

Reporting Summary

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- The exact sample size (n) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement
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- A description of all covariates tested
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- A full description of the statistical parameters including central tendency (e.g. means) or other basic estimates (e.g. regression coefficient) AND variation (e.g. standard deviation) or associated estimates of uncertainty (e.g. confidence intervals)
- For null hypothesis testing, the test statistic (e.g. F , t , r) with confidence intervals, effect sizes, degrees of freedom and P value noted
Give P values as exact values whenever suitable.
- For Bayesian analysis, information on the choice of priors and Markov chain Monte Carlo settings
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- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d , Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated

Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection

Download from NCBI Sequence Read Archive (SRA) was performed using the sratoolkit (prefetch and fastq-dump) version 2.8.2

Data analysis

Bowtie2 version 2.1.0; Samtools version 1.3.1; PanPhlAn version 1.2; MegaHit version 1.0.5; Prokka version 1.11; Roary version 3.5.9; BLAST version 2.8.1; Mafft version 7.215; RAxML version 8.2.9, Beast version 1.8.

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All assembled Wolbachia genomes can be accessed at <https://sites.google.com/fmach.it/wolbachia>

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Ecological, evolutionary & environmental sciences study design

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| Study description | Large screen of over 30,000 publicly available shotgun sequencing samples in order to expand the number of Wolbachia genomes across host phylogenies. |
| Research sample | Public available NCBI-SRA sequencing samples of potential Wolbachia arthropod and nematode hosts |
| Sampling strategy | NCBI database search based on 181 arthropod and nematode host related keywords |
| Data collection | Download of public available NCBI-SRA sequencing samples |
| Timing and spatial scale | Sample download: January to July 2017 |
| Data exclusions | No data were excluded |
| Reproducibility | Results are reproducible using the computational tools as described in the Method section |
| Randomization | Samples are grouped by host species based on NCBI metadata |
| Blinding | Not relevant |

Did the study involve field work? Yes No

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