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The 1000 Genomes Project dataset used in this study are available at [ftp://ftp.1000genomes.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ftp/release/20130502/]. The EGP dataset used in this study are available under accession code PRJEB12437 [https://evolbio.ut.ee/CGgenomes\_VCF/]. The SGDP dataset used in this study are available under accession code PRJEB9586 [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJEB9586/]. The Altai Denisovan data used in this study are available at [http://cdna.eva.mpg.de/neandertal/altai/]. The Altai Neanderthal data used in this study are available under accession code ERP002097 [http://cdna.eva.mpg.de/neandertal/altai/]. The Siberian Ust'-Ishim data used in this study are available at [http://cdna.eva.mpg.de/ust-ishim/]

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Sample size	The sample size used in this study contains 2000 samples from the 1000 Genomes Project dataset, 279 samples from the SGDP datasets, 402 samples from the EGDG datasets, one Denisovan, one Altai Neanderthal, and one Ust'-Ishim. Archaic introgression inference was performed for each population from the 1000 Genomes Project ( $n \sim 100$ for each) and for the combined continental group from the SGDP and EGDG datasets ( $n > 30$ for major groups), with sufficient sample size to get adequate statistical power.
Data exclusions	No sample was excluded.
Replication	Not relevant. The current study is a non-experimental research. The custom codes developed in this study do not involve random number when estimating the introgressed segments.
Randomization	Not relevant. No experimental group allocation.
Blinding	No relevant blinding. No group allocation.

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