# Genetic variation associated with a geographical cline in New Zealand populations of Argentine Stem Weevil

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## Abstract

The abstract should outline the purpose of the paper and the main results, conclusions and recommendations, using clear, factual, numbered statements

* context and need for the work
* approach and methods used
* main results (2-3 points)

### Synthesis and applications

* wider implications and relevance to management or policy

### Keywords

Naughty weevils, Invasive species, Molecular evolution, ???

## Introduction

## Materials and methods

### Collections *etc*.

Weevils were collected from …

### Reduced-representation genome sequencing and processing

DNA was extracted …

The code we used to process the genotyping data is hosted at [github.com/TomHarrop/stacks-asw](https://github.com/TomHarrop/stacks-asw) and [github.com/MarissaLL/asw-para-matched](https://github.com/MarissaLL/asw-para-matched).

### Genome assembly

To produce the short read dataset, an Illumina TruSeq PCR-free 350bp insert library was generated from DNA extracted from a single, male Argentine stem weevil collected from endophyte-free hybrid ryegrass (*Lolium perenne* × *Lolium multiflorum*) at **Lincoln, New Zealand (?)**. Library preparation and sequencing were performed by Macrogen Inc. (Seoul, Republic of Korea). A total of 158 GB of 100 b and 150 b paired-end reads were generated from the TruSeq PCR-free library. After removing common sequencing contaminants and trimming adaptor sequences using BBTools [1], the short-read-only genome was assembled with meraculous [2–4].

* WGA of single indiv
* ONT stuff
* Assembly tricks

Genome assemblies were assessed using assembly size and contiguity statistics and BUSCO analysis [5]. We used RepeatModeler [6] and RepeatMasker [7] to estimate the repeat content of the long read genomes.

The code we used to assemble and assess the ASW genome is hosted at [github.com/TomHarrop/asw-flye-withpool](https://github.com/TomHarrop/asw-flye-withpool).

### Genome-based analyses, *F*ST, etc. etc.

* Catalog mapping *e.g.* bwa mem

### Reproducibility and data availability

Raw sequence data for the ASW genome are hosted at the National Center for Biotechnology Information Sequence Read Archive (NCBI SRA) under accession **TBA**. We used snakemake [8] to arrange analysis steps into workflows and monitor dependencies, and Singularity [9] to capture the computing environment. Using the code repositories listed in each methods section, the final results can be reproduced from the raw data with a single command using snakemake and Singularity. The source for this manuscript is hosted at [github.com/TomHarrop/asw-gbs-genome-paper](https://github.com/TomHarrop/asw-gbs-genome-paper).

## Results

### Variation in NZ populations of Argentine stem weevil

To measure the variation in NZ populations of ASW, we collected individuals from 7 sites in the North Island and 5 sites in the South Island of New Zealand (Figure 1A). We genotyped each individual separately using amodified ddRADseq protocol (**AgR ref?**; [10]). We found lots of sweet variation.

![](data:application/pdf;base64,)

![Figure 1. A. Argentine stem weevil sampling locations. B. Pricipal components analysis showing first two principal components. C. Some figure showing the high heterozygosity.](data:application/pdf;base64,)

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### The Argentine stem weevil genome

To determine if between-population variation was related to selection at defined loci, we constructed a draft assembly of the ASW genome. We initially attempted assembly from a single individual using PCR-free, short read sequencing. This resulted in a fragmented assembly with low BUSCO scores (Table 1). Because of the high heterozygosity in the single-individual short-read library (**Supporting Information**), we attempted to produce a long-read genome assembly using whole-genome amplification (WGA) of high molecular weight (HMW) DNA from a single individual, followed by sequencing on the Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT) MinION sequencer. We produced 29.8 GB of quality-filtered reads with an *N*50 length of 9.0 KB. The low read *N*50 length is caused by branching of the genomic DNA during WGA by Φ29 DNA polymerase [**ref?**]. Assembling the single individual, long read genome resulted in improved contiguity and BUSCO scores (Table 1). We detected an extreme level of repeats in the single individual, long read genome (Table 1). To improve assembly of long repeat regions, we produced a second ONT dataset with longer reads from HMW DNA from a two pools of 20 individuals each. Sequencing these samples on the MinION sequencer produced a total of 12.0 GB of reads with an *N*50 length of 19.5 KB. **For completeness, assemble the pooled genome alone?**. We constructed a combined, long-read genome using the pooled, long-read dataset for contig construction, and the single-individual, long-read dataset for assembly polishing. This resulted in a more contiguous assembly, but a large number of redundant contigs (Table 1), presumably because of the high rate of heterozygosity in the pooled, long-read dataset. We produced a final draft assembly of 1.1 GB (Table 1) by using the PCR-free, short read sequencing data from a single individual with the purge\_haplotigs pipeline to remove redundant contigs from the combined long read assembly [11]. **Something about the repetitiveness**. We used our final draft genome for all subsequent analyses.

**Table 1**. Assembly statistics for draft and intermediate assemblies.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Short read | Single individual, long read | Pooled, long read | Combined, long read | Final draft |
| Assembly length (Gb) | 1.3 | x | x | x | 1.1 |
| *N*50 | 53046 | x | x | x | 2681 |
| *N*50 length (kb) | 7.1 | x | x | x | 122.3 |
| Complete single-copy BUSCOs (%) | 32.7 | 72.2 | x | 69.2 | 78.8 |
| Complete multiple-copy BUSCOs (%) | 17.2 | 7.5 | x | 17.4 | 5.1 |
| Repeat fraction | n.d. | x | x | x | x |

### Variation associates with a North-South cline

etc. etc.

## Discussion

## Authors’ contributions

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## Data availability

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