sampled regions visualized on a map of North America.





Distance

Supplementary Figure 10. Historic population expansion. (a) Bayesian skyline plot showing changes in estimated mean *B. burgdorferi* effective population size over time (black line) with 95% credible intervals (blue shading)⁵. (b) A histogram of the observed distribution of pairwise distances between samples. The lines show an empirical density estimate (blue) and the



Supplementary Figure 11. Posterior parameter estimates inferred from sequence data and from the priors. Posterior density plot for (a) tree height (years) and (b) clock rate (substitutions/site/year) inferred from fitting the best-fitting evolutionary model to the *B. burgdorferi* sequence data (i.e. posterior, pink) and to the prior, without sequence data (blue), reveal that priors do not overwhelm sequence data. Dashed lines indicate the median parameter estimate.

Supplementary Table 1. Previously published *B. burgdorferi* sensu stricto genomes used in this study. For a subset of analyses, we included all 15 previously published *B. burgdorferi* genomes, representing cultured isolates from ticks, humans, and a song sparrow^{8–18}.

	Sample						ENA
Sample Name	Туре	Location	Lat*	Long*	Year*	Ref	Assembly
Borrelia_burgdorferi_b31	I.scapularis	NY	41.0572	-72.3163	1982	8,9	ASM868v2
Borrelia_burgdorferi_29805	I. scapularis	СТ	41.5834	-71.7622	1993	10	ASM17229v2
Borrelia_burgdorferi_64b	skin	NY	41.122	-73.7949	2003	11	ASM17233v2
Borrelia_burgdorferi_72a	skin	NY	41.122	-73.7949	2003	11	ASM17175v2
Borrelia_burgdorferi_94a	skin	NY	41.122	-73.7949	2003	11	ASM18171v2
Borrelia_burgdorferi_118a	skin	NY	41.122	-73.7949	2003	11	ASM17173v2
Borrelia_burgdorferi_156a	skin	NY	41.122	-73.7949	2003	11	ASM18155v2
Borrelia_burgdorferi_bol26	skin	Italy	41.8719	12.5674	2003	11	ASM18157v2
Borrelia_burgdorferi_ca_11_2a	I. pacificus	CA	38.5816	-121.494	1985	12	ASM17231v2
Borrelia_burgdorferi_jd1	I.scapularis	MA	42.6792	-70.8412	1986	13	ASM16665v1
Borrelia_burgdorferi_n40	l.scapularis	NY	41.122	-73.7949	1988	14	ASM16663v1
	Melospiza melodia (song						
Borrelia_burgdorferi_wi91_23	sparrow)	WI	45.4162	-92.6468	1991	15	ASM18185v2
Borrelia_burgdorferi_zs7	I. ricinius	Germany	51.1657	10.4515	1989	16	ASM2140v1
Borrelia_finlandensis	I. ricinius	Finland	61.9241	25.7482	2008	17	ASM18187v2
Borrelia_burgdorferi_ca8	I. pacificus	California	38.5816	-121.494	1998	18	ASM38256v1
Borrelia burgdorferi ca382	I. pacificus	California	38.5816	-121.494	1998	3	ASM44446v1

*Some previously published genomes do not have geographic coordinates or sampling year; we approximated coordinates based on geographic information available in source publication and year based on year of first publication discussing sample.

Supplementary Table 2. Coverage of ten tick genes present in sequence by-catch. The accession number and reference indicates the reference tick haplotype used for mapping. The three mitochondrial genes (COII, 16S, and CR) with mean coverage > 1.5 X were used for population genetic study.

Locus	Gene Name	Mean Cov.	Std. dev.	Location	Accession number	Ref.
16S	16S	2.68	4.97	mitochondria	KR092226	19
COII	Cytochrome oxidase II	1.89	2.69	mitochondria	KR092237	19
CR	Control region	2.54	4.26	mitochondria	KR092282	19
ace	Acetylcholinesterase	0.26	0.09	nucleus	KT847953	20
def	Defensin	0.22	0.08	nucleus	KT849839	20
dhp	Dihydropyrimidine	0.38	0.13	nucleus	KT849259	20
fer	Ferredoxin-glutamate synthase	0.62	0.30	nucleus	KT848579	20
hsp	Heat shock protein	0.69	0.38	nucleus	KT847275	20
ser	Serotonin	0.36	0.38	nucleus	KT846601	20
trospa	TROSPA	0.18	0.06	nucleus	KT850389	20
Total		0.77	1.42			

Supplementary Table 3. Posterior probability distributions of parameters estimated in BEAST. Mean, standard error, standard deviation, median, lower (5%) and upper (95%) limits of the highest posterior density (HPD) interval, auto-correlation time (ACT), and effective sample size (ESS). ESS > 200 is frequently used to assess parameter convergence. UCLD mean rate is the mean rate under the uncorrelated log-normally distributed (UCLD) relaxed molecular clock model, allowing variation in substitution rate across lineages, in units of substitutions per site per year. The strict clock rate parameter is substitution rate under a strict molecular clock model (no substitution rate variation across lineages), again in units of substitutions per site per year. Tree height is the age of the most recent common ancestor of sampled *B. burgdorferi*, in years.

Parameter	Mean	Std. Err.	Std. Dev.	Median	HPD _{5%}	HPD _{95%}	ACT	ESS
Posterior	-8.44E+04	1.17E+00	5.33E+01	-8.44E+04	-8.45E+04	-8.43E+04	1.15E+05	2.08E+03
Likelihood	-8.26E+04	2.24E-01	1.18E+01	-8.26E+04	-8.27E+04	-8.26E+04	8.68E+04	2.77E+03
Prior	-1.77E+03	1.11E+00	5.19E+01	-1.77E+03	-1.86E+03	-1.66E+03	1.10E+05	2.19E+03
Tree height	5.89E+04	8.54E+02	2.08E+04	5.70E+04	2.05E+04	9.83E+04	4.03E+05	5.95E+02
UCLD mean rate	7.49E-06	6.93E-08	2.92E-06	6.79E-06	3.32E-06	1.34E-05	1.35E+05	1.78E+03
UCLD std. dev.	1.04E+00	4.80E-03	7.34E-02	1.04E+00	9.00E-01	1.19E+00	1.03E+06	2.34E+02
Strict clock mean rate	4.75E-06	3.90E-08	1.85E-06	4.27E-06	2.28E-06	8.56E-06	1.07E+05	2.24E+03
Strict clock rate								
variance	1.05E-10	3.05E-12	1.08E-10	7.18E-11	9.97E-12	2.96E-10	1.92E+05	1.25E+03
Strict clock rate coef. of variation	1.28E+00	8.63E-03	1.66E-01	1.27E+00	9.84E-01	1.61E+00	6.50E+05	3.69E+02
					5.0.2.01			

Supplementary Table 4. Comparison of four clock and demographic models in BEAST. The marginal likelihood of four models were calculated with path sampling. The relaxed clock, skyline population size model has the highest marginal likelihood, referred to as M_1 . Bayes Factors (BF), or the ratio of marginal likelihoods, are calculated by subtracting each marginal likelihood from that of M_1 . Positive Bayes factors indicate support for M_1 with respect to the other models. Bayes factors greater than 20 are generally considered strong support for a given model⁵.

	Marginal	
Model	likelihood	Bayes factor
Strict clock, constant pop	-85546.24987	1862.962164
Strict clock, skyline pop	-85477.90002	1794.61232
Relaxed clock, constant pop	-83765.47245	82.18474709
Relaxed clock, skyline pop		
(M ₁)	-83683.2877	-

Supplementary File 1. Sample descriptions. For each bacterial sample, the biological source, sampling location, and *B. burgdorferi* mapping statistics.

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