



1 MinSNPs: an R package for derivation of resolution- 2 optimised SNP sets from microbial genomic data

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27 **2. Abstract**

28 Here we present the R package - MinSNPs. This is designed to assemble resolution optimised sets of
29 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) from alignments such as genome wide orthologous SNP
30 matrices. We also demonstrate a pipeline for assembling such matrices from multiple bio-projects,
31 so as to facilitate SNP set derivation from globally representative data sets. MinSNPs can derive sets
32 of SNPs optimised for discriminating any user-defined combination of sequences from all others.

33 Alternatively, SNP sets may be optimised to discriminate all from all, i.e., to maximise diversity.

34 MinSNPs encompasses functions that facilitate rapid and flexible SNP mining, and clear and
35 comprehensive presentation of the results. The MinSNPs running time scales in a linear fashion with
36 input data volume, and the numbers of SNPs and SNPs sets specified in the output. MinSNPs was
37 tested using a previously reported orthologous SNP matrix of *Staphylococcus aureus*. and an
38 orthologous SNP matrix of 3,279 genomes with 164,335 SNPs assembled from four *S. aureus* short
39 read genomic data sets. MinSNPs demonstrated efficacy in deriving discriminatory SNP sets for
40 potential surveillance targets and in identifying SNP sets optimised to discriminate isolates from
41 different clonal complexes (CC). MinSNPs was also tested with a large *Plasmodium vivax*

42 orthologous SNP matrix. A set of five SNPs was derived that reliably indicated the country of origin
43 within 3 south-east Asian countries. In summary, we report the capacity to assemble comprehensive
44 SNP matrices that effectively capture microbial genomic diversity, and to rapidly and flexibly mine
45 these entities for optimised surveillance marker sets.

46 **3. Impact statement**

47 We present the R package "MinSNPs". This derives resolution optimised SNP sets from datasets of
48 genome sequence variation. Such SNP sets can underpin targeted genetic analysis for high
49 throughput surveillance of microbial variants of public health concern. MinSNPs supports
50 considerable flexibility in search methods. The package allows non-specialist bioinformaticians to
51 easily and quickly convert global scale data of intra-specific genomic variation into SNP sets precisely
52 and efficiently directed towards many microbial genetic analysis tasks.

53 **4. Data summary**

- 54 1. The source code for minSNPs is available from GitHub under MIT Licence (URLs –
55 <https://github.com/ludwigHoon/minSNPs> and mirrored in <https://cran.r-project.org/package=minSNPs>)
- 56 2. *Staphylococcus aureus* (STARRS data set) Orthologous SNP Matrix; (URL -
57 <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0245790.s005>)
- 58 3. *Plasmodium vivax* data set (VCF file); (URL - <https://www.malariagen.net/resource/24>)
- 59 4. *Staphylococcus aureus* short read sequences (fastq) from bioprojects: PRJEB40888 (or
60 STARRS)(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJEB40888>), PRJEB3174
61 (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJEB3174>), PRJEB32286
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65 **The authors confirm all supporting data, code and protocols have been provided within the article**
66 **or through supplementary data files.**

67 **5. Introduction**

68 The extremely large-scale accumulation of microbial whole genome sequence information provides
69 a potent resource for the design of targeted genetic analysis procedures. While whole genome
70 analysis is now widely applied directly to public health, clinical, and research microbiology, targeted
71 genetic analyses may be complementary to whole genome analysis for purposes such as high-
72 volume, low-cost surveillance, analysis of primary specimens, and/or analyses performed outside the
73 laboratory environment. Several research groups have recently developed SNP-based genotyping
74 approaches, e.g., to investigate *Mycobacterium* species (1, 2), attribute host for *Chlamydia psittaci*
75 (3) and *Campylobacter coli* (4), distinguish *Rickettsia typhi* from different continents (5), identify
76 *Escherichia coli* of specific serotype (6), and track the spread of drug resistance in *Plasmodium*
77 *falciparum* infections (7).

78 Here we report the R package “MinSNPs”. This package is designed to derive sets of polymorphisms
79 from biological sequence alignment data on the basis of high combinatorial discriminatory power.
80 The envisioned application is the derivation of high-resolution sets of single nucleotide
81 polymorphisms (SNPs) from DNA sequence alignments or orthologous SNP matrices. MinSNPs
82 encompasses much of the functionality of the previously reported “Minimum SNPs” Java-based
83 bioinformatics application (8, 9). Minimum SNPs was used to develop a number of SNP-based
84 bacterial genotyping methods e.g., (10-14). MinSNPs is a new package, written in R, with distinct
85 code from Minimum SNPs. The reasons for re-development were improvement of flexibility, error
86 handling, and output formats.

87 Here we describe MinSNPs and demonstrate functionality using comparative genome data from
88 *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Plasmodium vivax*. We also demonstrate a pipeline to generate MinSNPs
89 input files from multiple short read data sets to facilitate the analysis of data from multiple studies.

90 **6. Theory & implementation**

91 The input format is a single sequence alignment in FASTA format. All symbols are recognised so that
92 the program will derive sets of polymorphic positions from any file in a FASTA format alignment,
93 irrespective of the symbols in the sequences. However, symbols that are not G, A, T or C can
94 optionally trigger the exclusion of the relevant alignment positions from analysis. Our focus has
95 largely been on the analysis of genome-wide orthologous SNP matrices.

96 The output of MinSNPs is set(s) of polymorphic positions in the alignment. SNP sets are assembled
97 iteratively, on the basis of maximised combinatorial resolving power. SNP 1 is the single SNP with the
98 highest resolving power, SNP 2 is the SNP with the highest resolving power in combination with SNP
99 1 etc. Where more than one SNP confers the same increase in resolving power, the SNP nearest to
100 position 1 will be added to the set.

101 There are two user-selectable algorithms for measuring resolving power.

102 1. **% mode.** The resolving power is the percentage of sequences in the alignment that are
103 not discriminated from the user-selected sequence(s) (the group of interest). The SNP
104 sets are constrained to 100% sensitivity. The first SNP identified is the 100% sensitive
105 SNP with maximum possible specificity, while subsequent SNPs are selected on the basis
106 of the maximum possible increase in specificity in combination with the previously
107 selected SNP(s). All alignment positions that are variable within the group of interest can
108 optionally be excluded from the analysis. We suggest that, where possible, the group of

109 interest be composed of >1 sequence to avoid the identification of spurious SNPs arising
110 from sequencing errors.

111 2. **D mode.** The resolving power is the power to discriminate "all from all", as measured by
112 the Simpsons index of diversity (*D*). In this context, *D* is the probability that any two
113 sequences in the alignment will be discriminated from each other by the SNP set, as
114 calculated by $D = 1 - \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{j=1}^s n_j(n_j - 1)$, where *N* is the number of sequences, *s* is
115 the number of classes defined by the SNPs, and *n_j* is the number of sequences defined
116 by the class *j* (15).

117 MinSNPs encompasses functions that support flexibility of analyses and transparency of outputs. The
118 user specifies the size and number of the SNP sets that constitute the output. When multiple SNP
119 sets are requested, MinSNPs identifies alternative SNP sets that are all resolution optimised, with
120 the constraint that the sets must differ from each other at least in the first SNP.

121 The user can force the program to include or exclude any alignment position(s) in/from the SNP set.
122 Where positions are included, new SNPs are identified based on resolving power in combination
123 with the included positions. This facilitates rapid modification of SNP sets.

124 MinSNPs can identify alignment positions where at least one sequence has a non-standard DNA
125 symbol, and these positions are optionally excluded from analysis. Indels (dashes) default to being
126 regarded as symbols equivalent to other symbols. Alternatively, the user can specify that indels
127 trigger the exclusion of the relevant alignment positions from the analysis. There is also an optional
128 function to exclude positions with SNPs with >2 alleles.

129 MinSNPs provides a cumulative increase in resolving power as the sets are built, and the tabulated
130 information indexing the sequences in the alignment as defined by each allelic profile. For % mode
131 analyses, this is within a "group of interest or non-group of interest" framework. The outputs are

132 presented in the R console and optionally outputted to a tab-delimited format file. A facile method
133 to fully define the informative power of a SNP set derived by % analysis is to force the inclusion of
134 the SNPs into a *D* analysis, in which the user-defined SNP set size equals the number of included
135 SNPs, i.e., no additional SNPs are derived. This will reveal how the sequences assort in relation to
136 allelic profiles of the "forced included" SNPs. Alternatively, this can be done in reverse to assess the
137 performance of a *D* maximised SNP set to detect user-defined subsets of sequences with 100%
138 sensitivity. These functions provide considerable flexibility regarding the exploration of SNP sets.

139 6.1 Demonstration of MinSNPs functionality

140 To explore the potential utility of MinSNPs, we:

- 141 1. Determined the relationship between input alignment dimensions and the number and size
142 of output SNP sets, with running time;
- 143 2. Generated SNP sets of potential relevance to surveillance from orthologous SNP matrices
144 derived from genomic epidemiology studies in *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Plasmodium vivax*;
- 145 3. Explored the properties of SNPs identified with MinSNPs with respect to genome position
146 and relationship with coding sequences and;
- 147 4. Developed a pipeline to generate single orthologous SNP matrices from multiple short-read
148 data sets. This can support the analysis of large-scale comparative genome data using
149 MinSNPs.

150 6.1.1 Run-time Determinations

151 The relationships between the analysis time and dimensions of the input alignment, the number of
152 SNPs in the output SNP set, and the number of SNP sets in the output were determined. The
153 relationship was linear with respect to all three parameters. Examples of running time are shown in
154 **Error! Reference source not found.** It was also shown that running MinSNPs using multiple cores

155 improves its performance. Complete data and code are shown in Supplementary Information 1
156 (<https://figshare.com/s/696f696c232404f18a36>). The faster run-time on a laptop as compared to a
157 high-performance cluster (HPC) was due to the simpler architecture of the machine; we note that
158 when the dimension of the alignments increases, the HPC's performance improves. So, given a
159 higher number of cores and increased memory available, a HPC can easily outperform a laptop.

160 **6.1.2 Derivation of SNP sets from a *Staphylococcus aureus* orthologous SNP matrix.**

161 To demonstrate MinSNPs' functionality, we analysed genome-wide orthologous SNP matrices to
162 identify 1. SNP sets diagnostic for a conserved lineage that is a potential surveillance target, 2. SNP
163 sets diagnostic for a broader phylogenetic lineage that encompasses the potential surveillance
164 target, and 3. SNP sets optimised with respect to *D*. For the latter, our interests were in the resolving
165 power (the *D* value), and the concordance of the genotypes defined by the SNP sets with the
166 phylogeny indicated by the orthologous SNP matrix.

167 We first analysed a previously described orthologous SNP matrix composed of 20,651 SNPs from 162
168 *S. aureus* isolates, four *Staphylococcus argenteus* isolates, and *S. aureus* Mu50, which was the
169 reference genome for matrix construction (13). The isolates were from the STARRS study, which
170 revealed potential *S. aureus* transmission events involving haemodialysis patients, and potential
171 contacts in the clinical context environment, in the north of the Australian Northern Territory (13).

172 The STARRS study identified isolates of multilocus sequence typing (MLST) defined ST762 (clonal
173 complex (CC) 1), and were involved in transmission events leading to patient infections. ST762 is
174 vanishingly rare globally but was prevalent in the STARRS study. We therefore used the ST762
175 lineage identified in the STARRS study as a model for a potential surveillance target. Using MinSNPs
176 in % mode, we determined that 12 SNPs each individually discriminated all the ST762 isolates from
177 other isolates in the study, with 100% sensitivity and specificity (Supplementary Information 2

178 (<https://figshare.com/s/746dd263140963185c53>). A BLAST analysis demonstrated that for each of
179 these SNPs, the alleles present in the ST762 isolates were not present in the public databases,
180 suggesting that these SNPs have generalised ability to discriminate ST762 from the remainder of the
181 *S. aureus* complex (Supplementary Information 3 (<https://figshare.com/s/8adc2b14052ccb89dbed>)).

182 The same procedure was used to derive SNP sets that discriminate the CC1 (ST1 and ST762) STARRS
183 isolates from the other isolates. It was found that there were 119 SNPs that each individually
184 provided 100% sensitivity and specificity (Supplementary Information 2). Similar to SNPs identified
185 for ST762, a BLAST analysis returned 61 specimens from Genbank; out of these 53 are CC1 with 3
186 false positives belonging to ST425 and 5 specimens untypeable by MLST.

187 We further used MinSNPs to derive 15 five-member SNP sets with maximised D . The D values
188 obtained ranged from 0.925 to 0.936, defining 16 to 21 genotypes. Concordance with phylogeny was
189 determined for two SNP sets (set 1 and 11) that were selected on the basis of having no SNPs in
190 common. Both SNP sets discriminate the major lineages defined by the STARRS SNP matrix (**Error!**
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192 **6.1.3 Derivation of *Plasmodium vivax* SNP sets**

193 Given challenges associated with the large genome size and high proportions of 'contaminating'
194 human DNA, targeted SNP genotyping remains an important approach in *Plasmodium*
195 epidemiological tracking (16-18). MinSNPs was tested with a *P. vivax* orthologous SNP matrix
196 encompassing 259 isolates and 527,107 SNPs (19). The matrix encompassed heterozygote positions
197 (read as nucleotide ambiguities in MinSNPs) that enabled us to develop strategies to accommodate
198 this feature, which is common in polyclonal infections.

199 The data were generated from isolates collected from Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia, as part of a
200 study to identify changes in the *P. vivax* population as Sabah (Malaysia) approaches the elimination

201 of vivax malaria (19). In 183,509 of the SNPs, a nucleotide ambiguity code (where calls were
202 heterozygote) was assigned to at least one of these isolates.

203 As previously described, a subset of 26 specimens from Malaysia were near identical. These were
204 denoted "K2" strains reflecting isolates that were potentially undergoing clonal expansion (19). We
205 regarded these as a model surveillance target. SNPs that discriminated the K2 lineage were
206 identified with MinSNPs in % mode, with all the K2 specimens defined as the group of interest. All
207 183,509 positions where any of the sequences had an ambiguity code were excluded from the
208 analysis. The resulting analysis of 343,598 SNPs yielded 124 SNPs that each individually discriminated
209 the K2 lineage from all the other isolates in the matrix (Supplementary Information 4
210 <https://figshare.com/s/db47a069aab93f3c615c>). Any of these 124 SNPs could potentially form the
211 basis of a K2 surveillance tool protocol, and using more than one of these SNPs may provide useful
212 redundancy to avoid false negatives due to undiscovered sequence diversity.

213 Next, SNPs that discriminated all Malaysian specimens from all other specimens were derived. To
214 streamline the analysis, only one K2 specimen was included. Also, three specimens that were
215 obtained in Malaysia but were likely to be imported from other regions based on their genomic
216 clustering patterns (PY0045-C, PY0004-C and PY0120-C) were omitted from the group of interest.
217 Initially, we confined the analysis to the 343,598 SNPs that do not encompass any ambiguity codes.
218 This was not successful. The maximum % obtained from five SNPs was 0.265, meaning that 73.5% of
219 the non-Malaysian specimens were not discriminated from the Malaysian specimens
220 (Supplementary Information 4). A different protocol was then adopted. Prior to MinSNPs analysis,
221 ambiguity codes were transformed into the major allele at that position (Supplementary Information
222 4 (<https://figshare.com/s/db47a069aab93f3c615c>)). Fortunately, in all cases, the major allele was
223 consistent with the ambiguity code. After MinSNPs analysis, the relationship between the allelic
224 profiles and isolate was determined using the untransformed matrix. The untransformed matrix can

225 define allelic profiles that include ambiguity codes. Any specimens that had such an allelic profile,
226 i.e., they had an ambiguity code at a SNP within the SNP set being assessed, were classified as
227 untypeable by that SNP set. Typeability was therefore a criterion we used for assessing SNP sets,
228 although we do note that typeability is likely a function of specimen quality and/or whether the
229 specimen contained a mixture of strains. It is not an inherent property of a pure *P. vivax* clone.

230 This approach to identifying SNPs that discriminated Malaysian specimens was successful. Two sets
231 of two SNPs were identified, each of which discriminated all Malaysian specimens from all other
232 typable specimens. For one SNP set, 20 specimens (7.72%) were untypeable, and for the other, the
233 number of untypeable specimens was 22 (8.49%). All the Malaysian specimens were typable with
234 both SNP sets. The reason for the superior result from the matrix with ambiguity codes transformed
235 is unclear. However, we note that the MinSNPs' requirement in % mode that SNP sets provide 100%
236 sensitivity for the group of interest, is a stringent constraint. A false negative defined by a single
237 member of a group of interest disqualifies a position from inclusion in a SNP set. Being able to
238 capture more diversity for the analysis by using the transformation procedure also appears to have
239 been critical. A possible work-around for this constraint on SNP selection is to run separate analyses,
240 each with subsets of the group of interest.

241 We then used MinSNPs to derive D maximised SNP sets from the *P. vivax* alignment. Both the
242 approaches described above for accommodating ambiguity codes were used. Five SNP sets, each
243 comprising five SNPs were derived using each approach. When all the positions that encompassed at
244 least one ambiguity code were excluded from the analysis, the D values obtained were 0.751, 0.750,
245 0.572, and 0.564 (two sets). The most discriminatory SNP set ($D = 0.751$) was investigated further. It
246 was determined that the matrix defined eight allelic profiles. Although this number of profiles and
247 the D value do not indicate high discrimination, there was close concordance between allelic profile

248 and country of origin ((Supplementary Information 4

249 (<https://figshare.com/s/db47a069aab93f3c615c>), **Error! Reference source not found.**). Thus, within
250 the context of the diversity defined by the input matrix, five SNPs can accurately reveal *P. vivax*
251 country of origin. When the analysis was repeated with the transformed ambiguity codes, very
252 different results were obtained. The *D* values were between 0.958 to 0.960, which is considerably
253 higher than in the previous experiment. Consistent with this, the SNP sets defined 31-32 allelic
254 profiles. The numbers of specimens defined as untypeable were significant, ranging from 64 to 68
255 (25%-26% of specimens). The concordance between country of origin was poor. Even with the larger
256 number of allelic profiles, there were numerous instances of specimens from different countries
257 having the same profile. A likely explanation is that positions that encompass ambiguity codes are
258 polymorphic within countries. Such SNPs are more likely to generate ambiguity codes because both
259 alleles may be present in a mixed infection. The exclusion of these positions will enrich for SNPs that
260 separate specimens from different countries and are monomorphic within countries. This would be
261 expected to facilitate the derivation of SNP sets that indicate the country of origin.

262 **6.1.4 Derivation of SNP sets from merged matrices.**

263 We further demonstrated the ability of MinSNPs to analyse large datasets. To this end, we obtained
264 additional *S. aureus* data collected through different initiatives (Bioprojects from Genbank:
265 PRJEB3174 (20, 21), PRJEB32286 (21), and PRJNA400143 (22)) and created a large orthologous SNP
266 matrix using a modification of the SPANDx pipeline (23) (Supplementary Information 5
267 (<https://figshare.com/s/aadf860f3cf9c416e3f>)). The matrix encompasses 3,279 isolates (including
268 the reference genome Mu50) and 164,335 SNP positions. We then used this matrix to validate the
269 SNPs discriminating both ST762 and CC1 obtained earlier using only STARRS dataset. It was found
270 that apart from one SNP set, all the previously identified single SNP sets retained 100% sensitivity
271 and specificity for ST762 with this large data set. However, two of the SNPs were not present in the
272 matrix. For CC1 (ST1, ST762, ST2851, ST2981), most of the previously identified SNP sets were not

273 fully present in the matrix (i.e., the STARRS derived sets often included positions that were not
274 included in the merged matrix due to quality filtering). For similar reasons, not all the members of
275 previously identified high-*D* SNPs-sets were present in the new matrix, and no meaningful
276 comparison between the previous analysis and current analysis could be made (see Supplementary
277 information 5 (<https://figshare.com/s/aadf860f3cf9c416e3f>)).

278 We also reran the same tasks in 6.1.2 with the matrix. We identified 50 individual SNPs and 50 two-
279 member SNP sets that discriminate all ST762 isolates from all others. We similarly identified 39
280 individual SNPs and 61 two-member SNP sets (100 SNPs sets) that discriminate all CC1 isolates from
281 all others.

282 We then experimented with the *D* mode analysis to accomplish two different tasks. First, we
283 attempted to identify SNPs that discriminated all CCs from each other. To accomplish this, all the
284 variant positions between isolates within the same CC were identified and recorded. A reduced
285 matrix was then constructed that contained only a single isolate from each of the CCs. We then
286 excluded from analysis all the previously recorded variant positions within CCs, before running a *D*
287 mode search. It was found that a minimum of seven SNPs were required to discriminate all 33 CCs
288 from each other. MinSNPs was tasked to provide 200 alternative SNP sets that achieved a *D* of 1.0.
289 Of these, 165 of the sets had seven members; the remaining had eight members.

290 Next, we explored the resolving power of SNP sets identified simply to maximise *D*, without
291 reference to CC. Similarly, we identified five high-*D* 10-SNP sets (Supplementary Information 5). Prior
292 to running MinSNPs analysis, all but a subset of 100 CC22 isolates were randomly selected to be
293 included in the input matrix to avoid overly biasing the analysis to include SNPs that discriminated
294 within CC22. We obtained SNP sets with *D* values (recalculated using the entire matrix) ranging from
295 0.6314 to 0.6461. We selected the SNP set with the highest *D* value and constructed the allelic

296 profile with the first 5 SNPs (see Supplementary Information 5
297 (<https://figshare.com/s/aadf860f3cf9c416e3f>)). As expected from the similar experiment
298 performed with the smaller STARRS data set, there was close but imperfect correspondence
299 between CC and allelic profile, even though there was no reference to CC in the SNP derivation
300 procedure (see Supplementary Information 5 for comparison).
301 In summary, MinSNPs provides a flexible means for deriving SNP sets from sequence alignments that
302 are optimised for lineage-specific or generalised resolving power. We have demonstrated its utility
303 using large data sets, where one such data set was a SNP matrix assembled from multiple *S. aureus*
304 bioprojects, using a modified pipeline that we also report here. This provides the potential for
305 assembling matrices encompassing the global diversity of microorganisms and mining there for
306 optimised marker sets.

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325 This work does not involve human or animal research. The research team received written
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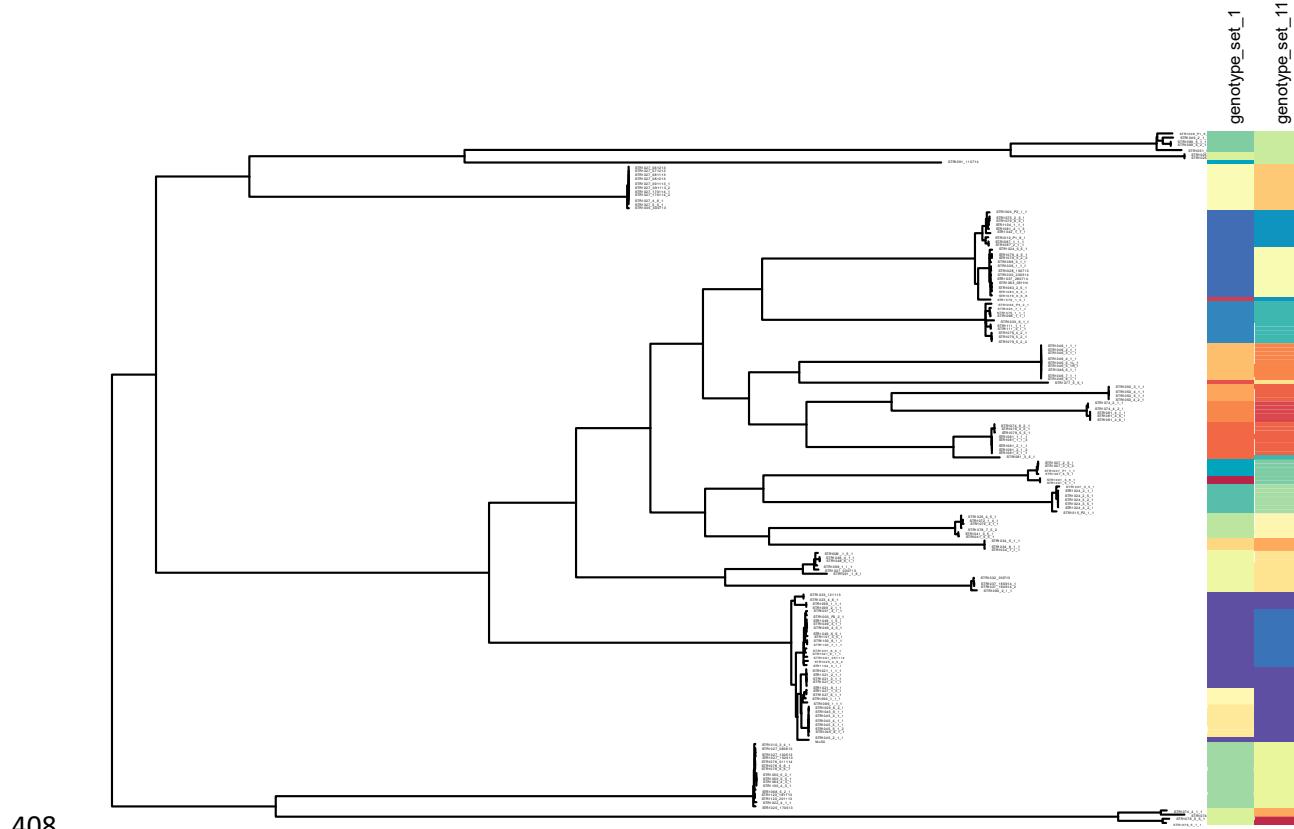
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406 **9. Figures and tables**

407 Figure 1: STARRS: Phylogeny and genotypes as defined by high-D SNP sets 1 and 11.



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409 The phylogenetic tree was taken from the original paper (13) and labelled with two newly identify
410 high-D SNP sets. (<https://microreact.org/project/minsnps-starrs>). High-D SNP sets 1 and 11 include
411 positions 111760, 1925985, 2663300, 2683490, 124088, and 539419, 1413096, 1146945, 2184528,
412 1577370 of the Mu50 reference genome respectively.



413 Table 1: Input alignment dimensions versus run time.

Input alignment dimensions	Mode	Number of SNPs in SNP set	Running time HPC (s)		Running time Laptop (s)	
			2 Cores	8 cores	2 cores	8 cores
167 isolates; 20,651 SNPs	%	1	31.926s	20.907s	16.809s	7.027s
	D	3	93.186s	60.749s	49.029s	21.662s
	D	5	157.831s	105.136s	85.098s	35.363s

414 Table 2: STARRS: Breakdown of CC/Singletons for genotypes defined by SNP sets 1 and 11. The distinction between singletons and CCs is somewhat
 415 arbitrary. The CCs labelled with “*” were present only as the CC founder ST in the STARRS isolates. Column SA refers to *S. argenteus*.

416 **Table 2a Breakdown of CC/Singletons for genotypes defined by SNPs set 1**

Genotype	SNPs set 1 (111760, 124088, 1925985, 2663300, 2683490)																
	CC1	CC5	CC6	CC8	CC12*	CC15	CC20*	ST30	CC45	CC72	CC78	CC93	CC97	CC101*	CC121*	ST834	SA
1	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0

19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0

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418 **Table 2b Breakdown of CC/Singletons for genotypes defined by SNPs set 11**

Genotype	SNPs set 11 (539419, 1146945, 1413096, 1577370, 2184528)																	
	CC1	CC5	CC6	CC8	CC12*	CC15	CC20*	ST30	CC45	CC72	CC78	CC93	CC97	CC101*	CC121*	ST834	SA	Unknown
1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0



419 Table 3: *P. vivax*: Genotypes defined by high-D SNP set 1 (ambiguity codes excluded vs substituted)

420 [Table 1a Genotypes defined by high-D SNPs set 1 \(ambiguity code excluded\)](#)

Genotype	Excluded -(340505 [Chr 13], 460741 [Chr 12], 854772 [Chr 10], 531315 [Chr 6], 2100572 [Chr 12])			
	Malaysia	Thailand	Indonesia	Imported
1	26	0	0	0
2	17	1	0	0
3	3	3	0	0
4	1	91	0	1
5	0	9	0	0
6	1	0	80	2
7	0	0	11	0
8	0	0	9	0
9	0	0	3	0
10	0	0	1	0

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422 [Table 3b Genotypes defined by high-D SNPs set 1 \(ambiguity code substituted\)](#)

Genotype	Substituted (1269895 [Chr 14], 1240935 [Chr 13], 1812716 [Chr 11], 1717060 [Chr 9], 1141805 [Chr 10])			
	Malaysia	Thailand	Indonesia	Imported
1	26	0	0	0
2	5	0	1	0
3	3	5	0	0
4	3	0	2	1
5	2	0	5	0
6	1	7	0	0
7	1	5	0	0
8	1	0	4	0
9	0	8	0	0
10	0	8	0	0
11	0	7	0	0
12	0	6	0	0
13	0	5	0	1
14	0	5	0	0
15	0	5	0	0
16	0	5	0	0
17	0	3	0	0
18	0	3	0	0
19	0	2	0	0

20	0	1	6	0
21	0	1	4	0
22	0	1	0	0
23	0	0	6	0
24	0	0	6	0
25	0	0	6	0
26	0	0	5	0
27	0	0	5	0
28	0	0	5	0
29	0	0	4	0
30	0	0	4	0
31	0	0	4	0
32	0	0	3	1

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