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Dear Dr Yoon,

Your manuscript entitled "A genome-wide investigation of the effect of farming and human-mediated introduction on the ubiquitous seaweed *Undaria pinnatifida*" has now been seen by 2 reviewers, whose comments are attached. The reviewers have raised a number of concerns which will need to be addressed before we can offer publication in Nature Ecology & Evolution. We will therefore need to see your responses to the criticisms raised and to some editorial concerns, along with a revised manuscript, before we can reach a final decision regarding publication.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss these revisions further.

We look forward to seeing the revised manuscript and thank you for the opportunity to review your work.

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Author Rebuttal to Initial comments

The authors thank the Editor and two anonymous referees for their advice and efforts to improve the manuscript.

We have addressed, to the best of our abilities, the comments as detailed in the point-by-point reply below and hope that the revised manuscript will now be acceptable for publication.

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We regret these errors that arose during the last round of manuscript formatting. We have carefully checked the captions and referencing of supplemental material and believe that we have corrected all errors.

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The missing information is now provided (as described below).

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The referee is correct when citing these important case studies. However, they concerned cases of populations that have first escaped from domestication, and then became invasive. This succession (natural => domesticated => invasive) is an interesting evolutionary model, well-illustrated by the above-mentioned case studies, but this situation contrasts with our case studies. In the case of *Undaria pinnatifida*, it is important to note that the domestication process (natural => domesticated) and the introduction process (natural => introduced) are independent events. This is what we attempted to emphasize in the introduction: to our knowledge there is no other genome-wide study of a similar case. We added a sentence in the introduction to clarify this aspect of independent derivation of the introduced and domesticated populations of

Undaria pinnatifida:

“This kelp presents the rare characteristic of being independently cultivated and introduced in four continents outside of its native range. This situation contrasts with other well-studied cases such as *Oryza*³³ and *Sorghum*³⁴ in which domestication preceded escape to the wild.”

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Similar to the above point, the importance of the *Undaria pinnatifida* model is the independent derivation of cultivated and introduced populations. To clarify and emphasize this point, we changed the sentence as follows:

"However, genome wide analysis of domestication and introduction within a single species has not previously been done."

Line 83-84: by "domesticated and introduced" do you mean "domesticated and invasive", this seems more appropriate as range expansion is a domestication syndrome trait.

As explained above, domestication has been largely independent of the introduction process, with perhaps an exception in northern Brittany (Voisin et al. 2015). We used the term "introduced" to point out this feature: individuals that have been recently introduced from their native range in diverse regions around the world, independently of any original aim to cultivate it. We agree that the usage of the term "invasive" is often used in the case of domesticated individuals escaping from crops or farms to establish populations in the wild. This is not the case here. In addition, the definition of an invasive species generally includes the notion that the species is harmful to ecosystems. However, outside of its native range, the effects of *Undaria pinnatifida* on ecosystems are not typical of what is expected for an invasive species (for instance, replacement of native competitors occupying its ecological niche). This absence of impact was notably reported in Epstein & Smale (2017; DOI: 10.1002/ece3.3430). We therefore chose to use the more neutral term "introduced" for *Undaria pinnatifida*. Furthermore, it is important to clarify that *Undaria pinnatifida* was only domesticated in its native range in Asia. Elsewhere in the world, despite some small-scale cultivation it has not been extensively domesticated. Therefore, the link between expansion and a domestication syndrome is unlikely, or difficult to address.

Line 127-128: Does this sentence "The traditional repeat-rich heterochromatin and gene-rich euchromatin could not be clearly differentiated in Kr2015" mean that you did not find centromeres or does it mean that the organism has holocentric centromeres?

We were not able to identify centromeres in our genome assembly. In the brown algae genomes reported thus far, centromeres have not been formally identified but there is no evidence that they are holocentric. In related species (e.g. diatoms; Diner et al., 2017 <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1700764114>) centromeres were monocentric.

However, in this sentence we were pointing to the homogeneity of the distribution of repeats and genes in the genomes of brown algae, as opposed to the distribution observed in plant genomes. We added a clarification note concerning the centromeres as follows:

"The traditional gene-rich euchromatin, repeat-rich heterochromatin and centromeric regions could not be clearly differentiated in Kr2015³⁶⁻³⁸."

Line 150 – it seems unlikely that every individual had 853.77 GB of sequence, I suggest double checking this figure

The 853.77 Gb represent the entire data generated for the 41 individuals. The sentence was misleading and changed as follows:

“We generated a total of 853.77 Gb of cleaned-trimmed paired-end sequence from the 41 individuals (average 20.69 Gb per individual).”

Line 209: Why isn't the ROH, Pi and LD for the natural population presented?

Because the focus of our study was on the comparison of domesticated and introduced populations, to keep the text succinct, we did not present these results. But we agree that this information is missing for a full understanding of the three population categories. We thus added the description of the natural population.

“Natural populations were characterized by high genetic diversity (mean $\pi = 0.0044$; Figure 3a-3b; Supplementary Figure 9 and Supplementary Table 9), high recombination rates (LD half-maximum decay at 3.95 kb in Natural; Figure 3c) but relatively high homozygosity (Natural mean total ROH length = 180.9 Mb and average ROH length = 1.13 Mb; Figure 3d and Supplementary Table 10).”

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We added the description of the natural population as described above. We also modified one sentence to make the comparison with cultivated populations more clear.

“The cultivated populations of *U. pinnatifida* in Korea, however, deviated from these predictions, with genetic diversity (mean $\pi = 0.0044$; Supplementary Table 9); and LD disequilibrium decay (LD half-maximum decay at 3.95 kb; Figure 3c) comparable to that of natural populations (Figures 3a-3c).”

Line 324: what are the 252 regions this line discusses?

These are the regions detected in the DCMS comparison between individuals in Wellington Harbor 1987 and Wellington Harbor 2017. Because the term “regions” can be misleading, we changed it to “genomic windows”. We clarified the sentence as follows: “In contrast to the cultivated vs. natural population comparisons, the analysis across 30 to 60 generations (ca. one to two generations per year⁶⁶) in Wellington Harbour between 1987 and 2017 were not enriched in a particular biological function (Supplementary Note and Supplementary Table 13 and 14).”

Line 394: which sup table is Supplemental table X?

We apologize for this typo and changed the text as follows: “Supplementary Table 8”.

What is the generation time, do expect many generations between 1987-2017? This would inform the interpretation of the generational sampling.

Undaria pinnatifida is a short-lived species with one to two generations per year according to the regions. Seawater temperature is the major abiotic factor regulating its life cycle: the macroscopic sporophytes grow in cold waters. In the native range strong variation of seawater temperatures is observed between the winter cool waters and

summer warm waters. This change is responsible for the annual life cycle. Therefore, in its native range there is one generation per year for *Undaria pinnatifida*.

In New Zealand, however, seawater temperatures do not show such abrupt changes between summer and winter. This allows *Undaria pinnatifida* populations in New Zealand to often produce two overlapping cohorts annually, as reported in Schiel & Thompson (2012; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jembe.2012.07.023>). Therefore, in New Zealand, there is one to two generations per year. Therefore, from 1987 to 2017, the expected number of generations ranges from 30 - 60 generations. This is now explained in the following sentence:

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And we added the reference:

“68. Schiel, D. R. & Thompson, G. A. Demography and population biology of the invasive kelp *Undaria pinnatifida* on shallow reefs in southern New Zealand. *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology* **434-435**, 25-33 (2012).”

In figure 2 the colors in the caption do not match the colors in the figure, in the figure yellow appears to be French, and red appears to be New Zealand, and green appears to be native range.

The caption referred to three boxes separating the three different type of population considered. To avoid confusion, we added a yellow box for the French populations and adjusted the caption as follows:

“Red box, natural populations introduced in New-Zealand (NZ), outside the native range: Lyall Bay (NZ), and Wellington Harbour (NZ) sampled in 1987 and 2017. Yellow box, natural populations introduced in France (Fr), outside the native range: Thau (Fr) and Roscoff (Fr).”

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Indeed, there was a typo in the script used for the plotting of the PCA. It has been fixed and the explained variance of the PC3 was found to be 12.13%. Figure 2 was corrected accordingly.

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The four different lines indicate the distance at which the LD decay to one-half its maximum. We added the values on the x axis of figure 3c.

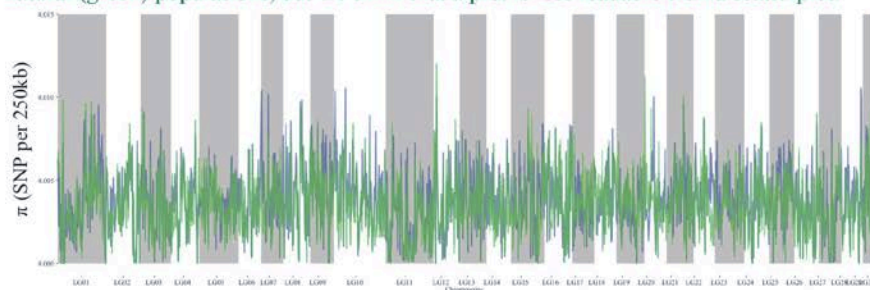
We completed and corrected the caption of figure 3 as follows: “(a) Violin plot of the genetic diversity estimated by π in non-overlapping 10 kb windows. (b) Manhattan plot of the genetic diversity (π) estimated in non-overlapping 250 kb windows for the natural populations (green), cultivated populations (blue), New Zealand populations (red) and French populations (yellow). Local polynomial regression fitting are shown on the plots.

(c) Linkage disequilibrium (LD) decay in the four different type of populations, with thin line indicating the distance at which LD is half of its maximum. (d) Run of homozygosity (ROH) in the 41 individuals. Natural populations, cultivated populations, New Zealand populations and France populations are shown in green, blue, red and yellow, respectively.”

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Genetic diversity is indeed lower in the introduced (i.e. invasive) populations than in the natural (i.e. wild) populations. However, the genetic diversity in the cultivated (i.e. domestic) populations is comparable to that of natural populations. We agree that the comparison was “qualitative”. In our opinion, a rigorous test for genome-wide comparison of genetic diversity between population categories would be a permutation test, in which the populations would be permuted based on their category (i.e. natural, cultivated, introduced). However, because our dataset only contains two replicates of each type of populations, such a permutation test is not applicable. This is the reason we chose not to formally test the differences. Note also that the Pi ratio (see below) may be more convincing of the difference in genetic diversity in the different populations.

Figure 3b would be more informative if it were a line graph rather than a scatterplot, also it would be interesting to see the ratio of π cultivated / π wild and π invasive/ π wild. We have produced a graph line of the genetic diversity for the cultivated (blue) and natural (green) populations, but we think that a plot is less readable than a scatterplot.



With this figure 3b, we aimed at showing that the base level of genetic diversity genome-wide was lower in the introduced populations (right plot) than in the natural and cultivated populations (left plot). In our opinion, the graph line does not help to emphasize this feature.

The comparison of the scatterplot of ratio of π cultivated/natural and π France/natural or New Zealand/natural demonstrates the lower level of genetic diversity in the introduced population and the comparable level of genetic diversity in the cultivated and natural populations. However, we think that this comparison remains clearer with the Manhattan plot showed in Figure 3b, now including regression lines to aid interpretation. We added the Pi ratio as Supplementary Figure 10.

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We also note that the F_{st} plot was missing from the original manuscript and contains important information, in particular, regarding the DCMS analysis, and to show the high temporal stability of the Wellington populations when compared to other comparisons among categories. Therefore we added a genome-wide graph line of the F_{st} for Cultivated-Natural, Wellington1987-Wellington2017, France-Natural and NewZealand2017-Natural. These scatterplots were included as Supplementary Figure 19.

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As for any p -value, the value selected for significance is based on scientific precedent. We set a threshold for significance at $p = 0.025$ to determine the genomic windows under potential positive selection. This value was chosen over the traditional 0.05 one with the aim to be as conservative as possible.
Because the DCMS analysis was not properly presented in the original manuscript, we prepared a new figure (Figure 4) displaying the results of the DCMS analysis.

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In Korean mariculture of *Undaria pinnatifida*, two phenomena are apparent: domestication of cultivars developed since the mid 2010's and cultivation of specimens generated by farmers. The cultivated individuals analyzed in our study were collected from a farm that did not exploit cultivars. We did not make phenotypic measurements of these individuals. In the first case, domestication syndrome might exist even though no formal phenotypic descriptions were published. In the second case, farming habits certainly prevent the emergence of a domestication syndrome *sensu stricto*. Indeed, farmers usually cross individuals cultivated in previous years and/or individuals collected in the wild, with particular phenotypes (e.g. large size), again not formally described. Phenotypic differences between natural and cultivated individuals can be observed but they are not fixed in any of the populations. Kelps have prodigious phenotypic plasticity, which could explain the difference observed between natural individuals growing on rocks in the intertidal zone and individuals growing on the surface of calm waters. Thus we can hypothesize (but only hypothesize) that one domestication syndrome might be large thallus and fast growing rates. However, in our opinion, the differences described above cannot be interpreted as a domestication syndrome, based on the lack of rigorous analyses of phenotypes in natural and cultivated populations.

For the readers to get some insights about the differences commonly observed between an individual from a natural population and one cultivated individual, we provided pictures in [Supplementary Figure 15](#).

Furthermore, to avoid confusion and misleading the readers on which type of individuals were analyzed in our study we corrected the term “domestication” to “cultivation” when appropriate. We also modified the introduction as follows:

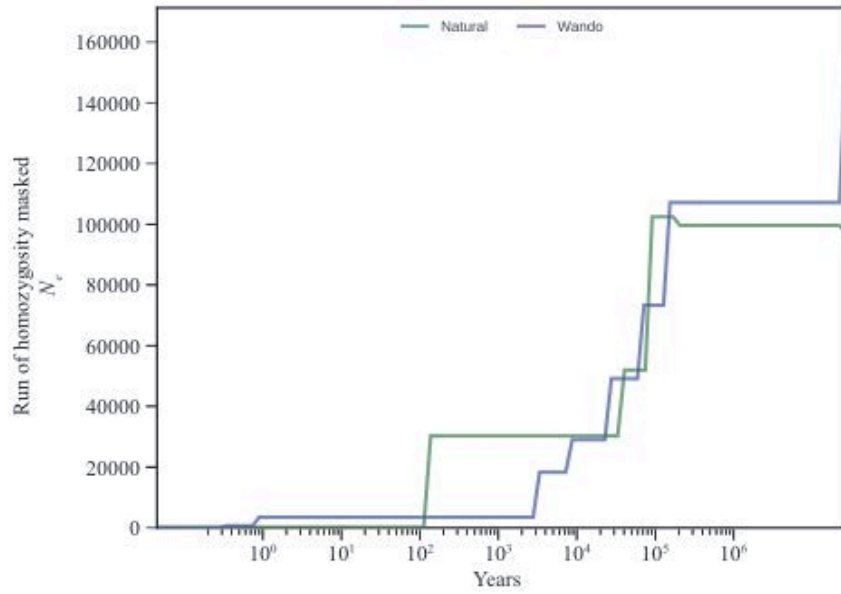
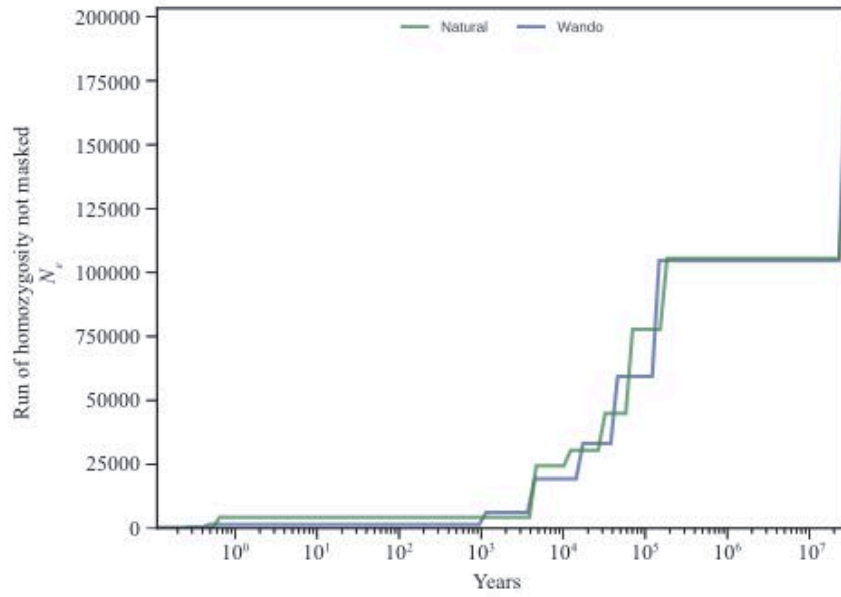
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Theoretically, the estimation of the past population size is of obvious interest to analyze the importance of potential bottlenecks in the cultivated populations or of founding events in the introduced populations. However, these events occurred only 70 years ago (beginning of the large scale cultivation in Korea in the 1950’s) or even more recently (introduction in France in the late 1970’s and in New Zealand in the 1980’s).

Available methods to study past effective population size remain unreliable to measure recent variation in population size. The most commonly used programs (MSMC2 and PSMC) were shown to be informative for events that occurred as recently as 2,000 years ago for MSMC (Schiffels & Durbin, 2014; <https://doi.org/10.1038/ng.3015>) and 20,000 years ago for PSMC (Li & Durbin, 2011; [10.1038/nature10231](https://doi.org/10.1038/nature10231)). Even if the recently developed program SMC++ was shown to increase accuracy in recent times (Terhorst et al., 2017; [10.1038/ng.3748](https://doi.org/10.1038/ng.3748)), events less than a 100-1000 years old are still extremely hard to estimate with confidence.

Furthermore, the coalescent theory involves multiple assumptions about the populations under study: neutral evolution and panmixia among the most important of these (Mather et al., 2019; <https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.5888>). These assumptions are not met with *Undaria pinnatifida*, which is an autogamous species, thereby breaking the panmixia assumption, and likely affecting the reconstructed past effective population size. In addition, the genetic structure of the populations is known to have strong but not well understood effects on the results of these analyses. Furthermore, we showed strong genetic structure among populations in our study (Figure 2). For all of these reasons we chose to exclude such analyses. Nonetheless, they are provided here for this reviewer to inspect:



The figures show that while using all variable loci (upper figure) or variable loci outside of run of homozygosity (lower figure), estimation of population size of the cultivated and natural populations were not informative because the resolution was insufficient in the last 100 years. This supports the idea that even if we would leave aside our concerns regarding the bias and violation of the coalescent model, the reconstruction of ancient population size would not provide meaningful results for our study.

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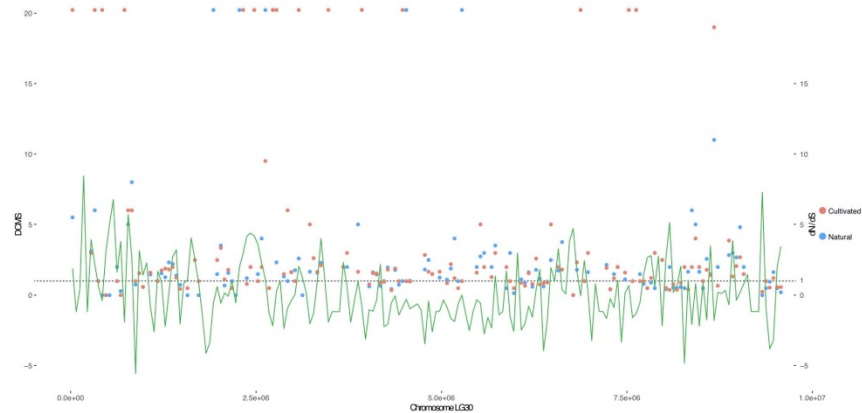
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The referee is correct when stating that in this section we essentially provide a catalog of genes of interest. This is due to the fact that we did not wish to overinterpret our results, and tried to be as conservative as possible, in particular, because the design of our study did not allow for in-depth analyses, and because the methods can be sensitive to bias as discussed in the manuscript. In particular, as shown in the new Figure 4, now cited in the discussion section, the gene density is high and adds up to the complexity of the population structure and history in the interpretation of the biological function that might be under selection. In most cases, it was not possible to discriminate between positive selection at a locus and genetic hitchhiking at the flanking loci, and thus did not allow us to more clearly define which genes could be potentially under positive selection. We hope that with this new figure (discussed in the relevant discussion section), the reviewer can now better understand our choice. Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) are needed to explore further this question, as indicated in the discussion with the following sentence:

“In the future, targeted sampling and an explicit experimental design are needed to better connect genetic and phenotypic information. In particular, quantitative trait loci (QTL) mapping in crosses between cultivars from breeding lines and natural individuals could help elucidate the domestication process in *U. pinnatifida*”

Thus, I have the following suggestions to make to improve this part. Show genomic region of elevated genetic diversity in coding regions. Figure 3e points to regions of elevated SNPs but the window size (250kb) is pretty large for identifying any interesting regions that stand out. This kind of analysis should be accompanied by dN/dS data based on the same sliding window across chromosomes and coding regions. I am not very familiar with DCMS but it seems to be too coarse-grained based on the results shown. This additional analysis potentially would narrow down interesting regions under selection and it would also potentially identify markers that can be used by breeders. We thank the reviewer for this suggestion. However, to identify markers that could be used by breeders would require a dataset designed for this task. As pointed out in the discussion, we here aimed at providing first insights about putative genes and functions to better examine in dedicated studies like genome wide association and quantitative trait locus analyses, which should be conducted with genotyped and phenotyped individuals for breeding lines and from natural populations.

Analysis of the genetic diversity in small windows is included in the DCMS analysis because it incorporates the genetic diversity (π) calculated in 50kb windows across the genome. For this reason, we chose to use the DCMS. DCMS is not particularly coarse-grained because it does not rely on a single estimate or index but, rather, several at once, including high-Fst outlier SNPs often used for intra-specific studies and recently diverged populations. With this approach, we aimed at distinguishing regions which are showing the same trend regardless of method used (here, the three methods ROH, Fst and Pi), and thus providing more confidence about regions (and genes) putatively under selection. We chose not to use the traditional dN/dS analysis because it has been shown to produce misleading results in the case of recently diverged populations (Kryazhimskiy & Plotkin, 2008; <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgen.1000304>), due to polymorphisms, including shared polymorphisms due to gene flow. Following the request of this reviewer, we computed dN/dS in sliding windows of 50kb in the cultivated and natural populations. As shown for chromosome LG30 in the figure below, the two analyses are not congruent. Many regions were shown to have unexpectedly high dN/dS values when the DCMS analysis did not detect a signal of positive selection. We believe that this result comes from the fact that the natural and cultivated populations diverged less than 70 years ago, and with incomplete divergence (gene flow is still acting due to the farming practices). Therefore, the high dN/dS values observed likely result more from polymorphisms rather than differential allelic fixation.



Another suggestion I have would be to apply coalescence theory to trace alleles under selection back in time. This would certainly strengthen the statements about the history of the genomic landscape in cultivars vs wild populations (line 213 onwards).

This is an interesting suggestion, but as we discussed above (reviewer #1 comment), using coalescent theory between genetically structured and demographically unstable populations that have only diverged less than 70 years ago, is not possible.

It seems RNAseq has not been conducted although cDNA-libraries were available for genome annotations. With RNAseq data, though, it could be tested how selection impacts the phenotypes and therefore contributes to the adaptation of the different *U. pinnatifida* populations in different regions of the world and under conditions of domestication. Maybe the authors have already generated some RNAseq datasets while their paper was under review? Include them if available.

We agree that analysis of RNAseq data is necessary to further understand the impact of selection on the phenotypes of the domesticated *Undaria pinnatifida*. However, the transcriptome data generated for this manuscript was not designed to address these questions (we obtained RNA from 4 different tissues in one individual that were submitted to two different condition for 12 hours (i.e. in filtered and autoclaved seawater at 15C either under light or in the dark) before being fixed and the RNA extracted, resulting in eight sequencing libraries). Unfortunately, to generate a dataset suitable for the analysis proposed by this reviewer (RNAseq of genotyped and phenotyped natural individuals and breeding lines individuals) we would need to collect mature sporophytes, at best, in May 2021. With the time needed for sequencing and analysis of these individuals, our work would be pushed back at least one year, which we consider to be unwarranted.

Nevertheless, using the RNAseq generated for the annotated genes we compared orthologous groups containing genes under putative positive selection with those not in this category. This analysis revealed that in the majority of these families (94 out of 166) expression did not appear to be modified by positive selection. In the remaining 72 orthologous families, we observed both increased and decreased expression in the genes

under putative positive selection. The 79 genes with apparent differential expression and under putative positive selection encoded some of interest like a mannitol 1-phosphate dehydrogenase or two GDP-mannose-6 dehydrogenases. However, because these data were generated from a single individual we were not able to calculate DEGs and the observed differences in expression could also largely be attributed to differences between the tissues and treatments. Therefore, this analysis does not clearly respond to the reviewer's suggestion but is the best that could be done with the data at hand. In conclusion, despite the absence of a robust gene expression analysis, we included the following text:

“Exploratory transcriptome analysis of genes within regions under positive selection revealed that they could potentially have different expression levels when compared to genes of similar functions encoded elsewhere in the genome (Supplementary Note; Supplementary Figure 16; Supplementary Table 12). However, these are preliminary results (Supplementary Note) and a more comprehensive transcriptomic analysis is needed to better understand the effect of positive selection on gene expression in the cultivated *U. pinnatifida*.”

and in the Supplementary Material as follows:

“Using the RNA sequencing data generated for annotation of the Kr2015 genome (see 1-3), we investigated the expression of genes encoded in the genomic regions under putative positive selection. We first mapped the cleaned RNA reads for each of the eight libraries to the reference gene models using RSEM v1.3.3 (Li & Dewey, 2011) and the Transcripts Per Million (TPM) of each gene was estimated for each library. We then compared the expression level in the orthologous groups with at least one copy encoded in a genomic region under putative selection and one copy encoded outside of this region. Out of the 166 orthologous groups under consideration, 94 did not show an expression difference between the genes (Wilcoxon rank sum test p -value > 0.05). In the remaining 72 orthologous groups, expression appeared to be different between copy(ies) encoded in a genomic region under putative selection and copy(ies) encoded elsewhere on the genome (Wilcoxon rank sum test p -value < 0.05 (Supplementary Figure 16). This analysis only incorporated data obtained from a single individual and from different tissues submitted to different treatments (see 1-3), therefore do not represent a proper comparative analysis of gene expression. However, these results suggest that genes under positive selection might display expression differences when compared to neighbouring genes. A genome-wide association study and transcriptomic analysis should be conducted to clearly identify such loci and their effect on the phenotypes of *Undaria pinnatifida*.” and illustrated representatives cases in the Supplementary Figure 16.

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13th November 2020

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“The cultivated populations of *U. pinnatifida* in Korea, however, deviated from these predictions, with genetic diversity (mean $\pi = 0.0040$; Supplementary Table 9); and LD disequilibrium decay (LD half-maximum decay at 3.14 kb; Figure 3c) comparable to that of natural populations (Figures 3a-3c).”

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Final Decision Letter:

3rd December 2020

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