

1 **Out of patterns, the euchromatic B chromosome of the grasshopper *Abracris***
2 ***flavolineata* is not enriched in high-copy repeats**

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26 **Abstract**

27 In addition to the normal set of standard (A) chromosomes, some eukaryote species
28 harbor supernumerary (B) chromosomes. In most cases, B chromosomes show
29 differential condensation with respect to A chromosomes and display dark C-bands of
30 heterochromatin, and some of them are highly enriched in repetitive DNA. Here we
31 perform a comprehensive NGS (Next Generation Sequencing) analysis of the repeatome
32 in the grasshopper *Abracris flavolineata* aimed at uncovering the molecular
33 composition and origin of its B chromosome. Our results have revealed that this B
34 chromosome shows a DNA repeat content highly similar to the DNA repeat content
35 observed for euchromatic (non-C-banded) regions of A chromosomes. Moreover, this B
36 chromosome shows little enrichment for high-copy repeats, with only a few elements
37 showing overabundance in B-carrying individuals compared to the 0B individuals.
38 Consequently, the few satellite DNAs (satDNAs) mapping on the B chromosome were
39 mostly restricted to its centromeric and telomeric regions, and they displayed much
40 smaller bands than those observed on the A chromosomes. Our data support the
41 intraspecific origin of the B chromosome from the longest autosome by misdivision,
42 isochromosome formation and additional restructuring, with accumulation of specific
43 repeats in one or both B chromosome arms, yielding a submetacentric B. Finally, the
44 absence of B-specific satDNAs, which are frequent in other species, along with its
45 euchromatic nature, suggest that this B chromosome arose recently and might still be
46 starting a heterochromatinization process. On this basis, it could be a good model to
47 investigate the initial steps of B chromosome evolution.

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49 **Key words:** FISH, genome, RepeatExplorer, repetitive DNAs, supernumerary
50 chromosome

51 **Introduction**

52 B chromosomes are dispensable genomic elements reported in many plant, animal, and
53 fungal species (Jones and Rees 1982; Camacho 2005; Houben et al. 2014; Jones 2017).
54 B chromosomes were discovered more than a century ago (Wilson 1907) and, for many
55 years, only repetitive DNA had been found on them (for review, see Camacho 2005).
56 However, it is now known that B chromosomes also contain protein-coding genes
57 (Martis et al. 2012; Valente et al. 2014; Navarro-Dominguez et al. 2017). A common
58 characteristic of most B chromosomes is the accumulation of repetitive DNA, which
59 accounts for its evolution and differentiation from A chromosomes (Camacho 2005;
60 Houben et al. 2014). These accumulated repeats include microsatellites and satellite
61 DNAs (satDNAs), multiple classes of transposable elements (TEs), and multigene
62 families (see for example Nur et al. 1988; Ziegler et al. 2003; Coleman et al. 2009;
63 Poletto et al. 2010; Peng and Cheng 2011; Bueno et al. 2013; Klemme et al. 2013;
64 Milani et al. 2014; Silva et al. 2014; Coan and Martins 2018; Hanlon et al. 2018;
65 Malinpena et al. 2018; Marques et al. 2018; Ruiz-Ruano et al. 2018; Felicettia et al.
66 2021; Stornioli et al. 2021).

67 In grasshoppers, cytological and molecular analysis in multiple species revealed
68 that most B chromosomes show C-banded heterochromatin and plenty of DNA repeats
69 (for instance, see Ruiz-Ruano et al. 2016a, 2018; Milani et al. 2017a, 2018). For
70 example, most B chromosome variants found in *Eyprepocnemis plorans* are mostly
71 made of rDNA and a satDNA family (Cabrero et al. 1999; 2014; López-León et al.
72 2008) and they are enriched in R2 retrotransposons (Montiel et al. 2014). The most
73 complete quantification of the repeatome in a grasshopper was recently performed in
74 *Locusta migratoria* and showed that the B chromosome contains 94.9% of repetitive
75 DNA, with a single satDNA comprising 55% of the B chromosome (Ruiz-Ruano et al.

76 2018). In addition, this B chromosome showed a 17 kb region, including 29 different
77 TEs, which was apparent as a FISH band on the B chromosome. Similarly,
78 heterochromatic B chromosomes rich in a variety of repetitive DNAs have been
79 reported in other grasshopper species, such as, *Eumigus monticola*, *Rhammatocerus*
80 *brasiliensis*, *Xyleus (discoideus) angulatus*, *Schistocerca rubiginosa* *Podisma*
81 *sapporensis* and *Dichroplus pratensis* (Bidau et al. 2004; Loreto et al. 2008; Oliveira et
82 al. 2011; Ruiz-Ruano et al. 2016a; Jetybayev et al. 2018; Milani et al. 2018).

83 An exception to this general pattern is the South American grasshopper *Abracris*
84 *flavolineata* ($2n= 22+X0♂/XX♀$) where a submetacentric B chromosome failed to
85 show heterochromatin defined by the C-banding technique, i.e. C-positive blocks (Cella
86 and Ferreira 1991; Bueno et al. 2013). This B chromosome is mitotically stable thus
87 showing the same number in all cells from the same individual and occurring in one or
88 two copies in a natural population sampled at Rio Claro, São Paulo, Brazil (Milani et al.
89 2017b). Current evidence supports the origin of this B chromosome from the longest
90 chromosome pair (L1), based on the U2 snDNA being only visualized by FISH on these
91 two chromosomes (Bueno et al. 2013). Additionally, we detected other repeats on this B
92 chromosome, a satDNA family (Milani et al. 2017a), some microsatellite repeats
93 (Milani et al. 2014) and two TEs (Palacios-Gimenez et al. 2014), which were shared
94 with many A chromosomes. Intrigued by the absence of C-positive heterochromatin on
95 the B chromosome of *A. flavolineata*, we decided to perform high-throughput
96 complementary bioinformatic and cytogenetic analyses to characterize its repetitive
97 DNA content. Repeatome analysis including 1,744 TEs, 53 satDNAs and 9 multigene
98 families revealed that, consistent with its C-heterochromatin scarcity, this B
99 chromosome is not enriched in high-copy repetitive DNAs, which makes it unusual
100 among B chromosomes in general. Exceptionally, we found a few repetitive DNAs

101 present on the euchromatic (C-negative) regions of the A chromosomes, which also
102 decorate the interstitial regions of the B chromosome. In contrast, other repetitive DNAs
103 that were enriched in heterochromatic regions (C-bands) of the A complement were
104 mostly restricted to centromeric and distal regions of the B chromosome. In addition,
105 satellitome analysis revealed that the B chromosome shared one satDNA family in
106 exclusivity with the L1 autosome thus supporting B ancestry from this A chromosome.
107 We finally suggest that this B chromosome could be a young element currently being in
108 an initial step of heterochromatinization.

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110 **Materials and methods**

111 *Biological materials, genomic DNA extraction and chromosome preparations*

112 For molecular and bioinformatic analysis, we used the same seven male individuals of
113 *Abracris flavolineata* (three 0B, two 1B and two 2B) previously studied by Bueno et al.
114 (2013), Milani et al. (2017b), and Ahmad et al. (2020). The hind legs of these animals,
115 previously stored in 100% ethanol at -80 °C, were used for genomic DNA (gDNA)
116 extraction following the phenol/chloroform-based protocol (Sambrook and Russel
117 2001), which was used for genomic sequencing and PCR assays (see next topics).

118 For chromosomal mapping we collected five gravid females, which were
119 maintained alive in cages at the laboratory until oviposition, allowing embryos to be
120 obtained. Mitotic embryo chromosome spreads were prepared according to the protocol
121 proposed by Webb et al. (1978). Chromosome spreads were performed by maceration
122 and spreading of portions of embryos on a slide within a drop of 50% acetic acid, under
123 a hot plate at 45 °C.

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125 *Genome sequencing and identification of repetitive DNA sequences being*
126 *overabundant in B-carrying individuals*

127 Genomic DNA sequencing was performed by the Illumina HiSeq 4000 platform
128 using the Macrogen Inc. service (Seoul, Republic of Korea). Sequencing yielded 27–41
129 Gb DNA (per sample) of 151 bp paired reads. The genomes from seven individuals are
130 deposited in the Sequence Read Archive (SRA) under the accession numbers
131 SRX7784770-SRX7784772. Repetitive sequences making up the repeatome of *A.*
132 *flavolineata* were recovered and characterized using different approaches, including a
133 thorough search for the satDNA families making up the satellitome, multigene families,
134 and TEs (see details below).

135 To find and characterize the maximum number of different satDNA families, we
136 applied the satMiner protocol (Ruiz-Ruano et al. 2016b). For this purpose, we randomly
137 selected 2 x 5,000,000 reads from each individual using SeqTK
138 (<https://github.com/lh3/seqtk>) and pooled those belonging to the same type of genome
139 (0B, 1B or 2B) by concatenating them. We then performed sequence preprocessing for
140 each group of reads using the “rexp_prepare_normaltag.py” script
141 (<https://github.com/fjruizruano/ngs-protocols>), which uses Trimmomatic (Bolger et al.
142 2014) to remove adapters and low-quality nucleotides (Q<20), and finally selected only
143 completely paired reads after trimming, i.e., those read pairs with 151 bp in both
144 members. The script then interleaves forward and reverse reads and converts them to
145 fasta format. We obtained 100,000 read pairs for each of the three libraries (0B, 1B and
146 2B) and concatenated them into a single file. We then applied the satMiner protocol
147 (Ruiz-Ruano et al. 2016b) consisting of several rounds of clustering with
148 RepeatExplorer (RE) software (Novák et al. 2013) alternated with the DeconSeq
149 filtering tool (Schmieder and Edwards 2011) to remove those satDNA sequences

150 identified in previous RE rounds and added 100,000 of these cleaned read pairs from
151 each pool sample (0B, 1B and 2B) prior to each new RE round (again summing up
152 300,000 read pairs).

153 RE clusters putatively containing satDNAs were selected by visual graph
154 inspection to identify those showing spherical or ring shapes, which are characteristic of
155 this type of DNA sequence. Then, we performed manual curation of the selected contigs
156 by Geneious v4.8 software (Drummond et al. 2009), checked their tandem structure by
157 dotplot graphic inspection and recovered the consensus sequence for repeat units of
158 each satDNA family or subfamily. To search for homology between different satDNA
159 families we first compared their consensus sequences using multiple sequence
160 alignments with Muscle (Edgar 2004) implemented in Geneious v4.8 software
161 (Drummond et al. 2009), and second, we ran a homology test based on RepeatMasker
162 (Smit et al. 2017) with “rm_homology.py” (<https://github.com/fjruirozano/ngs-protocols>).
163 The results of these analyses were used to classify the satDNA collection
164 into superfamilies, families or subfamilies according to the identity criterion proposed
165 in Ruiz-Ruano et al. (2016b).

166 For TE identification, we randomly selected 100,000 read pairs from each pool
167 of genomes (0B, 1B and 2B), for a total of 600,000 reads, which were used as input for
168 a single RE round followed by a reclustering-specific tool available in the Galaxy
169 platform (<https://repeatexplorer-elixir.cerit-sc.cz/galaxy/>). This tool was used for
170 merging clusters showing homology into larger contigs, which are prone to improve TE
171 assembly. Then, we analyzed all the cluster contigs for sequence extraction with
172 Geneious v4.8 software (Drummond et al. 2009). Since this method allowed the
173 recovery of fewer than 200 different TE families, we also used the dnaPipeTE pipeline
174 (Goubert et al. 2015), which uses Trinity (Grabherr et al. 2011) as an assembler,

175 followed by recurrent TE annotation and quantification in the raw reads compared with
176 a custom database previously built by Ruiz-Ruano et al. (2018) from B-carrying
177 genomes of *Locusta migratoria*. This analysis was performed using only forward reads
178 and default parameters recommended for dnaPipeTE. Next, by means of a custom script
179 (https://github.com/fjruiaruano/ngs-protocols/blob/master/dnapipete_createdb.py) we
180 used dnaPipeTE assembly and annotation to generate a fasta file with annotated contigs
181 in the RepeatMasker format (Smit et al. 2017) for further analysis.

182 Finally, the multigene families (H3 histone gene, 18S, 28S, 5.8S and 5S rDNAs,
183 U1, U2 and U6 snDNAs) and full mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) were recovered using
184 MITObim (Hahn et al. 2013) with the seed sequences used for *Locusta migratoria* in
185 Ruiz-Ruano et al. (2018).

186 All the repeats obtained by these different methods were later concatenated, and
187 redundancy was removed by CD-HIT-EST clustering (Li and Godzik 2006) using an
188 80% sequence identity level, implying that those repeats showing at least 80% identity
189 were considered the same family.

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191 *Estimation of repetitive DNA sequence abundances and divergences in the A.* 192 *flavolineata genome*

193 Sequence abundance and divergence of each repetitive DNA family were
194 determined in each of the seven genomes analyzed by means of RepeatMasker (Smit et
195 al. 2017) using the Cross_match search engine on 5,000,000 read pairs from each
196 library. SatDNA families were named in decreasing order of abundance in 0B genomes,
197 following Ruiz-Ruano et al. (2016b). Sequence divergence was estimated by the
198 Kimura 2-parameter (K2P) model using the calcDivergenceFromAlign.pl script within
199 RepeatMasker software (Smit et al. 2017). Abundance for a given repetitive DNA

200 family was calculated as a genome proportion, represented by the sum of all mapped
201 nucleotides belonging to it (including all subfamilies) with respect to the total number
202 of nucleotides in the selected reads from each Illumina library. Abundance and
203 divergence for each family were separately estimated for each individual and later
204 averaged for 0B (three individuals), 1B (two individuals) and 2B (two individuals)
205 genomes. We then calculated two sequence abundance quotients, 1B/0B and 2B/0B, to
206 search for repeats being overabundant in the B-carrying genomes so that those repeats
207 showing both quotients clearly higher than 1 and that 2B/0B was higher than 1B/0B
208 were considered overabundant in B-carrying individuals and thus enriched in the B
209 chromosome. However, those repeats showing quotients lower than 1 are considered
210 less abundant (or absent) in the B chromosome rather than in the average A
211 chromosome. All satDNA families and some TEs showing overabundance in B-carrying
212 genomes were selected for subsequent chromosomal mapping (see below).

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214 ***DNA amplification and chromosomal mapping of repetitive DNAs***

215 We designed primers for PCR amplification either manually or else using
216 Primer3 software (Untergasser et al. 2012) (Supplementary Table 1), and PCR
217 conditions followed the same protocol described in Milani et al. (2018). For satDNA
218 sequences, the monomeric bands were isolated and purified using the Zymoclean™ Gel
219 DNA Recovery Kit (Zymo Research Corp., The Epigenetics Company, CA, USA)
220 according to the manufacturer's recommendations. The same method was applied for
221 TE isolation, taking care of isolating fragments showing the size expected from
222 computational annealing of primers. These products were used for reamplification using
223 the same PCR conditions. All amplified sequences were sequenced by the Sanger

224 method using Macrogen Inc. (Seoul, Republic of Korea) service to confirm the actual
225 amplification of the target sequence.

226 We performed fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH) on mitotic chromosome
227 spreads from embryos using one or two probes simultaneously, according to Cabral-de-
228 Mello and Marec (2021). Probes were labeled by digoxigenin-11-dUTP (Roche,
229 Mannheim, Germany) or biotin-14-dATP (Invitrogen) and detected by antidigoxigenin-
230 rhodamine (Roche) and streptavidin, Alexa Fluor 488-conjugated (Invitrogen),
231 respectively. The chromosomes were counterstained using 4',6-diamidino-20-
232 phenylindole dihydrochloride (DAPI) and slides were mounted in VECTASHIELD
233 (Vector, Burlingame, CA, USA). The preparations were observed and images were
234 captured using a BX61 Olympus microscope equipped with a fluorescence lamp and
235 appropriate filters and a DP70 cooled digital camera. All images were processed and
236 optimized using Adobe Photoshop CS6. According to the results observed, we
237 classified the satDNA families into three types: i) visible FISH bands covering the
238 whole chromosome width (B-pattern), ii) occurrence of dot-like scattered signals across
239 the chromosome (D-pattern), and iii) no FISH signal at all (NS-pattern).

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241 *Statistical methods*

242 We compared repeat abundance between the 0B, 1B and 2B genomic libraries by means
243 of nonparametric Friedman ANOVA and the Wilcoxon matched pairs test.

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245 **Results**

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247 *Comparative genomic abundance reveals little enrichment for high-copy repeats in*
248 *the B chromosome*

249 The overall mean repetitive DNA abundance in *A. flavolineata* genomes from the Rio
250 Claro, São Paulo, Brazil population was 52.94% in 0B individuals, 52.59% in 1B
251 individuals and 52.00% in 2B individuals; this figure thus decreased with an increasing
252 number of B chromosomes (Friedman ANOVA: $\chi^2= 8.08$, N= 1806, df= 2, P<0.018).
253 This result suggests that this B chromosome shows lower repetitive DNA content than
254 the A chromosomes, on average, so that when a given repetitive element is scarce in the
255 B chromosome, its genomic proportion will decrease as the number of Bs grows. This
256 "dilution effect" was significant for TEs ($\chi^2= 10.12$, N= 1744, df= 2, P<0.0064),
257 marginally significant for satDNA ($\chi^2= 4.57$, N= 53, df= 2, P>0.10) and not significant
258 for multigene families ($\chi^2= 1.56$, N= 9, df= 2, P>0.45) (Figure 1). However, a few
259 repeats showed the reverse pattern, i.e., their abundance increased with increasing
260 numbers of B chromosomes. This pattern suggested the presence of these repeats in the
261 B chromosome. For quantitative application of this criterion, we calculated the 1B/0B
262 and 2B/0B quotients and selected those elements showing 1B/0B>1 and 2B/0B>1B/0B,
263 as the two conditions, as a whole, allowed selection for repeats showing increasing
264 abundance with B number.

265 We found 53 satDNA families in *A. flavolineata*, all of which were present in
266 the three genome libraries analyzed (Supplementary Table 2), thus revealing the
267 absence of B-specific satDNAs. The dilution effect was also apparent for satDNA, as its
268 genomic content decreased in the presence of B chromosomes (4.52% in 0B, 4.03% in
269 1B and 3.99% in 2B) (see Supplementary Table 2 and Figure 1c) (Wilcoxon matched
270 pairs test: 0B vs. 1B: z= 3.27, P= 0.001; 0B vs. 2B: z= 2.19, P= 0.028). However, we
271 found no significant difference in satDNA content between the 1B and 2B libraries (z=
272 0.27, P= 0.79), perhaps due to some degree of B chromosome heterogeneity. Consistent
273 with the general dilution effect for satDNA, abundance comparisons between libraries

274 revealed that only two satDNA families (AflSat52-23 and AflSat53-17) were
275 overabundant in the B-carrying genomes (see Table S2 and Figure 1c).

276 The analysis of coding tandem repeats (including rRNA, U snRNA and H3
277 histone multigene families) revealed that only the U2 snRNA family showed
278 overabundance in the B-carrying genomes (Figure 1d). The presence of U2 snDNA on
279 the *A. flavolineata* B chromosome was previously shown by FISH analyses (Bueno et
280 al. 2013; Menezes-de-Carvalho et al. 2015; Milani et al. 2017b). The remaining gene
281 families and mtDNA failed to show differences in relative abundance between B-
282 carrying and B-lacking genomes, but some of them displayed the dilution effect (Figure
283 1d).

284 In the case of TEs, we found 212 elements (out of the 1,744 analyzed) meeting
285 the $1B/0B > 1$ and $2B/0B > 1B/0B$ criteria. These elements belonged to 28 families
286 (Supplementary Table 3), the most abundant being LTR/gypsy elements (Figure 2). To
287 test whether these results actually reflect overabundance in the B chromosome, we
288 performed FISH for one element belonging to three distinct superfamilies, LTR/Gypsy
289 (Gypsy_17), DNA/Tc1 (Tc1_74) and LINE/Jockey (Jockey_72). This analysis revealed
290 their concentration on certain B chromosome regions with the appearance of
291 chromosome bands (Figure 2). As these three families were among the seven most
292 abundant, additional FISH work would reveal whether the observed pattern critically
293 depends on abundance, a highly feasible possibility (see also Supplementary Figure 1).

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295 ***High-throughput analysis of the satellitome reveals that satDNA is scarce on the B*** 296 ***chromosome***

297 One of the 53 satDNA families found (named here as AflSat02-391) had
298 previously been described as AflaSAT-1 (Milani et al. 2017a). The repeat unit length

299 (RUL) of the 53 families ranged from 7 to 832 bp (mean= 224, SD= 167.6), and the
300 total A+T content ranged from 30.43% to 76.50% (mean= 57.1%, SD= 8%). Homology
301 tests between all satDNA families revealed the occurrence of only two superfamilies
302 (SFs), with AflSat15-299, AflSat16-298 and AflSat26-296 comprising SF1, and
303 AflSat20-233 and AflSat28-247 constituting SF2. As expected, the families belonging
304 to each SF showed highly similar sequence properties (RUL and A+T content)
305 (Supplementary Table 2).

306 A subtractive landscape (2B/0B) revealed a clear dilution effect for satDNA
307 abundance, as the 2B genome showed a high deficit for most satDNA families,
308 especially for the most abundant ones (Figure 3). To analyze whether these genomic
309 results are reflected at the cytogenetic level, we performed the physical mapping by
310 FISH on A and B chromosomes of *A. flavolineata* for all 53 satDNA families identified
311 by bioinformatic analysis. Similar to other grasshopper species (for instance, see Ruiz-
312 Ruano et al. 2016a, 2018), we observed three different patterns, with 44 families
313 showing bands on chromosomes (B-pattern), three families showing many small dots
314 scattered on chromosomes (D-pattern) and the six remainder showing no FISH signals
315 (NS-pattern) (Table 1 and Supplementary Figure 2).

316 A summary of chromosome locations for the 53 satDNA families (Table 1)
317 indicated that 47% of the 205 FISH bands found on A chromosomes were located on
318 pericentromeric regions involving the centromere and the short chromosomal arm. The
319 location of these satDNAs thus coincided with the heterochromatin location in this
320 species, as revealed by C-banding (Bueno et al. 2013). However, the other half of the
321 satDNA bands were found on euchromatic regions at proximal (5%), interstitial (30%)
322 or distal (18%) locations of the long A chromosome arms (Table 1 and Supplementary
323 Figure 2a-x). Notwithstanding, it is clear that the pericentric heterochromatic regions

324 were enriched in satDNA as they contained the five most abundant families
325 representing 81% of all satDNA content in the 0B genome (Supplementary Table 2)
326 (i.e., 3.67% out of the total 4.52%) (Figure 4, Supplementary Figure 2a,b, Table 1).
327 Remarkably, of these five satDNAs, only the satDNA showing the highest abundance
328 (AflSat01-179) was present on all A chromosomes (Figure 4a, Table 1), thus most
329 likely playing a centromeric function (Melters et al. 2013). However, the least abundant
330 satDNA families tended to show FISH bands on a single chromosome pair (Figure 4b,
331 Supplementary Figure 2), as 15 of the 20 families with this condition showed
332 abundance under the median value of all 53 families, and only 5 showed abundance
333 above the median (Table 1). X was the A chromosome showing more satDNA FISH
334 bands in exclusivity (three interstitially and three distally located), followed by S10 (4),
335 M6 (3), L2 and M8 (2) and L3 and M7 (1). The X chromosome harbored the highest
336 number of satDNA families (25) and it was the A chromosome showing the highest
337 number of interstitial and distal satDNA bands (Table 1).

338 We noticed a clear-cut difference in chromosome location between the two
339 superfamilies existing in the genome of *A. flavolineata*, as the three families belonging
340 to SF1 always showed proximal locations on one (AflSat16-298 and AflSat26-296) or
341 two (AflSat15-299) A chromosome pairs (Table 1, Supplementary Figure 2g,i,n),
342 whereas the two SF2 family members showed either proximal (AflSat20-233) or
343 interstitial (AflSat28-247) locations (Table 1, Supplementary Figure 2m,w).

344 Finally, there were nine other satDNA families where the location on A
345 chromosomes was not in the form of FISH bands, three of which showed the dotted
346 pattern (D) (Table 1, Supplementary Figure 3), and the six remaining showed no FISH
347 signal at all (NS) (Table 1, Supplementary Figure 2y, 4).

348 Regarding the B chromosome, we observed that eight of the 44 satDNA families
349 showing the B-pattern on A chromosomes (AflSat01-179, AflSat02-391, AflSat03-17,
350 AflSat07-36, AflSat025-40, AflSat40-218, AflSat46-153, and AflSat52-23), were also
351 present on the B chromosome, whereas the three families showing the D-pattern also
352 showed multiple small dots on the B chromosome (Table 1 and Figure 4,
353 Supplementary Figure 3). Among the 13 satDNA bands observed on the B
354 chromosome, eight were pericentromeric, one was interstitial and four were distal. Most
355 of the eight satDNA families showing FISH bands on the B chromosome showed
356 multichromosomal locations on A chromosomes, except two showing locations on only
357 one (AflSat46-153 on L1) or two (AflSat40-218 on S10 and X) A chromosomes (Table
358 1 and Figure 4b). Among all A chromosomes, L1 and X were the A chromosomes
359 sharing the highest number of satDNA families with the B chromosome (seven each;
360 see Table 1). Bearing in mind that L1 also shares the U2 snDNA in exclusivity with the
361 B chromosome (Milani et al. 2017b), we consider that, with the available data
362 (repetitive DNA only), L1 is the best candidate to be the ancestor of this B
363 chromosome.

364 The satDNA families with dotted patterns occupied virtually the entire extension
365 of the B chromosome, but AflSat08-184 and AflSat42-75 were less abundant on
366 pericentromeric and terminal regions (Supplementary Figure 3a,c) whereas AflSat13-
367 177 was less evident on the proximal region of the short arm (Supplementary Figure
368 3b). They also showed FISH signals on the euchromatic (non-C-banded) regions of the
369 long arm of all A chromosomes, but they were absent in their C-banded regions located
370 on the pericentromeric region and the short arm (Supplementary Figure 3).

371 A comparative analysis of abundance for the eight satDNA families displaying
372 the B FISH pattern on the B chromosome revealed why the global abundance of

373 satDNA in the 0B, 1B and 2B genomes showed a dilution effect. For this purpose, we
374 separately represented the most and the least abundant families (Figure 4), thus
375 revealing that three families (AflSat01-179, AflSat07-36 and AflSat25-40) showed a
376 clear decrease in abundance with an increasing number of B chromosomes, whereas
377 only two (AflSat40-218 and AflSat52-23) showed the reverse pattern, due to B-
378 enrichment, but these two satDNA families were among the least abundant in the
379 genome.

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381 **Discussion**

382 Genome low-pass sequencing combined with computational and chromosomal analysis
383 provides a comprehensive understanding of the organization and evolution of DNA
384 repeats on B chromosomes (Kumke et al. 2016; Ruiz-Ruano et al. 2018; Milani et al.
385 2018; Ebrahimzadegan et al. 2019; Serrano-Freitas et al. 2019). Through this approach,
386 we found that the B chromosome of the grasshopper *A. flavolineata* is poorly enriched
387 in repetitive DNA. Only three of the 53 satDNA families found in this species
388 (AflSat40-218, AflSat52-23 and AflSat53-17), which are among the less abundant in
389 the 0B genome, were overabundant in B-carrying genomes. Likewise, only 28 TE
390 families, containing 212 elements, representing only 12% of the 1,744 TEs found,
391 showed overabundance in B-carrying genomes. This scenario contrasts with the general
392 idea that B chromosomes are enriched in repetitive DNA (Camacho 2005; Houben et al.
393 2014; Marques et al. 2018). Consistently, repeat-enriched B chromosomes have been
394 reported in fish (Ziegler et al. 2003; Coan and Martins 2018; Stornioli et al. 2021),
395 reptiles (Kichigin et al. 2019), plants (Martis et al. 2012; Kumke et al. 2016;
396 Ebrahimzadegan et al. 2019), and insects (Hanlon et al. 2018; Ruiz-Ruano et al. 2018).
397 Among the repeats found in B chromosomes, satDNA is the most frequent component

398 (McAllister 1995; Klemme et al. 2013; Hanlon et al. 2018; Ruiz-Ruano et al. 2018;
399 Ebrahimzadegan et al. 2019; Langdon et al. 2000; Stornioli et al. 2021).

400 This accumulation of repetitive DNAs on B chromosomes is commonly
401 assumed to be due to their genetic isolation from A chromosomes, with which they do
402 not recombine (Camacho 2005; Houben et al. 2014). In this way, the nonenrichment in
403 repetitive DNA, the absence of C-heterochromatin blocks and the absence of B-specific
404 satDNA families would be consistent with the hypothesis that this B is a young element,
405 resembling the composition of the A chromosome from which it derived (most likely
406 L1, see below). The high similarity between B and A chromosomes is also supported
407 also by B chromosome microdissection of *A. flavolineata* followed by chromosome
408 painting, as all C-negative A chromosome regions and the B chromosome were
409 similarly labeled (Menezes-de-Carvalho et al. 2015).

410 Based on FISH mapping of the U2 snDNA, the B chromosome in *A.*
411 *flavolineata* was suggested to have derived from the L1 autosome, as only these two
412 chromosomes harbor this sequence (Bueno et al. 2013). Here, chromosomal mapping of
413 the full satellitome of this species has provided additional clues about B chromosome
414 ancestry and evolution. We observed that the L1 autosome and the X chromosome both
415 share the highest number of satDNA families with the B chromosome, i.e., seven
416 families. However, the absence of U2 on the X chromosome and the fact that the L1
417 autosome is the only A chromosome sharing AflaSat46-153 with the B chromosome,
418 reinforce the conclusion that L1 is the most likely B ancestor. Although our data
419 support the possible derivation of the B chromosome from the L1 autosome, with
420 possible subsequent restructuring of the B chromosome, additional research is necessary
421 to obtain accurate information on the possible synteny of the repeats shared by these
422 chromosomes, as it would help to unveil the precise origin of the B chromosome.

423 Additionally, some repeats present on the L1 autosome were not found on the B
424 chromosome, indicating some additional degree of B differentiation attributed to the
425 intense dynamism of repetitive DNAs. Among grasshoppers, the origin of B
426 chromosomes from large A chromosomes, as the current results suggest in *A.*
427 *flavolineata* appears to be uncommon, as the few cases where B chromosome ancestry
428 was claimed involved medium (M) or small (S) A chromosomes, such as S11 in *E.*
429 *plorans* (Teruel et al. 2014), S8 in *E. monticola* (Ruiz-Ruano et al. 2016a), M8 and S9
430 in *L. migratoria* (Ruiz-Ruano et al. 2018), S9 in *S. rubiginosa*, S11 in *R. brasiliensis*
431 and S10 in *X. d. angulatus* (Milani et al. 2018). These medium- or small-sized A
432 chromosomes are enriched in repetitive DNAs because their pericentromeric C-banded
433 regions are the same size as the pericentromeric C-banded regions in long A
434 chromosomes, but their non-C-banded regions are much smaller. Therefore, M and S
435 chromosomes are more prone to be involved in chromosome rearrangements, which
436 might be an initial step for B chromosome origin (Hewitt 1974; Perfectti and Werren
437 2001; Camacho 2005; Raskina et al. 2008; Houben et al. 2014; Ruiz-Ruano et al.
438 2016a; Milani et al. 2018). In *A. flavolineata*, the low amount of repeats on the B
439 chromosome would be consistent with the low proportion of the C-banded region in L1
440 (see Figure 5) and the loss of most of the C-banded chromatin in the B. In contrast, B
441 derivation from medium or small A chromosomes with a lower proportion of non-C-
442 banded chromatin should most likely render heterochromatic Bs, likewise in cases with
443 B chromosome ancestry related to highly heterochromatic chromosomes, such as sex
444 chromosomes (Sharbel et al. 1998; Pansonato-Alves et al. 2014; Ventura et al. 2015;
445 Serrano-Freitas et al. 2019).

446 Remarkably, satDNAs displaying FISH bands on the *A. flavolineata* B
447 chromosome frequently showed a symmetrical pattern for the FISH bands located on

448 pericentromeric and distal regions, such as the U2 snDNA in both B chromosome arms
449 (Figure 5, Table 1), suggesting the isochromosome nature of this B chromosome and
450 the involvement of centromeric misdivision in its origin. The small size of the FISH
451 bands observed on the B chromosome for most satDNA families (e.g. AflSat01-179,
452 AflSat02-391 and AflSat03-17), would be consistent with the loss of the L1 short arm
453 (which contains the largest amount of C-heterochromatin and satDNA families) during
454 the B-forming misdivision. Isochromosomes arising from misdivision have been
455 reported in grasshoppers such as *Eyprepocnemis plorans* (López-León et al. 1993),
456 *Omocestus burri* (Del Cerro et al. 1994) and *Metaleptea brevicornis adspersa* (Grieco
457 and Bidau 2000), plants such as *Zea mays* (Carlson and Phillips 1986), *Crepis capillaris*
458 (Leach et al. 2005) and *S. cereale* (Marques et al. 2012), the fish *Astyanax scabripinnis*
459 (Mestriner et al. 2000) and *Drosophila melanogaster* (Hanlon et al. 2018). Against the
460 isochromosome hypothesis in *A. flavolineata* would be the B chromosome being not
461 perfectly metacentric, as this would require additional events of inversion or differential
462 duplications or deletions between B arms. More intense amplification of DNA repeats
463 on one of the B chromosome arms has been noticed for TEs such as Gypsy_17, Tc1_74
464 and *Afmar2* (Palacios-Gimenez et al. 2014), and two satDNAs analyzed here
465 (AflaSat07-36 and AflaSat40-218). This kind of event could have contributed to the
466 emergence of the submetacentric B chromosome, which is currently prevalent in *A.*
467 *flavolineata*. Notwithstanding, the evidence for L1 derivation of the B chromosome is
468 still preliminary, as we all are still in the initial steps to disentangle the conundrum of B
469 chromosome origin.

470 Altogether our results indicate that the B chromosome in *A. flavolineata* is
471 unusually little enriched in repetitive DNAs, presumably because this B chromosome
472 arose from the longest A chromosome, with a low proportion of C-heterochromatin, the

473 most part of which was lost during the misdivision that yielded the B chromosome from
474 the L1 autosome. The B chromosome is enriched in only a few repetitive elements, to a
475 low extent, and the absence of B-specific satDNAs suggests that this B chromosome is
476 young. This fact might be helpful in testing the L1-derivation hypothesis of the B
477 chromosome, as a putatively young element could still conserve high similarity in gene
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721 **Tables**

722 **Table 1.** Chromosome location of the 53 satDNA families found in *Abracris*
723 *flavolineata*. SF = superfamily, L1-L3 = three long autosomes, M4-M8 = five medium
724 autosomes, S9-S11 = three short autosomes, X = X chromosome, B = B chromosome, p
725 = pericentromeric (centromere plus short chromosomal arms), pr = proximal (near to
726 centromere), i = interstitial, d = distal. B = banded pattern, D = dotted pattern and NS =
727 no signal. Repeats with dotted patterns occurred on all chromosomes, including the B
728 chromosome (see text for details). Asterisks (*) indicate the occurrence of
729 heteromorphisms for the presence/absence of bands in homologous chromosomes.

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731 **Figures**

732 **Figure 1.** Relative abundance of several types of repetitive DNA in *A. flavolineata*
733 genomes carrying 1B and 2B, in comparison with the B-lacking genome, measured by
734 the log₂ transformed 1B/0B and 2B/0B quotients. a) Five examples of TEs showing
735 overabundance in the B chromosome (solid lines), and five others showing the dilution
736 effect (dotted lines) with negative values for both quotients. b) Overabundant TEs in the
737 B chromosome, indicating TE type for the five showing the highest quotients. c) Only
738 two satDNA families were overabundant in the B chromosome. Note the dilution effect
739 for many other satDNAs. d) Only the U2 snDNA showed clear overabundance in the B-

740 carrying genomes, whereas the other families showed the dilution effect or quotients
741 close to zero, suggesting their scarcity in the B chromosome.

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743 **Figure 2.** Comparative genomic proportion between the 0B, 1B and 2B genomes for the
744 most abundant TEs in *Abracris flavolineata*. The asterisks indicate the superfamilies in
745 which one representative was selected for FISH mapping on chromosomes (a-c). Note
746 the spread distribution on long arms and absence of signals on pericentromeric C-
747 heterochromatic region of A chromosomes. In the B chromosome (arrowheads) observe
748 the differential distribution of TEs, i.e., first interstitial half of long arm (a), spread
749 signal along the entire extension of the B chromosome, except distal regions (b) and
750 enrichment on interstitial areas of both arms, and faint signals in proximal half of long
751 arm (c). This last repeat was also absent in the terminal regions. Bar = 10µm.

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753 **Figure 3.** Subtractive repetitive landscape (genome proportion *versus* sequence
754 divergence based on Kimura substitution level) obtained from average counts for
755 satDNAs in two males with 2B chromosomes and three with no B chromosome of
756 *Abracris flavolineata*. Abundance values show the difference between the 2B minus the
757 0B genomes. Thus, positive values indicate overabundance in the 2B genomes, and
758 negative values indicate overabundance in the 0B genomes. Note the occurrence of
759 mainly negative values indicating the low enrichment of satDNAs in 2B-carrying
760 genomes.

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762 **Figure 4.** Comparative genomic proportion and FISH mapping for eight satDNAs
763 occurring in the B chromosomes with a banded pattern, showing high (a) or low (b)
764 abundance (expressed as genome proportion). Repeat names are indicated on the left.

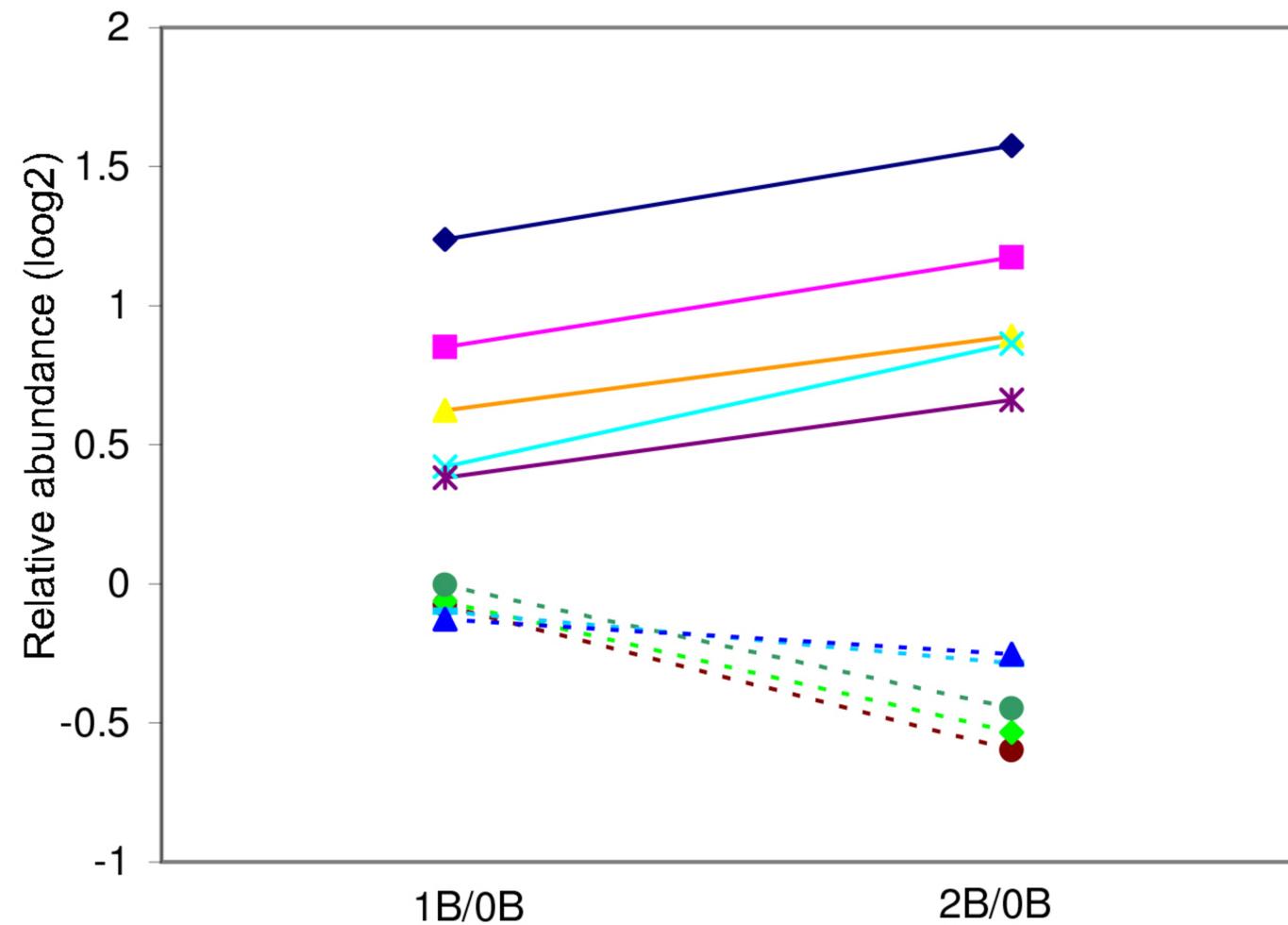
765 Some A chromosomes are indicated on each embryo mitotic metaphase plate, and the B
766 chromosome is indicated by arrowheads. The differential satDNA distribution on the B
767 chromosome was observed, with pericentromeric signals for AflSat01 and AflSat02,
768 pericentromeric plus distal signals for AflSat03, AflSat07, AflSat25, AflSat46, and
769 AflSat52, and pericentromeric plus interstitial (on the long arm) signals for AfSat40.
770 Additionally, note the exclusive presence of AflSat46 bands on the B chromosome and
771 the L1 pair. Bar = 10µm.

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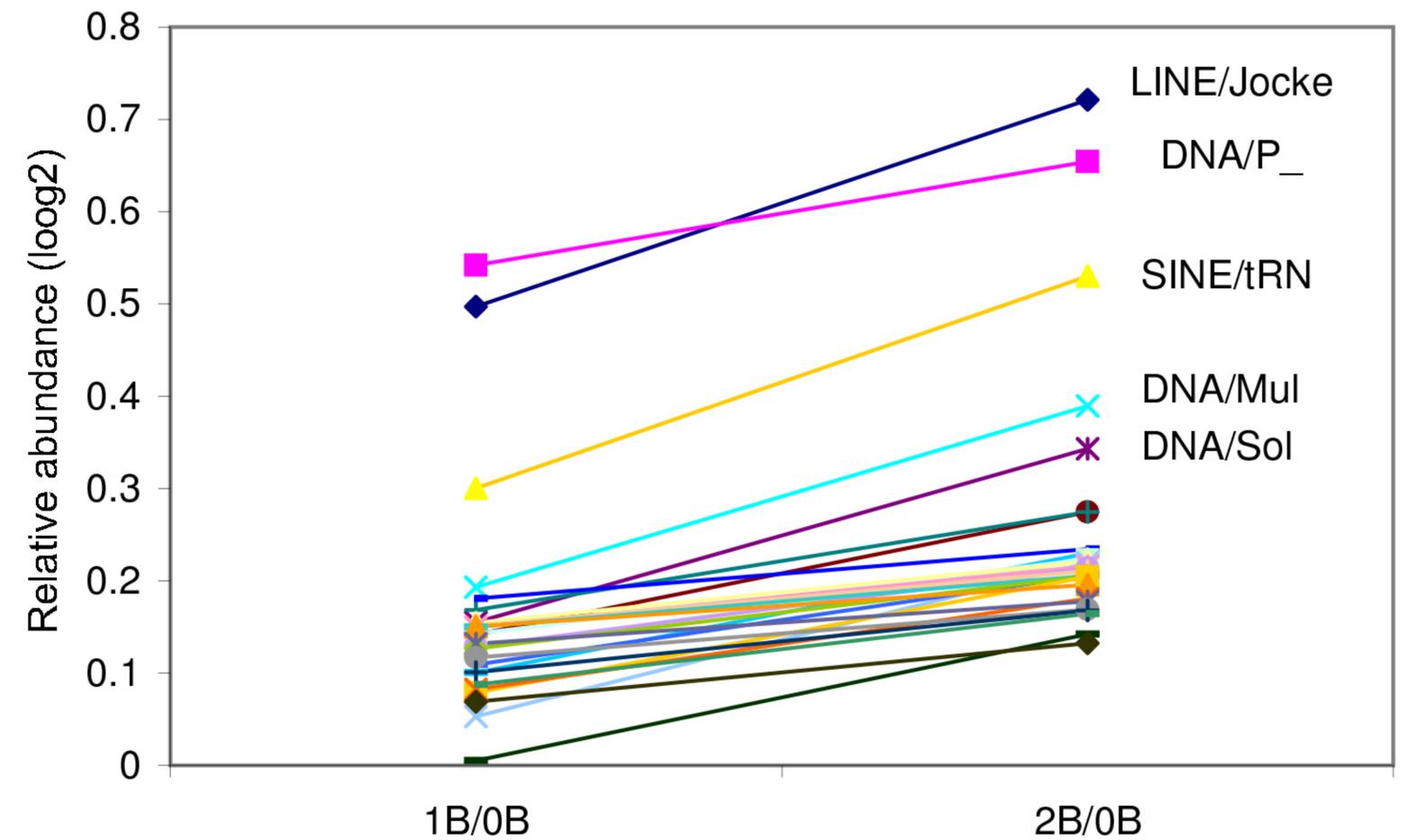
773 **Figure 5.** Comparative C-banding and FISH for repeat location between the L1 and B
774 chromosomes of *A. flavolineata*. The L1 autosome showed, like the remaining A
775 chromosomes, a large pericentromeric C-band including the pericentromeric region and
776 the short arm. The FISH analysis for seven satDNA families and the U2 snDNA repeat
777 showed pericentromeric and telomeric locations on the B chromosome whereas they
778 were located on the pericentromeric region and the short arm of L1 (AflSat01, AflSat02,
779 AflSat03, the pericentromeric region (AflSat46), interstitial (AflSat07), interstitial
780 region and the short arm (AflSat25 and AflSat52). satDNAs thus might suggest that B
781 originates from the proximal third of L1, including the interstitial region containing
782 several satDNAs. However, the U2 snDNA is located on an L1 region outside the
783 former proximal region, so the presence of U2 on B is not explained by a single
784 rearrangement event.

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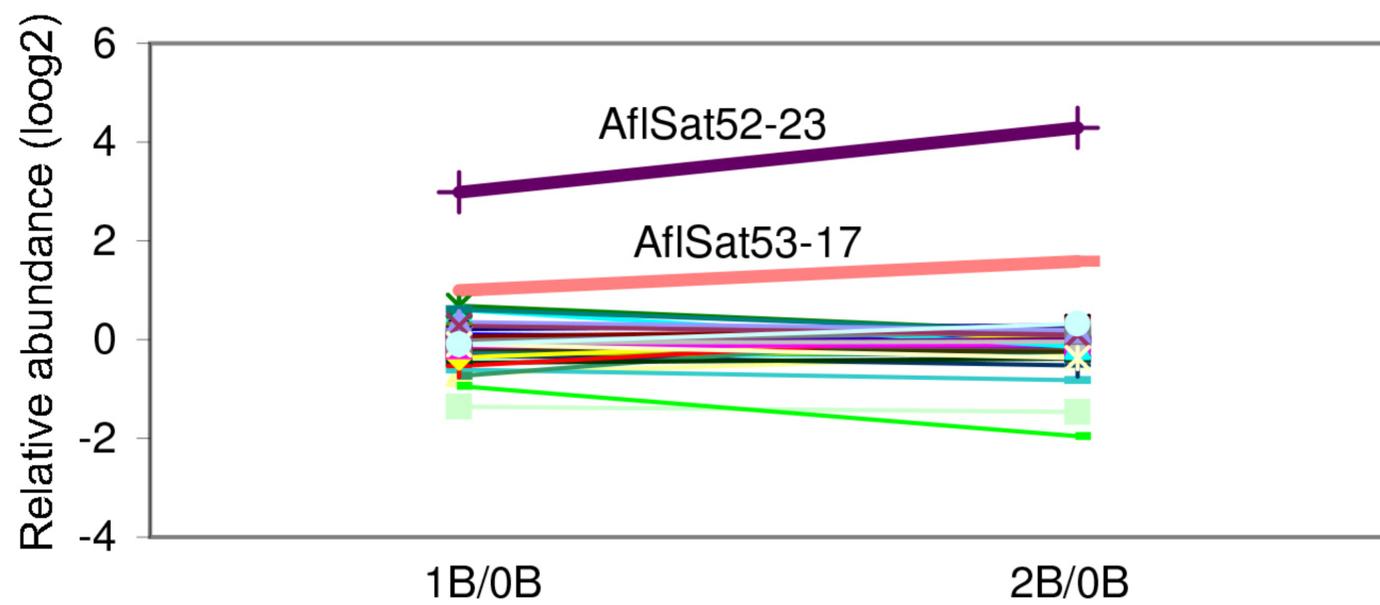
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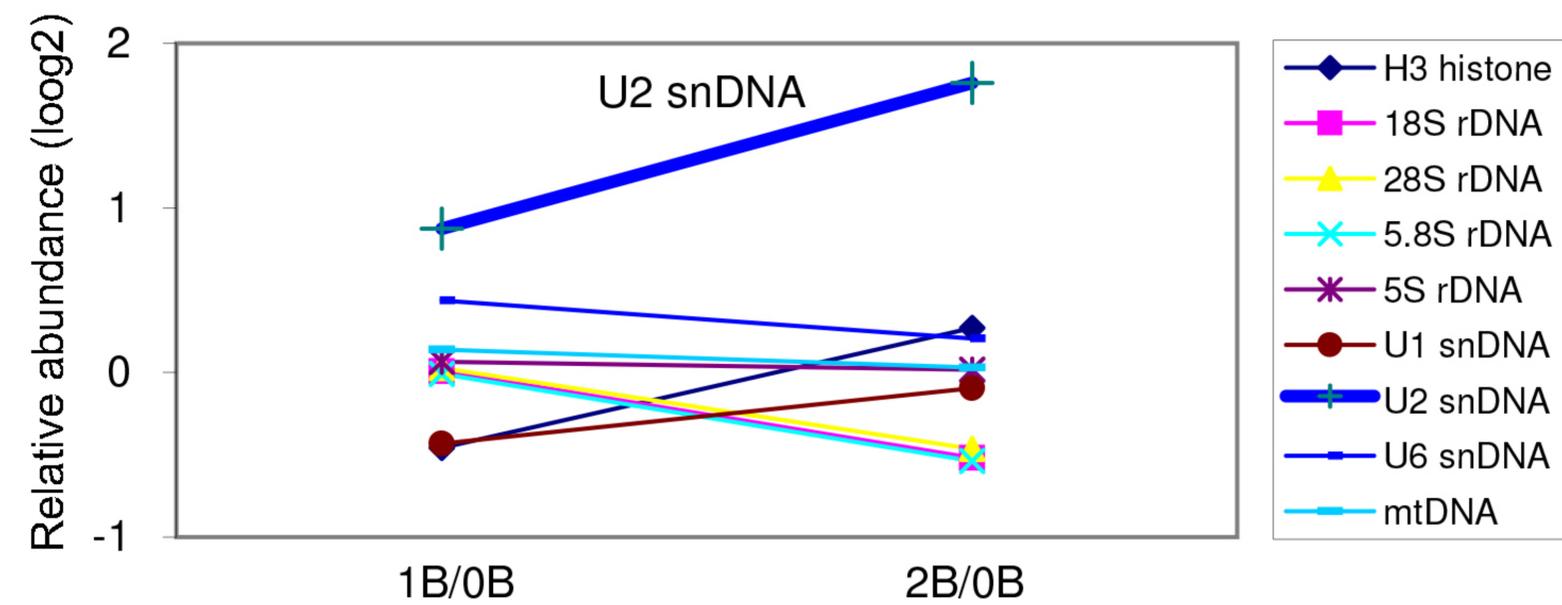
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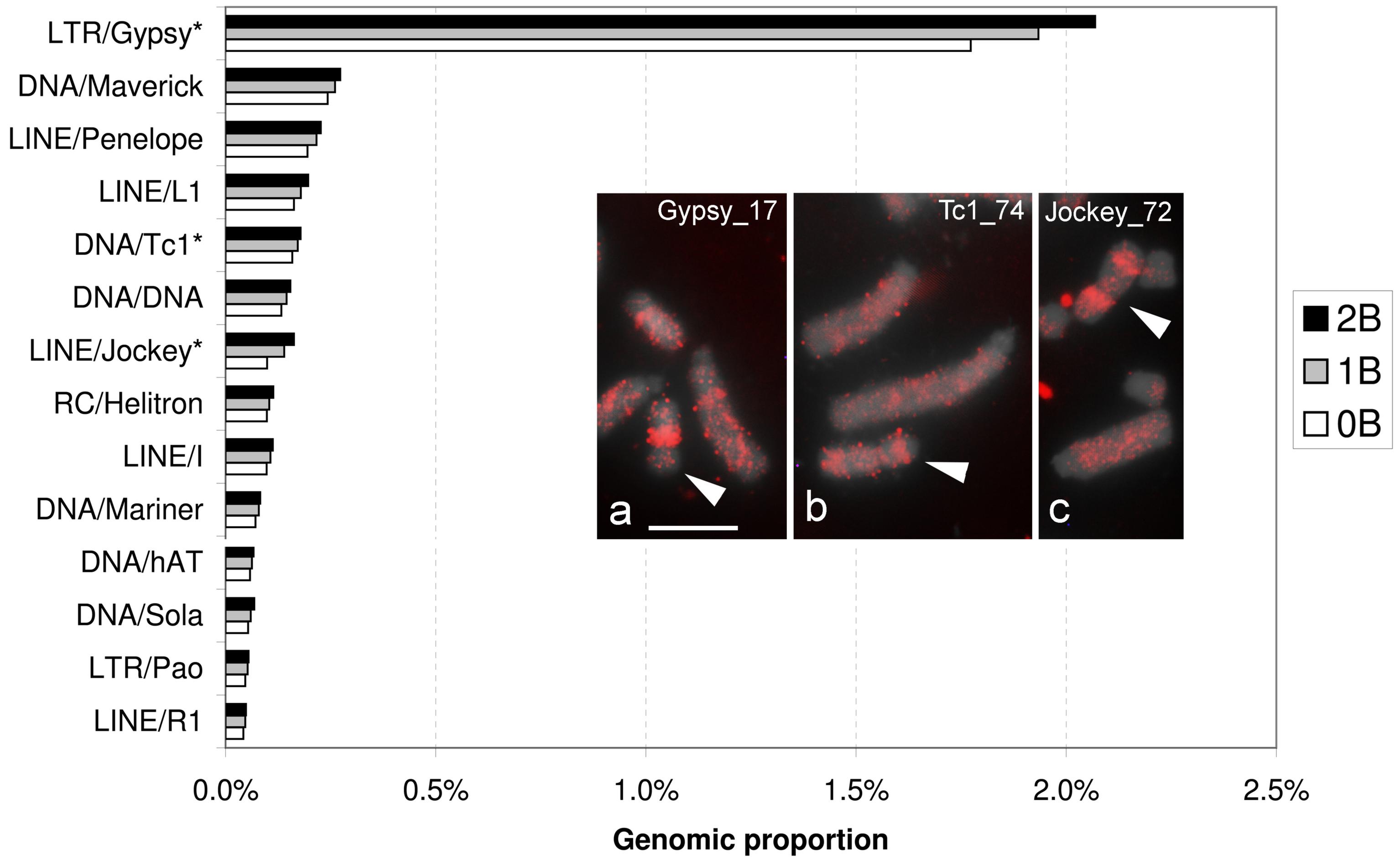


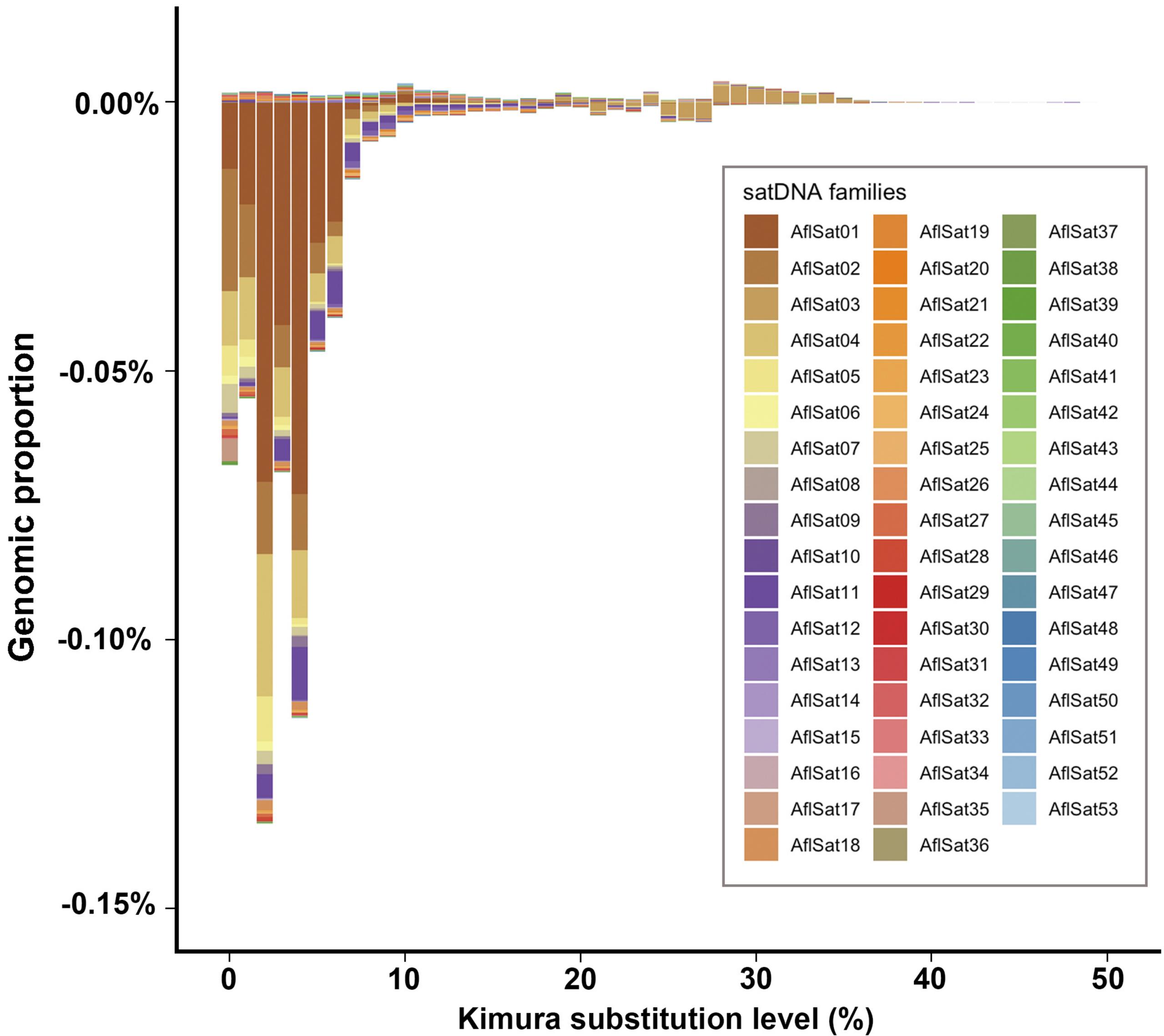
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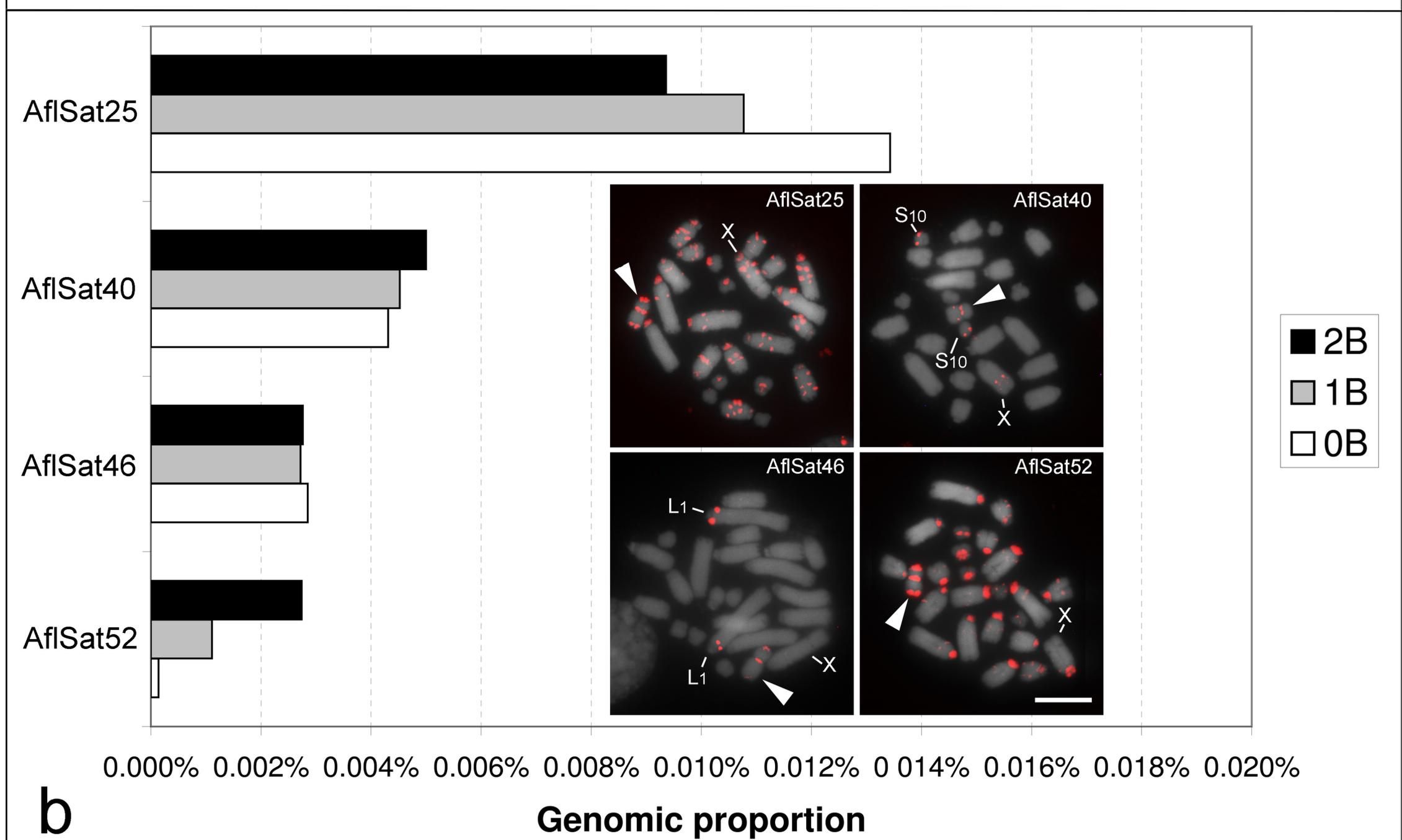
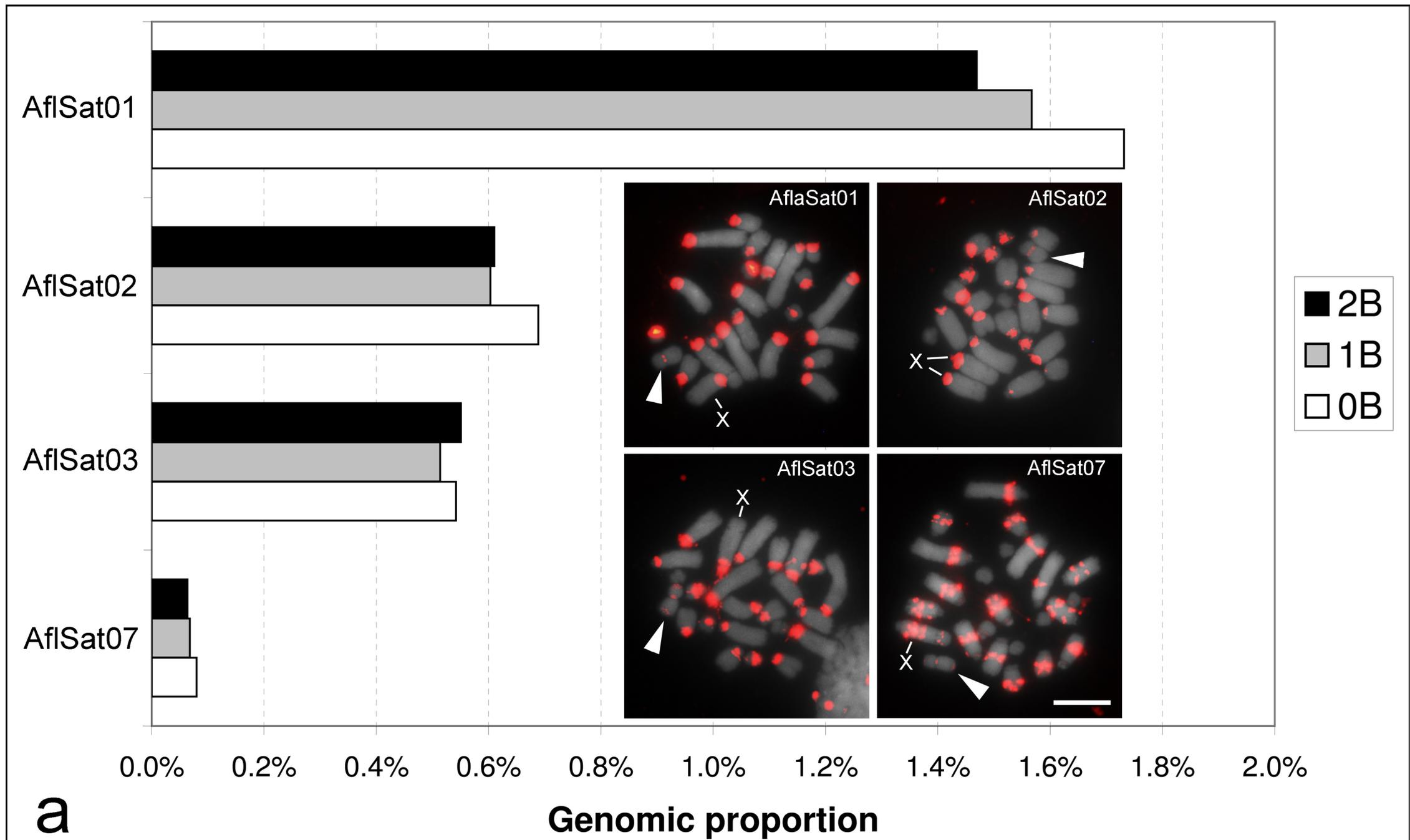


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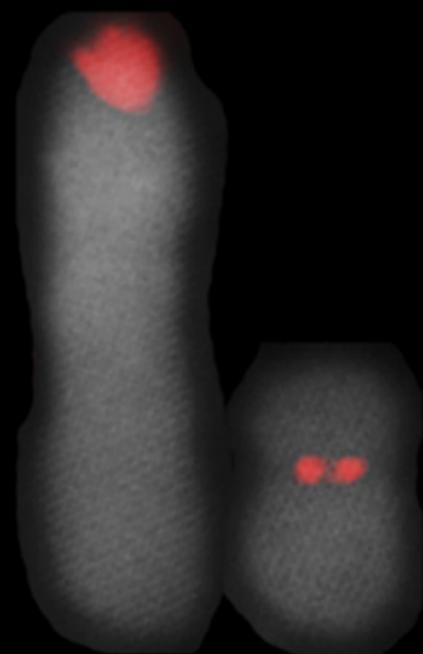


heterochromatin

L1

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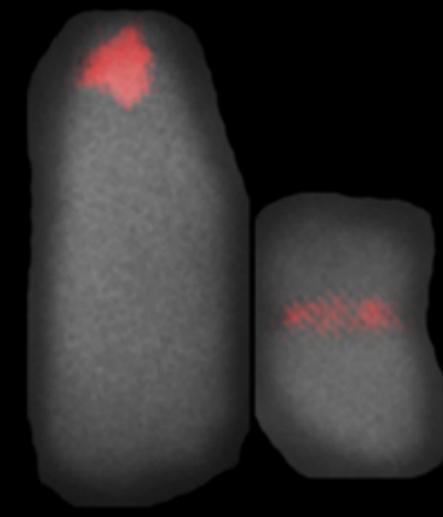
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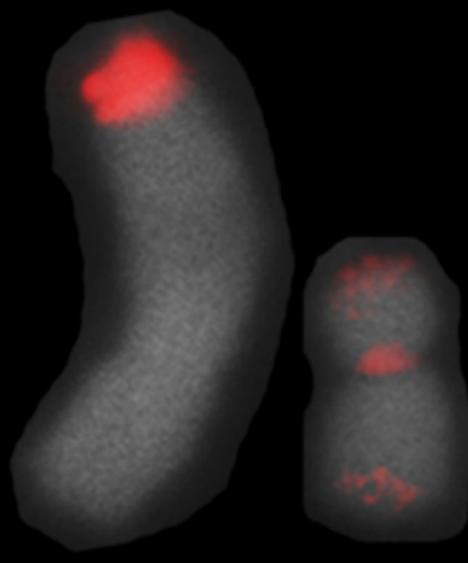
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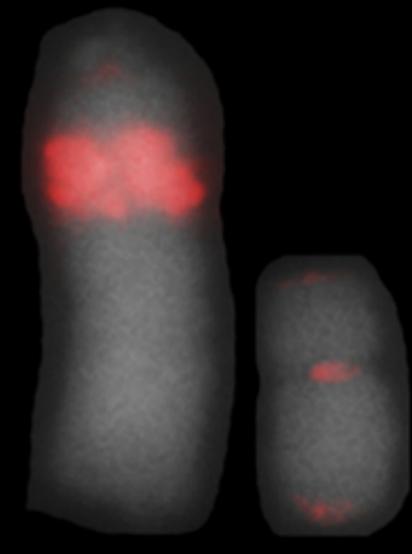
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AflSat07



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AflSat25



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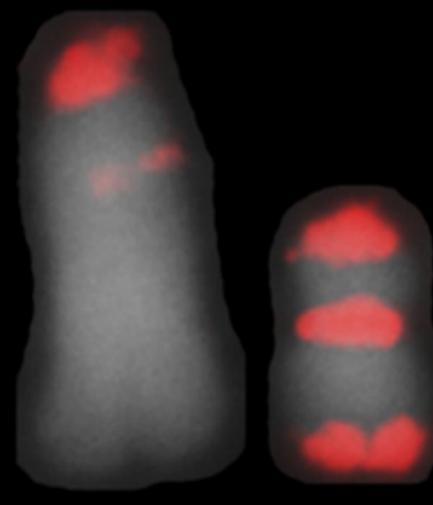
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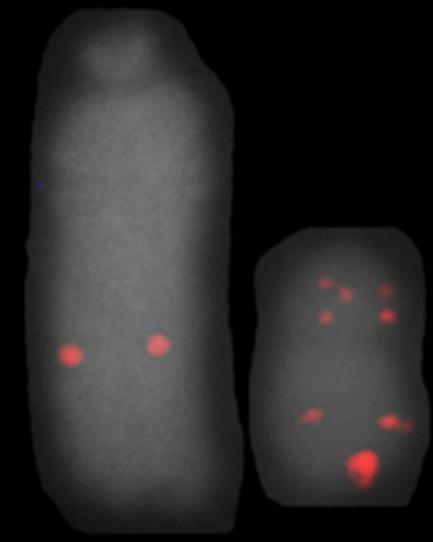
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L1

B

U2 snDNA



L1

B

AflSat48-167	B													d
AflSat49-138	B													d
AflSat50-102	B													i
AflSat51-30	B													i
AflSat52-23	B	p+i	p+d											
AflSat53-17	NS													
Total (p)		8	8	8	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	6	7	8
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Total (i)		6	9	8	6	4	4	6	4	1	2	1	11	1
Total (d)		2	2	3	3	4	4	4	2	3	3	1	6	4
Total		17	19	20	16	17	20	20	16	13	14	8	25	13
Shared with B		7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	3	7	-

Supplementary Table 1. Primers used for amplification of repetitive DNAs mapped on chromosome spreads of *A. flavolineata* through FISH.

Sequence name	Primer forward	Primer reverse
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AflSat03-17	TGCAAGAGTGCTGCATG	CATGCAGCACTCTTGCA
AflSat04-161	CTATCTCCAGACTACTAAATTCGAGT	AGTTTTAGCTATCTTTTCGATGCA
AflSat05-437	TTGCCTTCTTTACCTGCGA	TTTACGAGAAAGAAAACACATTGTT
AflSat06-265	GCCCGTTGCACTCTACCCACC	ACGCAGTATCACAAACAGCC
AflSat07-36	GGGAAAAAGGGTAATTTTTGGGAGT	CCCGAGTCATAGTTACTCCCA
AflSat08-184	AACGTGTGGTTTTGCATATACATGT	ACGACTGTTATGGGTAGCAT
AflSat09-187	CCGAATTGATAGGTTTTTAAGATGAT	CGGGCTCTTGCCAGTGATGCC
AflSat10-297	GGCAACAGTAAGTATTTCTACTATCT	GCCAAGAGGCTAGTTGAAATT
AflSat11-407	GTGAGGGCAGTTGACACTCT	CACTCCAGCAGACACTGGGG
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AflSat25-40	CCGCTATATTTTGTGTTGTAATTAGCA	CGGCACAAGGCCTCCATGCT
AflSat26-296	GGTGTTCCATCAGGACCTTTCT	TCCTTTGTGGAATAATGCAGCAAT
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AflSat40-218	ACAGTGCACAACAACTGTAGTTGTCC	TAGACATGCTGTTGCCATGTC
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AflSat45-414	ACTTTTATATCTGGCAAGGGCGT	TGTTGATGTACTAGTTTCAGTATGT
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AflSat51-30	GTAGTCTTCCATCACAGAATAGTC	ACTATTCTGTGATGGAAGACTACT
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DNA/Tc1_74	GGGTGACTTTACGTATGCAG	AAATTGCGTCCACCATGAGC
LINE/Jockey_72	GGGTCTTGGTCGGGTTGAA	TGGCATGGAAACATGCTGAG
LTR/Gypsy_17	GTACCTGAAACAGATAGGCC	CCTCCAACCTCTGTTATCGAG

Supplementary Table 2. Main features of 53 satDNA families found in *Abracris flavolineata* individuals with no B chromosome (0B, mean of three individuals), with one B chromosome (1B, mean of two individuals) and with two B chromosomes (2B, mean of two individuals) from Rio Claro/SP population. The asterisks (*) mark sequences that presented increase abundance correlated with increase of B chromosome number and the number signs (#) mark sequences that were observed on the B chromosome by FISH. ML (monomer length), SF (superfamily), K2P (Kimura 2-parameter divergence).

Family	ML	AT	SF	0B individuals mean		1B individuals mean		2B individuals mean		Coefficient	
				K2P	Abundance (%)	K2P	Abundance (%)	K2P	Abundance (%)	1B/0B	2B/0B
AflSat01 [#]	179	55.9		4.09	1.73151	4.07	1.56725	4.20	1.46928	0.91	0.85
AflSat02 [#]	391	53.7		2.34	0.68864	2.32	0.60298	2.32	0.61016	0.88	0.89
AflSat03 [#]	17	47.1		24.46	0.54214	24.82	0.51374	24.65	0.55049	0.95	1.02
AflSat04	161	67.1		3.58	0.51584	3.50	0.40285	3.70	0.43007	0.78	0.83
AflSat05	437	55.4		2.16	0.18719	2.20	0.17848	2.18	0.16637	0.95	0.89
AflSat06	265	58.1		3.68	0.10558	3.52	0.09728	3.67	0.09723	0.92	0.92
AflSat07 [#]	36	61.1		3.26	0.07981	3.11	0.06769	3.18	0.06359	0.85	0.80
AflSat08 [#]	184	62.5		5.62	0.07437	5.72	0.07328	5.62	0.07350	0.99	0.99
AflSat09	187	59.9		3.17	0.06914	3.22	0.07014	3.21	0.06315	1.01	0.91
AflSat10	297	62.3		7.57	0.06888	7.95	0.06955	7.61	0.06915	1.01	1.00
AflSat11	407	54.5		18.12	0.06437	22.84	0.02512	22.93	0.02339	0.39	0.36
AflSat12	237	62.9		8.05	0.03959	8.57	0.02447	7.98	0.03172	0.62	0.80
AflSat13 ^{*#}	177	75.1		8.06	0.02836	8.04	0.02908	7.98	0.03021	1.03	1.07
AflSat14 [*]	110	50.0		20.72	0.02162	21.35	0.02206	20.43	0.02256	1.02	1.04
AflSat15	299	58.5	1	12.09	0.01881	11.60	0.01864	12.02	0.01715	0.99	0.91
AflSat16	298	58.4	1	10.56	0.01833	10.58	0.01695	10.56	0.01783	0.92	0.97
AflSat17	231	57.6		15.98	0.01806	17.43	0.01621	16.12	0.01756	0.90	0.97
AflSat18	7	42.9		3.36	0.01609	3.27	0.01055	3.33	0.00907	0.66	0.56
AflSat19	17	64.7		11.59	0.01581	11.81	0.01249	11.62	0.01349	0.79	0.85
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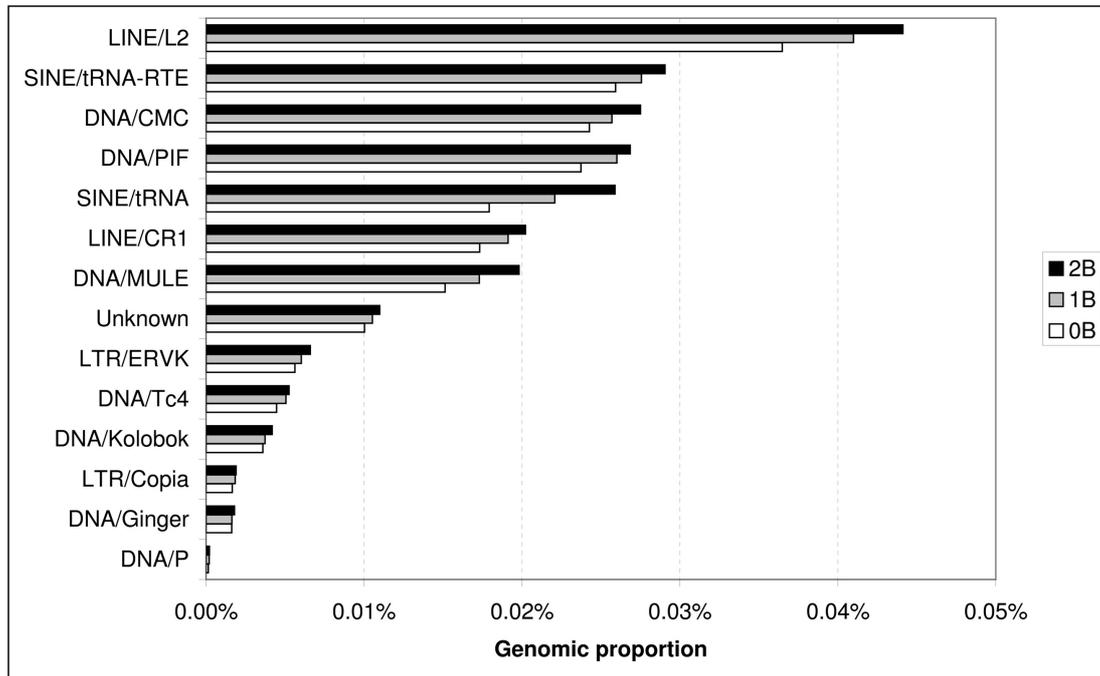
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AflSat23	286	61.2		5.62	0.01357	5.80	0.01227	5.86	0.01158	0.90	0.85
AflSat24	308	57.1		12.19	0.01354	13.26	0.01310	12.07	0.01297	0.97	0.96
AflSat25 [#]	40	60.0		9.02	0.01343	9.07	0.01077	9.14	0.00936	0.80	0.70
AflSat26	296	63.5	1	8.99	0.01268	9.62	0.00758	7.10	0.01485	0.60	1.17
AflSat27	609	53.0		2.44	0.01248	2.84	0.00899	2.72	0.00959	0.72	0.77
AflSat28	247	57.1	2	4.63	0.00975	4.90	0.00854	5.16	0.00821	0.88	0.84
AflSat29	616	57.2		7.69	0.00948	8.75	0.00866	7.17	0.00863	0.91	0.91
AflSat30	197	54.8		12.09	0.00852	11.70	0.00838	11.30	0.00861	0.98	1.01
AflSat31	226	61.9		7.98	0.00698	8.73	0.00659	8.74	0.00638	0.94	0.91
AflSat32	429	58.5		12.90	0.00646	10.72	0.00769	10.42	0.00770	1.19	1.19
AflSat33	295	61.0		20.00	0.00640	20.51	0.00630	20.76	0.00604	0.99	0.94
AflSat34	30	46.7		13.94	0.00612	17.16	0.00422	13.83	0.00675	0.69	1.10
AflSat35	362	65.5		0.15	0.00585	0.20	0.00304	0.13	0.00151	0.52	0.26
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AflSat43	131	57.3		7.45	0.00329	7.11	0.00410	7.55	0.00347	1.25	1.05
AflSat44	254	58.3		5.62	0.00297	6.70	0.00277	7.18	0.00300	0.93	1.01
AflSat45	414	62.1		14.31	0.00288	12.61	0.00439	14.04	0.00321	1.52	1.11
AflSat46 [#]	153	54.9		7.49	0.00285	7.87	0.00272	8.54	0.00276	0.95	0.97
AflSat47	75	52.0		5.63	0.00224	5.88	0.00221	5.33	0.00249	0.99	1.11

AflSat48	167	56.9	7.03	0.00194	6.63	0.00248	6.22	0.00221	1.27	1.14
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AflSat50	102	42.2	10.36	0.00104	11.17	0.00097	9.35	0.00080	0.93	0.77
AflSat51	30	60.0	8.99	0.00089	9.23	0.00083	9.79	0.00111	0.93	1.24
AflSat52*#	23	30.4	10.02	0.00014	10.53	0.00111	9.89	0.00274	8.03	19.84
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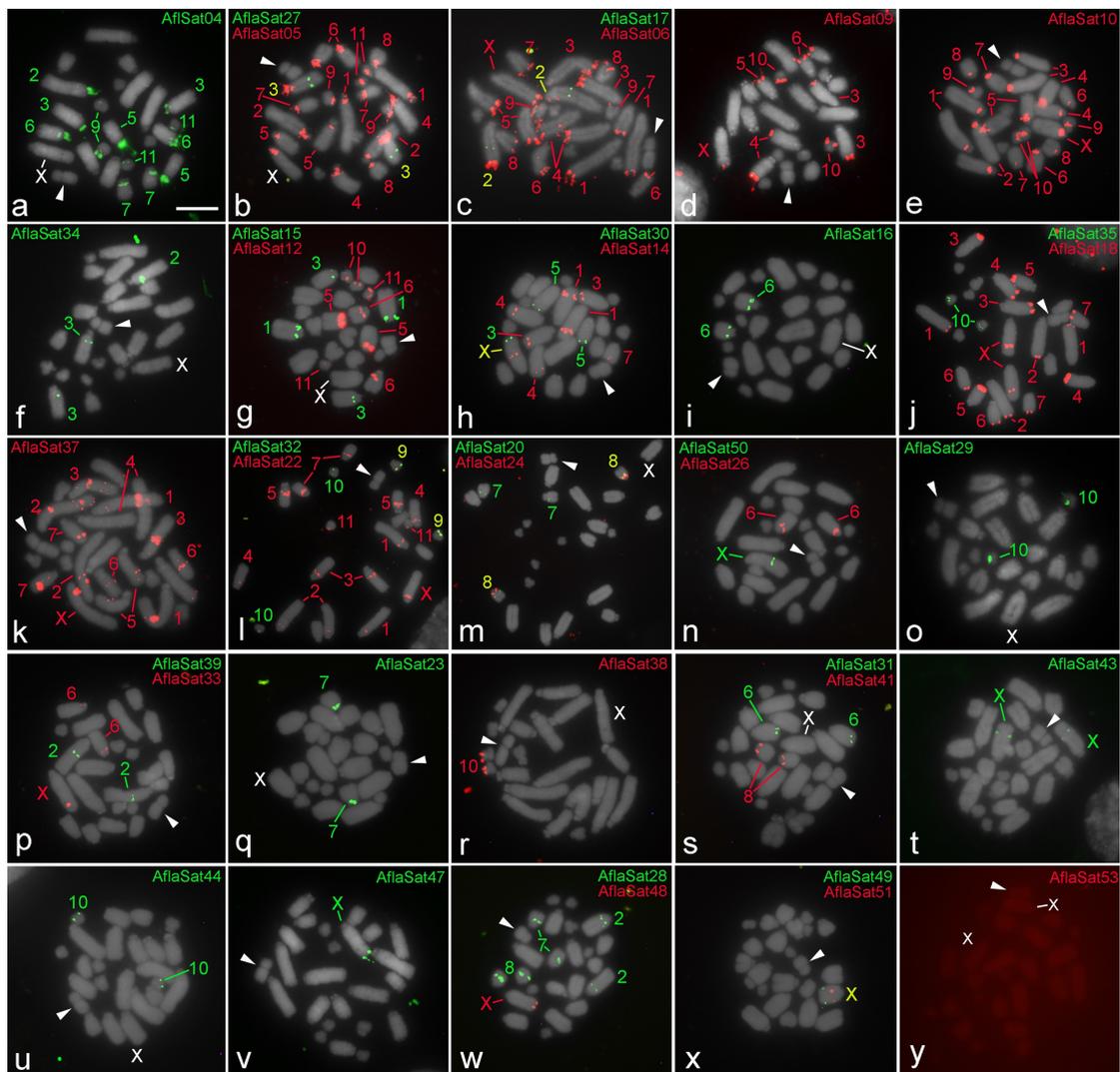
Supplementary Table 3. List of the 28 TEs showing higher abundance in presence of one or two B chromosomes, arranged in order of increasing abundance in the 0B genome. Asterisks indicate TEs selected for FISH mapping.

TE family	Proportion in genomes with				
	0B	1B	2B	1B/0B	2B/0B
LTR/Gypsy*	1.7730%	1.9341%	2.0689%	1.09	1.17
DNA/Maverick	0.2429%	0.2606%	0.2729%	1.07	1.12
LINE/Penelope	0.1951%	0.2165%	0.2266%	1.11	1.16
LINE/L1	0.1626%	0.1794%	0.1967%	1.10	1.21
DNA/Tc1*	0.1586%	0.1720%	0.1783%	1.08	1.12
DNA/DNA	0.1329%	0.1453%	0.1541%	1.09	1.16
LINE/Jockey*	0.0988%	0.1394%	0.1628%	1.41	1.65
RC/Helitron	0.0985%	0.1041%	0.1135%	1.06	1.15
LINE/I	0.0977%	0.1067%	0.1127%	1.09	1.15
DNA/Mariner	0.0713%	0.0791%	0.0822%	1.11	1.15
DNA/hAT	0.0580%	0.0626%	0.0669%	1.08	1.15
DNA/Sola	0.0537%	0.0598%	0.0681%	1.11	1.27
LTR/Pao	0.0471%	0.0524%	0.0549%	1.11	1.17
LINE/R1	0.0421%	0.0468%	0.0487%	1.11	1.16
LINE/L2	0.0365%	0.0410%	0.0441%	1.12	1.21
SINE/tRNA-RTE_3	0.0259%	0.0276%	0.0291%	1.06	1.12
DNA/CMC_2	0.0243%	0.0257%	0.0275%	1.06	1.13
DNA/PIF	0.0237%	0.0260%	0.0269%	1.10	1.13
SINE/tRNA	0.0179%	0.0221%	0.0259%	1.23	1.44
LINE/CR1	0.0173%	0.0191%	0.0202%	1.10	1.17
DNA/MULE	0.0151%	0.0173%	0.0198%	1.14	1.31
Unknown/Unknown_10	0.0100%	0.0105%	0.0110%	1.05	1.10
LTR/ERVK_1	0.0056%	0.0060%	0.0066%	1.07	1.17
DNA/Tc4_4	0.0045%	0.0051%	0.0053%	1.13	1.18
DNA/Kolobok_13	0.0036%	0.0037%	0.0042%	1.04	1.16
LTR/Copia_9	0.0017%	0.0018%	0.0019%	1.11	1.15
DNA/Ginger_3	0.0016%	0.0016%	0.0018%	1.00	1.10
DNA/P_1	0.0001%	0.0002%	0.0002%	1.46	1.57
Total	3.42%	3.77%	4.03%		

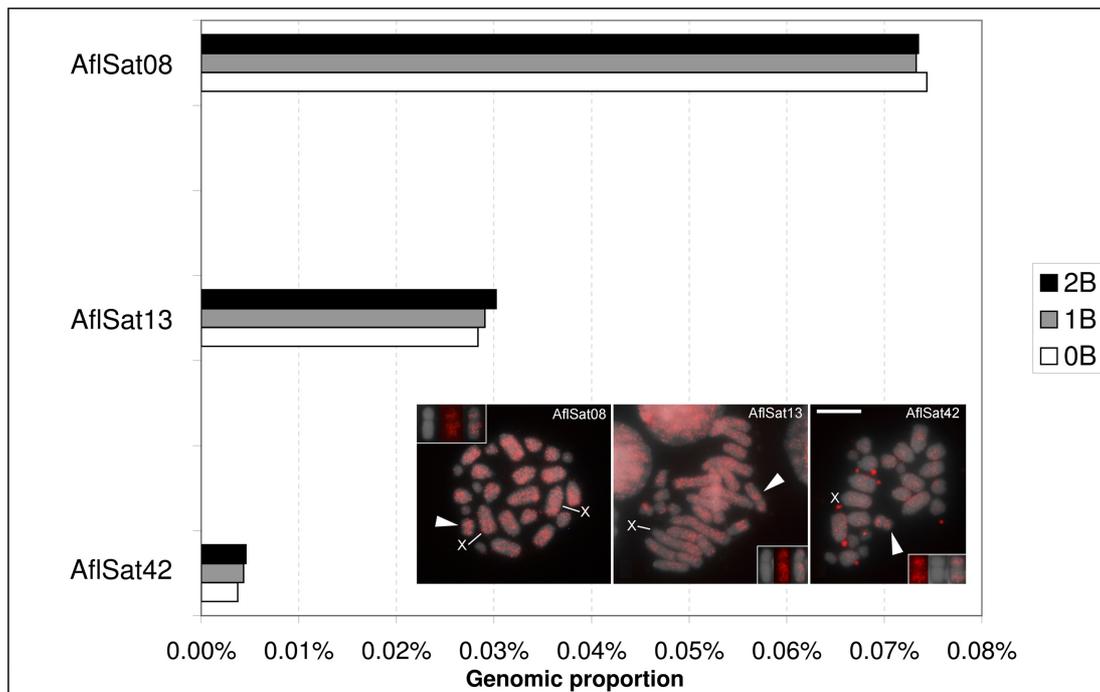
Supplementary Figure 1. Comparative genomic proportion between the 0B, 1B and 2B genomes for the TEs with low abundance in the *Abracris flavolineata* genome.



Supplementary Figure 2. (a-x) FISH mapping of satDNAs that displayed signals exclusively in the A complement (no signals on B chromosome) plus one example of satDNAs with no signal (y) in mitotic metaphase spreads from embryos. Chromosomes with signals are indicated in the corresponding color for each satDNA family that is shown for each metaphase spread. Chromosomes with signals for two satDNAs mapped in the same metaphase spread are labeled in yellow. The X chromosomes are identified: X (male embryos) and XX (female embryos). Chromosomes with FISH signals are identified in each image. Bar = 10 μ m.



Supplementary Figure 3. Comparative genomic proportion and FISH mapping for three satDNAs showing the dotted pattern on the B chromosomes. Note the occurrence of signals on the long chromosomal arms corresponding to euchromatic regions of A complement. On the B chromosome (arrowheads), the signals are virtually distributed along its entire extension, but they are less abundant on pericentromeric and terminal regions for AflSat08-184 (a) and AflSat42-75 (c). For AflSat13-177 (b) it is less abundant in the proximal region of the short arm. Boxed are the B chromosomes showing DAPI channel (gray), signal channel (red) and merged channels. X chromosomes are indicated. Bar = 10 μ m.



Supplementary Figure 4. Comparative genomic proportion for six satDNAs with no FISH signals (NS). Due to low abundance in comparison to the other satDNAs, a separate graph for AflaSat53-17 is additionally shown. The mitotic chromosome spread shows the signal channel (red) for FISH mapping for this same element. The B chromosome is indicated by an arrowhead, and the X chromosomes are indicated by letters. Note the absence of visible signals. Bar = 10 μ m.

