

1 **Multiplexed amplicon sequencing reveals the heterogeneous spatial**  
2 **distribution of pyrethroid resistance mutations in *Aedes albopictus***  
3 **mosquito populations in Southern France.**

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19 **Abstract**

20 The risk of mosquito-borne diseases transmission is moving fast toward temperate  
21 climates with the colonization and proliferation of the Asian tiger mosquito vector *Aedes*  
22 *albopictus* and the rapid and mass transport of passengers returning from tropical regions  
23 where the viruses are endemic. The prevention of major *Aedes*-borne viruses heavily relies on  
24 the use of insecticides for vector control, mainly pyrethroids In Europe. High-throughput  
25 molecular assays can provide a cost-effective surrogate to phenotypic insecticide resistance  
26 assays when mutations have been previously linked to a resistance phenotype. Here, we  
27 screened for the spatial distribution of *kdr* mutations at a large scale using a two-step  
28 approach based on multiplexed amplicon sequencing and an unprecedented collection of  
29 field-derived mosquitoes in South of France. We identified the presence of the V1016G allele  
30 in 14 sites. The V1016G allele was predominantly found in South-East France close to the  
31 Italian border with two additional isolated sites close to Bordeaux and Marmande. All  
32 mosquitoes were heterozygous for this mutation and should not be phenotypically resistant to  
33 pyrethroid insecticide. Four other mutations were identified in our targeted genomic  
34 sequence: I1532T, M1006L, M1586L, M995L. Sequencing a section of maternally inherited  
35 mitochondrial genome confirmed that the spread of *Ae. albopictus* in France originated from  
36 founders with haplogroup A1. These findings contribute to the broader understanding of  
37 resistance dynamics in Europe and can inform targeted approaches to mitigate the impact of  
38 resistance on vector control.

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45 **Main**

46 Once confined to tropical areas, the risk of mosquito-borne diseases transmission is  
47 now moving fast toward temperate climates, fostered by the colonization and proliferation of  
48 the Asian tiger mosquito vector *Aedes (Stegomyia) albopictus* and the rapid and mass  
49 transport of passengers returning from tropical regions where the viruses are endemic. The  
50 unusually high secondary autochthonous cases of dengue virus (DENV) infections in South of  
51 France in 2022 illustrates the risk and is sounding the alarm<sup>1</sup>. The prevention of major *Aedes*-  
52 borne viruses heavily relies on the use of insecticides for vector control. In Europe,  
53 deltamethrin (a pyrethroid insecticide) is the only insecticide authorized in space spraying to  
54 target flying adult mosquitoes<sup>1-3</sup>. Resistance toward this insecticide has been described in *Ae.*  
55 *albopictus* populations throughout the world, including Europe<sup>3-5</sup>, but limited information is  
56 yet available for France. Their spread can negatively impact the effectiveness of vector  
57 control interventions and put in jeopardy our very limited defense line.

58 Monitoring phenotypic insecticide resistance at a large scale is expensive, time-  
59 consuming, and laborious. High-throughput molecular assays can provide a cost-effective  
60 surrogate when mutations have been previously linked to a resistance phenotype. In addition,  
61 molecular methods can detect resistance alleles before they reach fixation and can thus be  
62 used as an early-warning approach<sup>6</sup>. Mutations at 2 codon positions (V1016 and F1534) in the  
63 voltage sensitive sodium channel (Vssc) gene were experimentally identified as the main  
64 knockdown resistance (*kdr*, the main resistance mechanism to pyrethroids) mechanism in *Ae.*  
65 *albopictus*<sup>4,7</sup>. Here, we report a two-step approach based on multiplexed amplicon sequencing  
66 to screen for the spatial distribution of *kdr* mutations at a large scale using an unprecedented  
67 collection of field-derived mosquitoes sampled from 95 sites across 61 municipalities  
68 alongside a West to East transect in South of France.

69 **Results**

70 *Screening of KDR mutations in pool DNA amplicons sequencing*

71 A total of 547 mosquitoes collected from a West to East transect in South of France  
72 from June 2021 to September 2021 at 95 sites in 61 municipalities, either at the egg or adult  
73 stage, were grouped by sites into 100 pools. Two non-overlapping genomic DNA fragments  
74 covering 4 exons in the *Vssc* gene (exon19-like, exon20-like, exon27-like and exon28-like, as  
75 referred to the JAFDOQ010000349.1 annotation file) were amplified using eight different 6  
76 bp barcodes incorporated at the 5' end of the forward primers (Supplementary table 2). The  
77 combination of barcodes and dual indexing allowed the deep sequencing of 13 *super-pools*  
78 instead of the original 100. The sequencing generated an average depth of 12,779 X for  
79 amplicon 1 (327 bp, exon19-like and exon20-like) and 3,336 X for amplicon 2 (500 bp,  
80 exon27-like and exon28-like), per pool after demultiplexing.

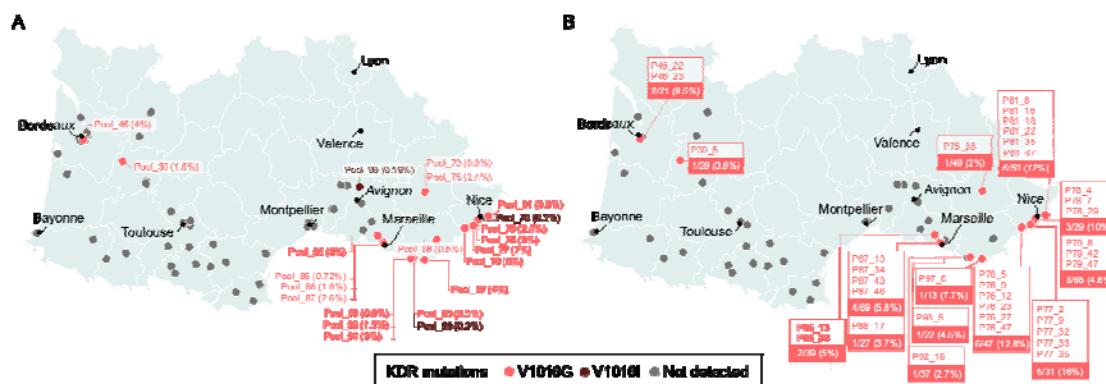
81 A total of 651 mutations were detected on the target region of the *Vssc* gene with allele  
82 frequencies ranging from 0.1% to 99.9% (median: 3.7%, 1<sup>st</sup> quartile: 0.3%, 3<sup>rd</sup> quartile: 1.4%)  
83 (Supplementary figure 1) across pools. A total of 445 mutations were located on exons,  
84 among which 131 (29%) were synonymous and 314 (71%) non-synonymous. These non-  
85 synonymous mutations were located at 304 unique positions and had an overall low allele  
86 frequency with a median of 0.33% (1rst quartile: 0.25%, 3<sup>rd</sup> quartile: 0.51%) across pools  
87 (Supplementary table 3). Seventeen of them (5.4%) had mean allele frequencies > 2% across  
88 pools (Supplementary figure 2). Mutations M1006L and I1532T, detected in 98 and 74 pools,  
89 respectively, were one of the most prevalent.

90 KDR V1016G and V1016I mutations were detected in 19 and 3 pools, respectively  
91 (Figure 1-A). Pools with mutation V1016I had very low allele frequencies (below 0.625%,  
92 which is the theoretical frequency threshold if one heterozygote allele is detected in the  
93 biggest pools of N=80). KDR V1016G mutation was preferentially detected in the Southeast

94 of France from Marseille to Nice with two exceptions in Bordeaux and Marmande (Figure 1-  
95 A).

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100 **Figure 1: Geographic location of alleles confirmed in knockdown resistance in *Aedes***  
101 ***albopictus* in South of France.** A) Location and frequencies of KDR alleles as revealed by  
102 amplicon sequencing based on sequencing of DNA from pooled mosquito heads. Allele  
103 frequencies are represented into brackets for each locality. B) Location and prevalence of  
104 KDR alleles as revealed by amplicon sequencing on single mosquitoes from each locality.  
105 The identity and prevalence of mosquitoes carrying the mutations are represented for each  
106 locality. Mosquitoes are identified based on their original pool number and a unique number.  
107 Grey points represent localities where no confirmed KDR alleles were identified.

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109 *Confirmation of KDR mutations in single mosquito DNA amplicons sequencing*

110 Single mosquito DNA sequencing was implemented to confirm mutations revealed by  
111 pool DNA sequencing and to determine their prevalences and genotypes (heterozygote /  
112 homozygote). Genetic variations were detected at 135 positions over the target regions of the  
113 Vssc gene. A total of 32 mutations were located on exon-like regions, among which 27 (84%)

114 were synonymous and 5 (16%) non-synonymous: M1006L, M995L, V1016G, I1532T, and  
115 M1586L (Supplementary table 3). Importantly, all these mutations were previously identified  
116 in the top 20 most frequent mutations in pool DNA sequencing (Supplementary figure 2).  
117 However, some mutations identified in pool DNA sequencing were not confirmed when  
118 sequencing individual mosquito DNA.

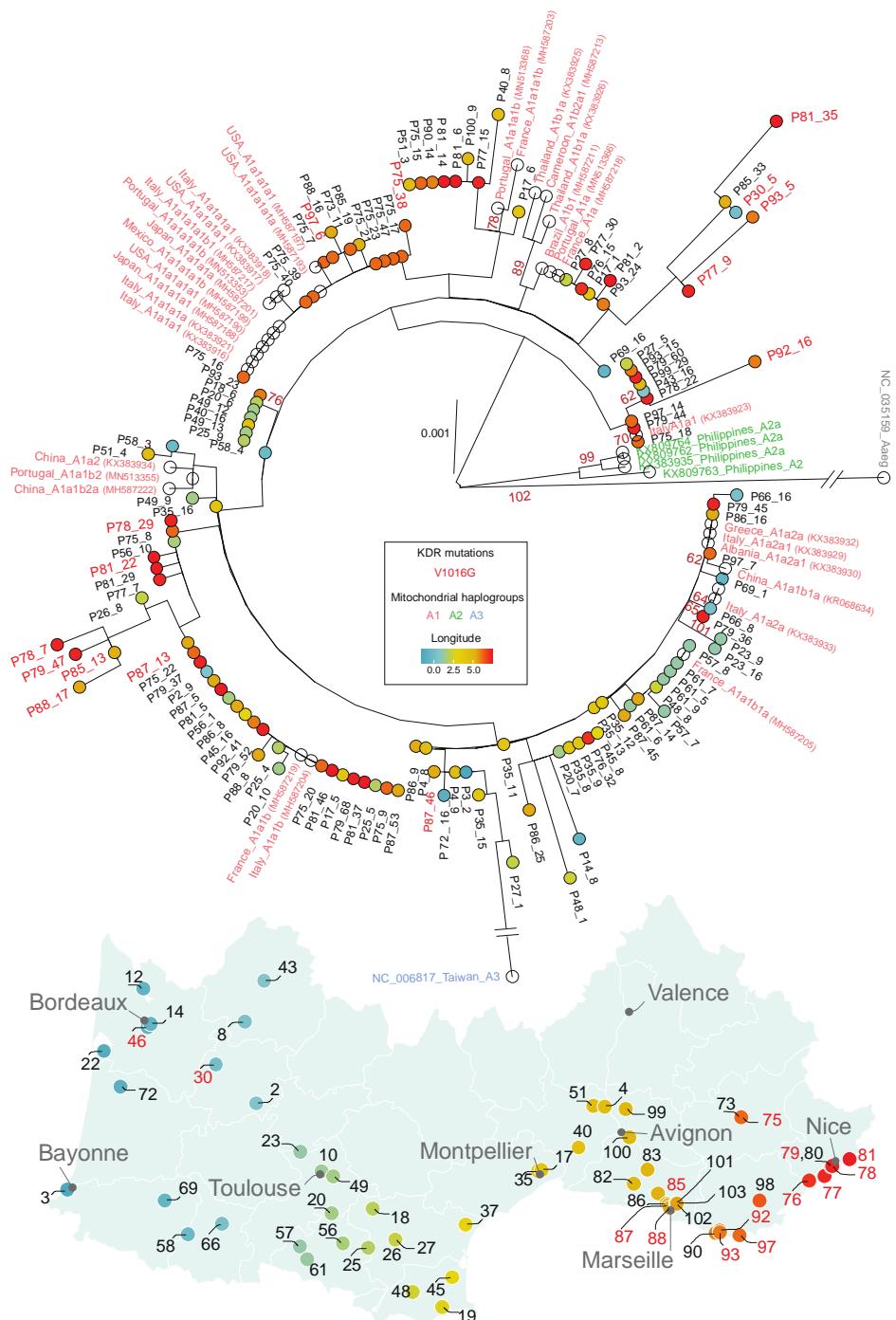
119 The M1006L mutation was the most prevalent (detected in 215 mosquitoes from 45  
120 sites), followed by the I1532T mutation that was detected in 54 mosquitoes from 16 sites.  
121 KDR V1016G mutation was detected in 37 mosquitoes from 14 different sites. This mutation  
122 was detected in the same sites than pool DNA sequencing except for pool\_73, pool\_86,  
123 pool\_98, pool\_90, and pool\_94. Allele frequencies for these pools were mainly < 1% and  
124 might be attributed to DNA contamination during the DNA extraction procedure. KDR  
125 V1016G mutation in single mosquito DNA was not detected in sites where the mutation was  
126 not reported by pool DNA sequencing. All mosquitoes were heterozygotes for this mutation.  
127 The prevalence of mosquitoes carrying the V1016G mutation ranged from 2% to 16% across  
128 sites (Figure 1-B). Single DNA sequencing confirmed the presence of KDR V1016G mutation  
129 in Southeast France, close to the Italian border where it has already been described since  
130 2019<sup>3,4</sup> and in a cluster located in the West in Bordeaux and Marmande.

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132 *Geographical dispersion of mosquitoes carrying KDR mutations as revealed by their*  
133 *mitochondrial DNA.*

134 The amplicon-based library targeting the *Vssc* gene was complemented with ligase-  
135 based tiling amplicons that amplified a region of the mitochondrial genome in each *Ae.*  
136 *albopictus* mosquitoes. Genomic regions aligning to the targeted mitochondrial genome had a  
137 low depth (mean  $\pm$  SD: 5.8X  $\pm$  33), as compared to the *Vssc* gene. A total number of 126  
138 samples out of 1,167 (11%) could be however selected to be included in the phylogenetic

139 analysis with background reference sequences that represented the worldwide diversity of *Ae.*  
140 *albopictus* mitogenomes haplogroups<sup>8,9</sup>. The phylogenetic analysis revealed that all collected  
141 *Ae. albopictus* mosquitoes originated from founders with haplogroup A1 (Figure 2). The KDR  
142 V1016G allele was found in mosquitoes from different maternal lines. One mosquito from the  
143 West (P30\_5) carrying the KDR V1016G mutation had a mitochondrial DNA genetically  
144 close to mosquitoes from the East (Figure 2), suggesting long-range dissemination of the  
145 resistance allele through transports.

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149 **Figure 2: Phylogenetic relationships among a subset of *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes**  
 150 **analyzed in this study based on a curated alignment of 3,243 bp nucleotides region of the**  
 151 **mitochondrial genome.** The mitochondrial genome of *Ae. aegypti* (NC\_035159) was used as

152 an outgroup in the phylogenetic tree. The best-scoring maximum-likelihood (ML) tree was  
153 generated with 120 bootstrap replicates. Only bootstrap scores > 60 are represented in dark  
154 red on the figure. Mosquitoes are identified based on their original pool number and a unique  
155 identifier. Pool localities are represented on a map with a color code representing the  
156 longitude (West to East transect gradient is represented with a blue to red color gradient).  
157 Localities with at least one mosquito carrying a KDR allele are represented in red on both the  
158 map and the phylogenetic tree.

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## 160 **Discussion**

161 Pyrethroid insecticides are nowadays widely used in agriculture or as indoor/outdoor  
162 residual or space spraying for adult mosquito control throughout the world because of their  
163 low acute toxicity on mammals and high and fast activity in insects. Mutations in the *Vssc*  
164 gene were experimentally identified as one of the major knockdown resistances (*ie. kdr*)  
165 mechanisms in insects, together with metabolic resistance mainly mediated by P450  
166 monooxygenases<sup>10,11</sup>. KDR mutations were originally discovered on the model organism  
167 *Musca domestica*<sup>12</sup>, and mutations found in other insects were named based on the codon  
168 position of this house fly reference genome. Several mutations were documented on the *Vssc*  
169 gene in *Ae. aegypti* (*ie. V410L, S989P, I1011M/V, V1016G/I, I1532T, F1534S/L/C, and*  
170 *D1763Y*), but a few of them have been confirmed to be functionally associated with  
171 pyrethroids resistant phenotypes (*i.e., V410L, S989P, I1011M, V1016G and F1534C*)<sup>13</sup>.  
172 Some mutation combinations can engender extreme resistance in *Ae. aegypti*, such as the  
173 triple mutant 989P/1016G/1534C haplotype<sup>14</sup>. The KDR F1534C mutation was the first to be  
174 reported in *Ae. albopictus* in Singapore<sup>7</sup> in 2011, followed by mutations V1016G/I, and  
175 F1534S/L in different parts of the world alone or in combination. The KDR V1016G allele  
176 was recently found in *Aedes albopictus* populations from Italie, Vietnam<sup>4</sup> and China<sup>15</sup>. At the

177 homozygous state, this mutation was shown to confer a higher level of pyrethroid resistance  
178 than the previously known alleles, F1534C and F1534S<sup>4</sup>. The KDR V1016G mutation was  
179 recently revealed in France in two populations of *Ae. albopictus* from Nice and Perpignan<sup>3</sup>.

180 Here, the spatial distribution of pyrethroid resistance mutations in *Ae. albopictus*  
181 populations in southern France was screened in the most exhaustive sampling work to date in  
182 France (95 sampling sites across 61 municipalities), using a two-step multiplexed amplicon  
183 sequencing approach. We first implemented a sequencing approach using pooled mosquito  
184 DNA per site to reduce the overall sequencing costs. This initial step was able to screen for  
185 the presence of KDR mutations in many sites across a wide study area, faster, and with less  
186 samples size as compared to a single mosquito DNA screening approach. Several mutations  
187 with high allele frequencies and prevalence across sites were detected, including KDR  
188 V1016G mutations. Importantly, all mutations subsequently confirmed by single mosquito  
189 DNA sequencing were previously identified in pool DNA sequencing. However, some  
190 mutations identified in pool DNA sequencing were not confirmed when sequencing individual  
191 mosquito DNA (eg. V1016I). This can be partially explained by the allele calling program  
192 (LoFreq) applied to pool DNA sequencing that is more sensitive to distinguish rare variants  
193 than the pipeline applied to single mosquito DNA sequencing. This can create difficulties to  
194 distinguish rare variants from sequencing errors<sup>16,17</sup>. The presence of KDR V1016I mutation  
195 was not ultimately confirmed by single mosquito DNA sequencing, this can be due to a low  
196 allele frequency < 1% in the three pools where it was detected. Pool DNA sequencing allows  
197 to identify the sites with the presence of KDR V1016G allele with a perfect sensitivity  
198 (100%), albeit not good specificity with 5 sites out of 19 being not confirmed by single DNA  
199 sequencing. We suspect that contaminations across samples might had occurred during the  
200 grinding step prior the extraction procedure for pool DNA library preparation. This issue can  
201 be easily improved in the future. This two steps approach can save time and resources,

202 especially when the presence of the target mutations is anticipated to be scarce, by excluding  
203 samples from sites in which the targeted mutations was not detected in a preliminary  
204 screening. Efforts and money can then be dedicated in a more efficient way to analyze  
205 prevalences and genotypes using single mosquito DNA in selected sites. This method can be  
206 readily integrated into routine surveillance programs, allowing for the early detection of  
207 resistance before the fixation of mutations and the timely implementation of appropriate  
208 control measures.

209 The V1016G allele was predominantly found in South-East France close to the Italian  
210 border with two additional isolated occurrences close to Bordeaux and Marmande. While  
211 previous study already reported the presence of the KDR V1016G allele mutation in Nice and  
212 Perpignan, our sampling effort across the South of France did not identify any resistance  
213 genes in Perpignan. Importantly, genetic resistance to insecticides can be highly clustered  
214 even at the small geographic scale. *Vssc* harbouring the V1016G allele was not detected from  
215 *Ae. albopictus* collected outside of Hanoi City in Vietnam while it was found in the city<sup>4</sup>. In  
216 our study, this mutation was found in population collected in harbor areas in Marseille but not  
217 in those collected more inland from the same city. A genome-wide analysis with a high  
218 density of nucleic DNA markers revealed a weak genetic structure and high levels of genetic  
219 admixture in *Aedes albopictus* populations from Switzerland, supporting a scenario of rapid  
220 and human-aided dispersal along transportation routes, with frequent re-introductions into  
221 Switzerland from Italian sources<sup>18</sup>.

222 The use of pyrethroid is strictly regulated in France when there are applied for curative  
223 vector control around human cases of dengue, chikungunya or Zika – imported or  
224 autochthonous – to reduce the risk of local arbovirus transmission<sup>3</sup>. Paradoxically, there is  
225 neither formal prohibition nor any surveillance of the use of pyrethroids by pest control  
226 companies for as part of nuisance reduction. The use of insecticides by pest control companies

227 or private individuals might maintain a significant selection pressure on local insect  
228 populations. Resistance genes carrying *Ae. albopictus* populations in Nouvelle-Aquitaine sites  
229 were not exposed to curative vector control treatment within 150 meters since at least 2020. In  
230 contrast, resistance genes were not revealed in mosquitoes from sites which had undergone  
231 six repetitions of treatments since 2020. The *de novo* appearance of mutations is a rare event  
232 and resistance in a population commonly arises from selection of resistant alleles that are  
233 present in a population or from the arrival of individuals with resistance alleles through  
234 transport by humans<sup>19,6</sup>. Here, we revealed close genetic relationships between mosquitoes  
235 collected in West and East of France that were carrying the V1016G allele using a section of  
236 the maternally inherited mitochondrial genome. Altogether, these data suggest that the  
237 presence of KDR mutations in France originated from fast transportation between distant  
238 populations rather than from *de novo* due to a strong selection pressure.

239 Although the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health Safety  
240 (ANSES) established recommendations in 2020 regarding the use of insecticides and the  
241 surveillance of resistance in French populations, there is currently no national surveillance  
242 program in place<sup>20</sup>. While resistance of vector mosquitoes has been well-documented in  
243 overseas territories<sup>11,21,22</sup>, it remains poorly studied in metropolitan France. The presence of  
244 insecticide resistance alleles in *Ae. albopictus* populations from different sites in France  
245 highlights the need for a continued monitoring of insecticide susceptibility at a wide  
246 geographic scale, together with the development of alternative vector control strategies to  
247 alleviate the selection pressure. All mosquitoes carrying the V1016G mutation in France  
248 displayed a heterozygous genotype. Fixation of KDR V1016G allele, and thereby the  
249 occurrence of phenotypic insecticide resistance, can arise rapidly in the presence of a strong  
250 selection pressure in areas where the allele is detected even at a low prevalence. There is thus  
251 a critical need for the implementation of a comprehensive national surveillance program to

252 monitor resistance spatially and temporally in *Ae. albopictus* populations. Such a program  
253 would provide valuable insights into the prevalence and spread of resistance, allowing for  
254 timely and targeted interventions to maintain the efficacy of vector control measures. This  
255 may include reducing treatments, alternating authorized insecticides over space and time,  
256 employing complementary methods such as trapping and innovative control strategies<sup>23,24</sup> to  
257 proactively respond to changes and mitigate the spread of resistance, thereby safeguarding the  
258 effectiveness of vector control interventions and protecting public health.

259 Four other mutations (*ie.* I1532T, M1006L, M1586L, M995L) were identified in our  
260 targeted *Vssc* gene sections in this study. Among these 4 mutations, the I1532T was reported  
261 in different *Ae. albopictus* populations from Asia<sup>15,15,25</sup>, Italy<sup>26</sup> and Greece<sup>27,28</sup>. This mutation  
262 was found in mosquito populations from Rome with a high frequency (19.7%) but not in  
263 populations collected 570 km away from this city<sup>26</sup>, which further highlight the patchy  
264 distribution of *Ae. albopictus* throughout the territory, even at a small geographic scale.  
265 Further work is needed to functionally validate or invalidate the impact of M1006L, M1586L  
266 and M995L on insecticide resistance.

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## 268 Conclusion

269 Our study provides insights into the spatial distribution of pyrethroid resistance  
270 mutations in *Ae. albopictus* populations in the South of France. Here, we demonstrated that  
271 pooled-DNA amplicon sequencing can help to reduce the surveillance costs by detecting the  
272 presence of known mutations when they are expected to occur at a low prevalence, prior to  
273 screen mosquitoes individually. The use of multiplexed amplicon sequencing, with its ability  
274 to screen pooled samples and subsequently confirm findings through individual mosquito  
275 DNA sequencing, is a valuable tool for monitoring the spatial distribution of resistance  
276 mutations. The detection of the KDR V1016G allele in different French localities emphasizes

277 the need for ongoing monitoring and proactive resistance management strategies. These  
278 findings contribute to the broader understanding of resistance dynamics and can inform  
279 targeted approaches to mitigate the impact of resistance on vector control efforts.

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281 **Materials and methods**

282 *Field-collected mosquitoes*

283 *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes were collected from the field either at the egg stage using  
284 egg-laying traps or at the adult stage using BG sentinel (BGS, Biogents AG) traps at 95 sites  
285 in 61 municipalities alongside a West to East transect in South of France from June to  
286 September 2021. Adult mosquitoes were captured over one week with carbon dioxide  
287 provided as a mosquito attractant and identified morphologically. Mosquito's eggs from 181  
288 ovitraps were hatched and reared in laboratory until the fourth instar larvae; 2833 larvae were  
289 transferred by sites and sampling date into 90% ethanol. All samples were stored at -20°C  
290 until the DNA extraction procedure. Traps were mainly placed at hospital, airport, or seaport  
291 sites.

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293 *Mosquito DNA extraction*

294 A two-steps approach was implemented to screen for KDR alleles in *Ae. albopictus*  
295 mosquitoes: *i*) an initial screening by sequencing pooled mosquito DNA in each site followed  
296 by *ii*) sequencing individual mosquito DNA to determine KDR allele prevalence and  
297 genotype. A total of 3 to 80 (mean=24.5, SD=15) mosquitoes were selected by site and  
298 grouped into 100 different pools. Heads from larvae or adult mosquitoes were dissected under  
299 magnifying glasses. Each pool was made up of mosquito heads sampled at the beginning and  
300 the end of the sampling period for each site when possible. All mosquitoes from sites in which  
301 KDR alleles were detected in step *i* were selected for single mosquito DNA sequencing,

302 excluding damaged mosquitoes. This second selection also included sites without detection of  
303 KDR alleles in step *i*, with a total of 56 sites throughout 50 municipalities. Mosquito heads or  
304 bodies were grinded in a 96 wells plate using a TissueLyser (Qiagen) for 2 min at 30  
305 oscillation/s. Genomic DNA was then extracted from homogenates using the NucleoSpin 96  
306 Tissue Core Kit (Macherey-Nagel) and stored at -20°C until use.

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308 ***Amplicon-based sequencing***

309 We devised an amplicon-based approach that captured 3 main mutations previously  
310 reported to be associated with pyrethroid resistance in *Aedes* spp. mosquitoes: S989P,  
311 V1016I/G and F1534C/L/S<sup>13,29</sup>. Two non-overlapping amplicons of 327 bp and 500 bp were  
312 used to amplify two sections of the voltage sensitive sodium channel (vssc) gene that was  
313 mapped on the *Aedes albopictus* isolate FPA chromosome 3 chr3.142 whole genome shotgun  
314 sequence (AalbF3 genome assembly, GenBank: JAFDOQ010000349.1). This sequence was  
315 identified in the AalbF3 genome assembly based on its genetic homology with *Ae. aegypti*  
316 LOC5567355 vssc gene sequence. The first and second amplicon mapped to  
317 JAFDOQ010000349.1 reference sequence at positions 1,806,101 to 1,806,578 bp and  
318 1,851,149 to 1,851,765 bp, respectively. Both amplicons covered four exons in the vssc gene:  
319 exon19-like, exon20-like, exon27-like and exon28-like. Both targeted genomic regions were  
320 amplified in a single reaction to generate sufficient templates for subsequent high-throughput  
321 sequencing. Multiplex PCR reactions were performed with 5 µl of purified DNA in a 20 µl  
322 reaction mixture made of 5 µl of Hot START 5X Hot Firepol DNA Polymerase mix  
323 (Dutscher, France), 1 µl of forward and reverse primers mix at 10 µM (4 µl for 4 primers)  
324 (Supplementary table 1), and 11 µl of water. The thermal program was: 10 min of polymerase  
325 activation at 96°C followed by 35 cycles of (i) 30 sec denaturing at 96°C, (ii) 30 sec annealing  
326 at 62°C and (iii) 1 min extension at 72°C, followed by a final incubation step at 72°C for 7

327 min to complete synthesis of all PCR products. Illumina Nextera® universal tails sequences  
328 were added to the 5' end of each of these primers to facilitate the library preparation by a two-  
329 step PCR approach. Our multiplexing design involves a same barcode inserted in both  
330 forward primer's sequences on each row of a 96 well plates, so that 10  $\mu$ l of amplified  
331 products could be pooled per column (i.e., 8 samples were pooled into a single tube with a  
332 final volume of 80  $\mu$ l). This multiplexing scheme allow a 8-x sample reduction with 96  
333 samples from one plate being grouped into 12 different tubes, or one plate row  
334 (Supplementary figure 3).

335 The individual mosquito KDR library was complemented with a ligase-based tiling  
336 amplicon sequencing method to amplify a 4,438 nucleotides region of the mitochondrial  
337 genome in each *Ae. albopictus* mosquitoes. The method generates overlapping amplicons of  
338 ~500 base pairs from two multiplexed PCR reactions with 6 primers pairs in each reaction  
339 (Supplementary table 1) to generate sufficient templates for subsequent high-throughput  
340 sequencing<sup>30,31</sup>. The Hot START 5X Hot Firepol DNA Polymerase (Dutscher, France) add an  
341 adenosine nucleotide extension to the 3' ends of each replicated DNA strands to create an A  
342 overhang, which make the product suitable for ligation with T-tailed DNA adaptors. Eight  
343 universal barcoded T-tailed DNA adaptors were made by annealing upper and lower  
344 oligonucleotides (Supplementary table 1) at 25M in 1X TE and 3M NaCl buffer, starting with  
345 1 min step at 95°C and a constant temperature reduction of -0,1 °C/sec until to reach 12°C.  
346 Each T-tailed DNA adaptors integrated one of the 8 barcodes used in the KDR library  
347 preparation. One microliter of T-tailed DNA adaptors diluted to 1.5  $\mu$ M in water was added to  
348 5  $\mu$ l of amplicons diluted to 1/10 in water and 5  $\mu$ l of 2X Blunt/TA Ligase Master Mix (New  
349 England Biolabs, Herts, UK) and incubated 30 min at 25°C for ligation. No DNA purification  
350 was done purposely prior the ligation step to reduce library costs. Ten microliters of adapter  
351 ligated amplicons were mixed to 1  $\mu$ L of KDR library previously diluted 1/10 in water to

352 obtain a KDR/mitochondrion (primer pool 1 and 2) library ratio of 2, based on DNA  
353 concentration determined by Qubit fluorometer and Quant-iT dsDNA Assay kit (Life  
354 technologies, Paisley, UK) from a random subset of samples. Same barcodes were used to  
355 identify one individual across KDR and mitochondrial libraries so that the three libraries  
356 could be ultimately merged by sample. Amplicons tailed with Illumina Nextera® universal  
357 sequences were then pooled by column into a single tube and purified using a 0.8-x magnetic  
358 beads (SPRIselect, Beckman Coulter) ratio before to perform 15 PCR cycles using Nextera®  
359 Index Kit – PCR primers, that adds the P5 and P7 termini that bind to the flow cell and the  
360 dual 8 bp index tags. Indexed samples were pooled and quantified by fluorometric  
361 quantification (QuantiFluor® dsDNA System, Promega) and visualized on QIAxcel Capillary  
362 Electrophoresis System (Qiagen). Libraries were sequenced on a MiSeq run (Illumina) using  
363 MiSeq v3 chemistry with 300bp paired-end sequencing.

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365 ***Data processing and variant calling***

366 The DDemux program<sup>32</sup> was used for demultiplexing fastq files according to the P1  
367 barcodes inserted at the 5'-end of each sequence. After demultiplexing, trimmomatic v0.33  
368 was used to discard reads shorter than 32 nucleotides, filter out Illumina adaptor sequences,  
369 remove leading and trailing low-quality bases and trim reads when the average quality per  
370 base dropped below 15 on a 4-base-wide sliding window. Reads were aligned to two sections  
371 of the JAFDOQ010000349 whole genome shotgun sequence with bowtie2 v.2.1.018<sup>33</sup>. The  
372 alignment file was converted, sorted, and indexed using Samtools v1.6 and BCFtools v1.8<sup>34</sup>.  
373 Coverage and sequencing depth were assessed using bedtools v2.17.0<sup>35</sup>. DNA variants were  
374 called using Lofreq 2.1.5<sup>36</sup> for pooled-mosquito sequencing and Bcftools mpileup callers for  
375 single mosquito DNA sequencing, respectively. The bioinformatic pipeline that was used in  
376 this work is provided in Supplementary file 2.

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378 ***Phylogenetic analyses***

379 Consensus mitochondrial sequences were obtained from aligned bam files using the  
380 SAMtools/BCFtools package and seqtk v1.0-r31 (Supplementary file 2). Samples were  
381 included in the phylogenetic analysis only if at least 30% of their targeted mitochondrial  
382 genome section was covered with a base quality score >20. A background set of 37 full-length  
383 mitochondrial genomes were obtained from GenBank<sup>8,9</sup> to represent the worldwide diversity  
384 of *Ae. albopictus* mitogenomes haplogroups. The mitochondrial genome of *Ae. aegypti*  
385 (NC\_035159) was used as an outgroup in the phylogenetic tree. Consensus sequences were  
386 aligned using muscle 5.1<sup>37</sup> and curated by gblocks software implemented in the seaview  
387 version 5.0.4 interface<sup>38</sup> without option for stringent selection. The curated alignment  
388 represented 3,243 nucleotides out of the targeted 4,438 nucleotides (0.73%). It was expanded  
389 with eight additional samples harboring a KDR mutations that has between 20% and 30% of  
390 their targeted mitochondrial genome section covered with a base quality score >20. The best-  
391 scoring maximum-likelihood (ML) tree was generated using this curated alignment with 120  
392 bootstrap replicates with phym<sup>39</sup>. The GTR nucleotide substitution model was chosen based  
393 on the lowest Akaike information criterion (AIC) value using the Smart Model Selection  
394 (SMS) in Phym software<sup>40</sup>. Phylogenetic trees were visualized using the ggtree R package<sup>41</sup>.

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396 ***Statistic and data visualization***

397 Descriptive statistics and data visualization were performed in the statistical environment R  
398 v4.2.2<sup>42</sup>. Figures were made using the package ggplot2<sup>43</sup>, leaflet<sup>44</sup>, wesanderson color  
399 palette<sup>45</sup>, ggtree<sup>41</sup> and the Tidyverse environment<sup>46</sup> (Supplementary file 3).

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540 **Supplementary table 1: Amplicon-based sequencing systems used in this study to**  
541 **amplify nuclear genomic regions associated with pyrethroid resistance and a 4,438**  
542 **nucleotides region of the mitochondrial genome of *Ae. albopictus* using ligase-based**  
543 **tiling amplicon sequencing.** Primers are presented with their gene targets and amplicon  
544 sizes. Illumina Nextera® universal tails sequences are represented in green, and the 6 bp  
545 barcodes in blue. An adenine or thymine nucleotides were added to separate barcoded tails  
546 from primer sequences. These sequences were directly anchored to primer sequences for KDR  
547 amplicons and were added by ligation after amplification for the 12 mitochondrial targets  
548 (ligase-based tiling amplicon sequencing).

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Targeted genomic region	Primer names	Forward/Reverse	[Illumina Nextera® universal tails sequences] Tag sequence (5'-3')	Amplon size (bp)
Exon 19-20 like on JAFDOO010000349 chr3	Ae_exon19_20_tag1	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGCATGAC <sup>A</sup> CTGCCACGGTGGAACTTC <sup>A</sup>	59
	Ae_exon19_20_tag2	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGTCAGT <sup>A</sup> CTGCCACGGTGGAACTTC <sup>A</sup>	59
	Ae_exon19_20_tag3	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGACGT <sup>A</sup> CTGCCACGGTGGAACTTC <sup>A</sup>	59
	Ae_exon19_20_tag4	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGTGT <sup>A</sup> CTGCCACGGTGGAACTTC <sup>A</sup>	59
	Ae_exon19_20_tag5	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGTAGT <sup>A</sup> CTGCCACGGTGGAACTTC <sup>A</sup>	59
	Ae_exon19_20_tag6	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGAGCT <sup>A</sup> CTGCCACGGTGGAACTTC <sup>A</sup>	59
	Ae_exon19_20_tag7	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGTCAGT <sup>A</sup> CTGCCACGGTGGAACTTC <sup>A</sup>	59
	Ae_exon19_20_tag8	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGGAT <sup>A</sup> CTGCCACGGTGGAACTTC <sup>A</sup>	59
	Ae_exon19_20_R	Reverse	GTCTCGTGGGCTCGGAGATGTATAAGAGACAGACTATGCTGTGGCCCA	54
Exon 28 like on JAFDOO010000349 chr3	Ae_exon28_tag1	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGCATGAC <sup>A</sup> GGTACCTGTGTCGTTC <sup>A</sup>	60
	Ae_exon28_tag2	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGTCAGT <sup>A</sup> GGTACCTGTGTCGTTC <sup>A</sup>	60
	Ae_exon28_tag3	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGACGT <sup>A</sup> GGTACCTGTGTCGTTC <sup>A</sup>	60
	Ae_exon28_tag4	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGGTA <sup>A</sup> GGTACCTGTGTCGTTC <sup>A</sup>	60
	Ae_exon28_tag5	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGTCAG <sup>A</sup> GGTACCTGTGTCGTTC <sup>A</sup>	60
	Ae_exon28_tag6	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGGCT <sup>A</sup> GGTACCTGTGTCGTTC <sup>A</sup>	60
	Ae_exon28_tag7	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGTCAG <sup>A</sup> GGTACCTGTGTCGTTC <sup>A</sup>	60
	Ae_exon28_tag8	Forward	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGATC <sup>A</sup> GGTACCTGTGTCGTTC <sup>A</sup>	60
	Ae_exon28_R	Reverse	GTCTCGTGGGCTCGGAGATGTATAAGAGACAGACTATGCTGTGGCCCA	54
Mitochondrion	Primer pool 1			
	Alb_mito_1_LEFT	Forward	CTAATAGCCCTAAAGCTGAAAAATTATTGT	30
	Alb_mito_1_RIGHT	Reverse	AAGCAGCAGTGTAAAGAGGGG	22
	Alb_mito_3_LEFT	Forward	GCCGGAGCTTAACTATATTAAACAGA	29
	Alb_mito_3_RIGHT	Reverse	TGGGTAACATAATAATGATCGTA	27
	Alb_mito_5_LEFT	Forward	AGAAAGAAATAATTACACACGAACTCT	28
	Alb_mito_5_RIGHT	Reverse	GATGGCCAATAACTTTAAAGTAATTAAAGGAG	33
	Alb_mito_7_LEFT	Forward	AAATITGATGCTACTCCCGAGC	22
	Alb_mito_7_RIGHT	Reverse	TGAAGGGTCAATACAGAAAATAAGTTGT	30
	Alb_mito_9_LEFT	Forward	AAACTCTTTAGGGCCAATGGAC	24
	Alb_mito_9_RIGHT	Reverse	TCACTTGAATAAAAGGTCTTAAACAGCA	30
	Alb_mito_11_LEFT	Forward	AGGATTAGGATGGGAATAATTATTCA	29
	Alb_mito_11_RIGHT	Reverse	TCATCACAAATAATGTCATAACAGCT	28
	Primer pool 2			
	Alb_mito_2_LEFT	Forward	CCCCTTAATACTAGGAGCCCT	22
	Alb_mito_2_RIGHT	Reverse	TCCCTGGCAGAATTAAAATATAACTCTGG	30
	Alb_mito_4_LEFT	Forward	CCCTGCACTTTATGATCTTGTAGAT	26
	Alb_mito_4_RIGHT	Reverse	GGTATGTTCTCAGGAGGTAAGT	24
	Alb_mito_6_LEFT	Forward	TCTAGGACTTCAAAAATAGTACTCTCT	28
	Alb_mito_6_RIGHT	Reverse	CGTCGGGAGTAGCATCAATT	22
	Alb_mito_8_LEFT	Forward	ACTGAAAGCAAGTAATGAACTCTTAATTCA	30
	Alb_mito_8_RIGHT	Reverse	TCCATTATGTCATTGGCCCT	22
	Alb_mito_10_LEFT	Forward	ACCGGGCTTATACAACTCTTAT	24
	Alb_mito_10_RIGHT	Reverse	AATCCCAATAGGAGGTCAAAATTCTCT	28
	Alb_mito_12_LEFT	Forward	AAAGTAATCATCTCAAACTACTCAAGGA	29
	Alb_mito_12_RIGHT	Reverse	TCAAAGGGGAAAGATTTCCTGA	24
Universal adaptors	Universal_upper_tag1	NA	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGCATGACT <sup>A</sup>	40
	Universal_upper_tag2	NA	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGTCAGT <sup>A</sup>	40
	Universal_upper_tag3	NA	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGACGT <sup>A</sup>	40
	Universal_upper_tag4	NA	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGTGT <sup>A</sup>	40
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	Universal_upper_tag7	NA	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGTCAGT <sup>A</sup>	40
	Universal_upper_tag8	NA	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTATAAGAGACAGGATCAG <sup>A</sup>	40
	Universal_lower_tag1	NA	GTCATGCTCTTATACACATCTCGAGCCCACGAGAC	40
	Universal_lower_tag2	NA	ACTGCACTGCTCTTATACACATCTCGAGGCCACGAGAC	40
	Universal_lower_tag3	NA	TGACGTCTGCTCTTATACACATCTCGAGCCCACGAGAC	40
	Universal_lower_tag4	NA	CACTACCTGCTCTTATACACATCTCGAGCCCACGAGAC	40
	Universal_lower_tag5	NA	GACTAGCTGCTCTTATACACATCTCGAGCCCACGAGAC	40
	Universal_lower_tag6	NA	TCAGCTCTGCTCTTATACACATCTCGAGCCCACGAGAC	40
	Universal_lower_tag7	NA	AGTCGACTGCTCTTATACACATCTCGAGCCCACGAGAC	40
	Universal_lower_tag8	NA	CTGATCCTGCTCTTATACACATCTCGAGCCCACGAGAC	40

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552 **Supplementary table 2: List of nonsynonymous mutations revealed by pool DNA**  
553 **amplicon sequencing in *Ae. albopictus* on 4 exons (exon19-like, exon20-like, exon27-like**  
554 **and exon28-like) from the vssc gene.** Mean sequencing quality (QUAL), sequencing depth  
555 (DP) and allele frequencies (AF) across samples are indicated for each mutation, with their  
556 nucleotide position on our reference and codon position as referred to *Musca domestica*  
557 reference genome.

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559 **Supplementary table 3: List of nonsynonymous mutations confirmed by single mosquito**  
560 **DNA amplicon sequencing on 4 exons from the vssc gene.** Sequencing quality (QUAL),  
561 sequencing depth (DP) allele frequencies/genotypes (AF, homozygous or heterozygous), and  
562 geographic coordinates are represented for each sample with their nucleotide position on our  
563 reference and codon position as referred to *Musca domestica* reference genome.

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565 **Supplementary file 1: Interactive map of V1016G/I mutations detected by pool DNA**  
566 **amplicon sequencing.** The map was created with the R leaflet package.

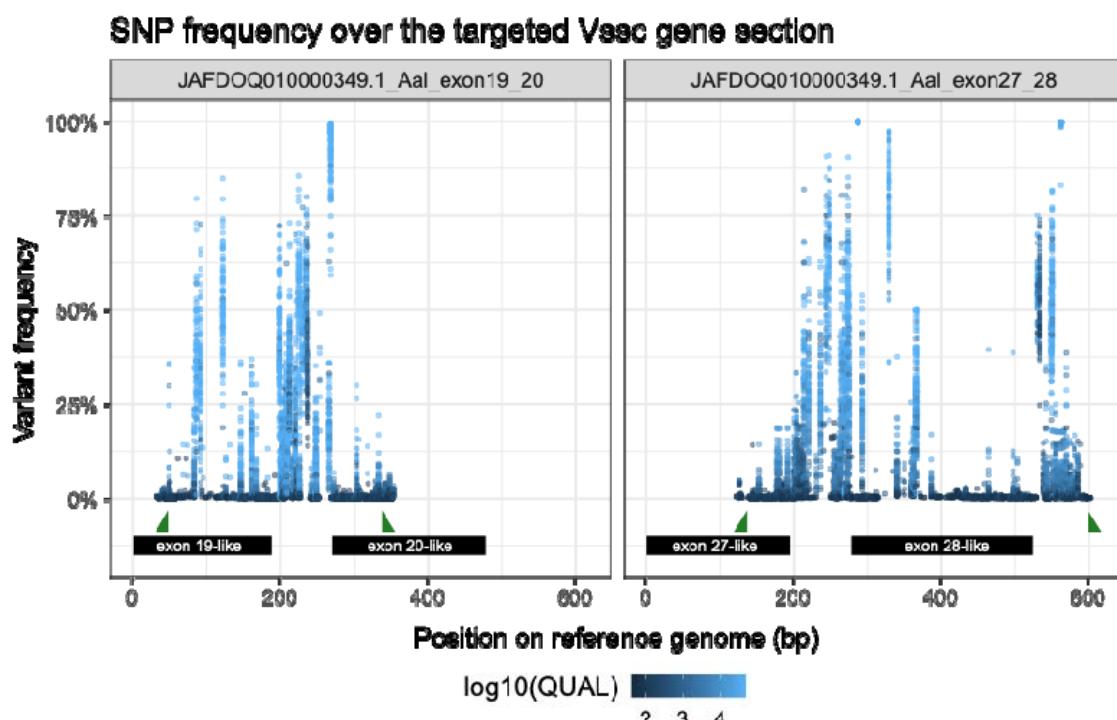
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568 **Supplementary file 2: Bioinformatic pipeline used in data processing and variant calling.**

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570 **Supplementary file 3: R pipeline used in data visualization.**

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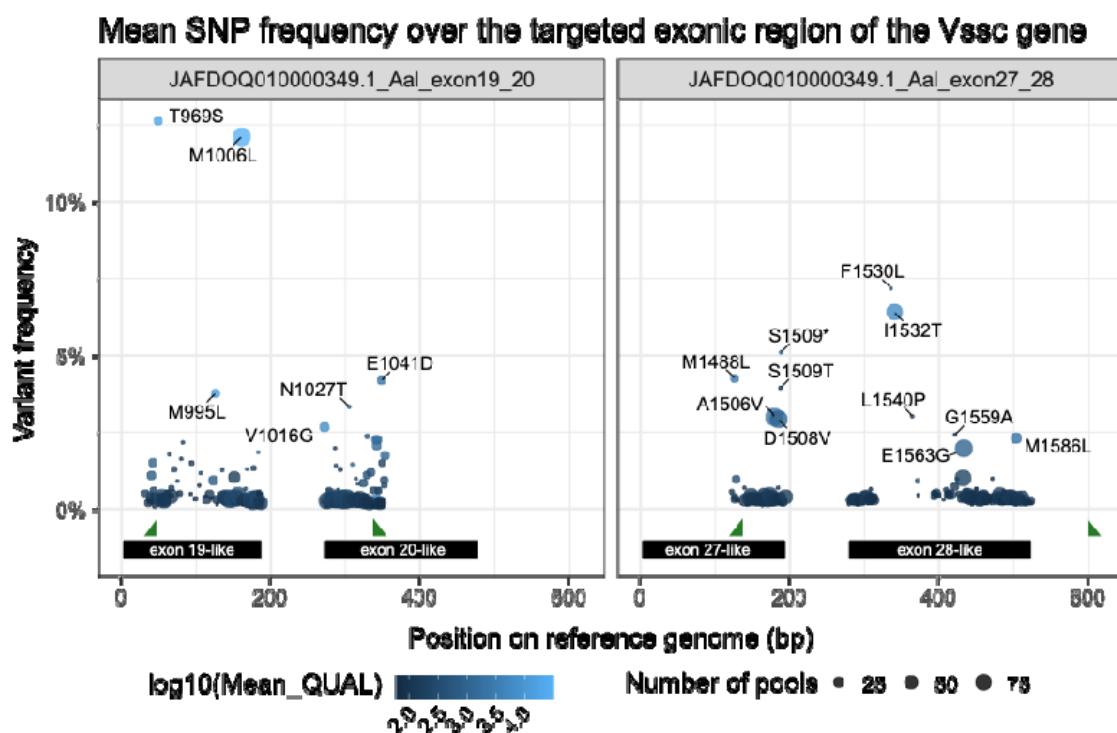


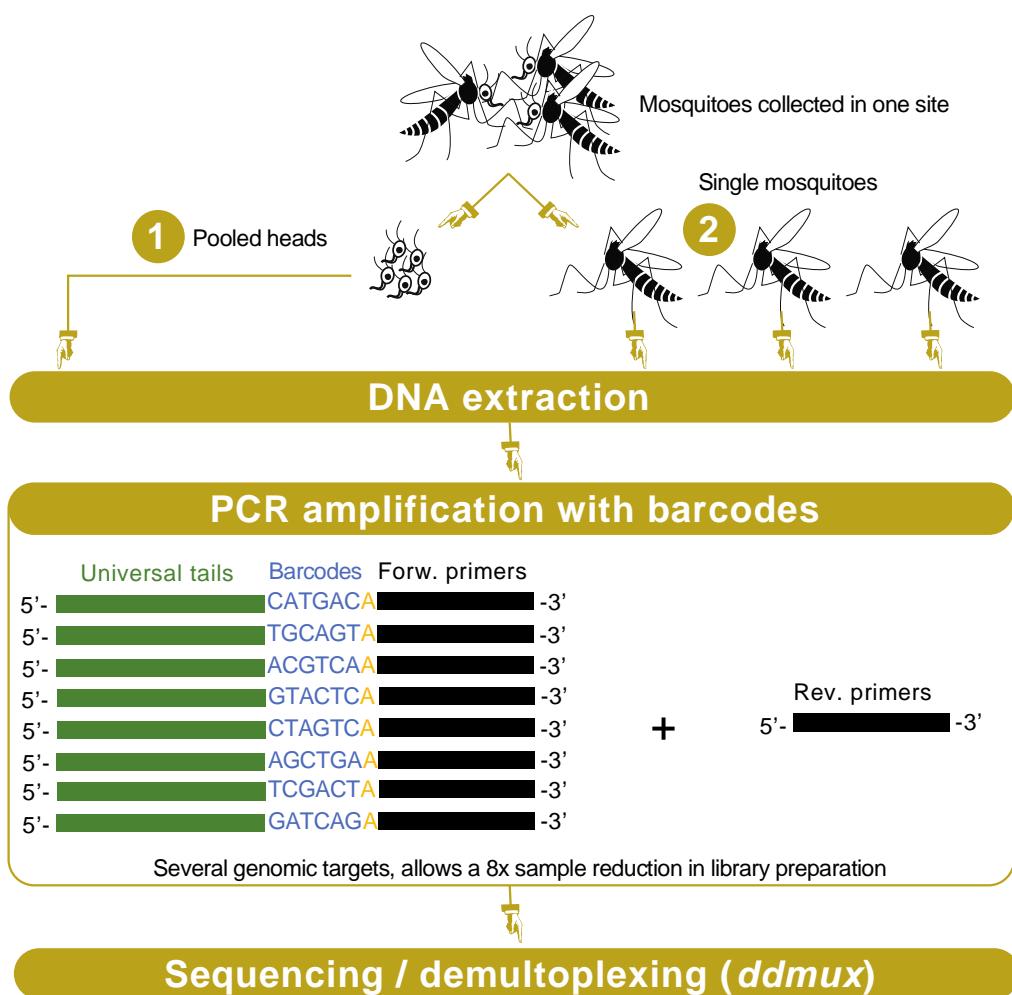
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573 **Supplementary figure 1: Genetic variant frequencies on two amplified sections of the**  
574 **Vssc gene.** Genetic variants are represented with a point colored based on the sequencing  
575 quality on a log 10 scale. Exons and primers are represented with black rectangles and green  
576 triangles, respectively.

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589 **Supplementary figure 3: Schematic representation of the multiplexed amplicon-based**  
590 **design.** The design allows 8-x sample reduction with 96 samples from one plate being  
591 grouped into 12 different tubes, or one plate row, based on eight 6 bp tags integrated in the 5'  
592 end of each amplicon.

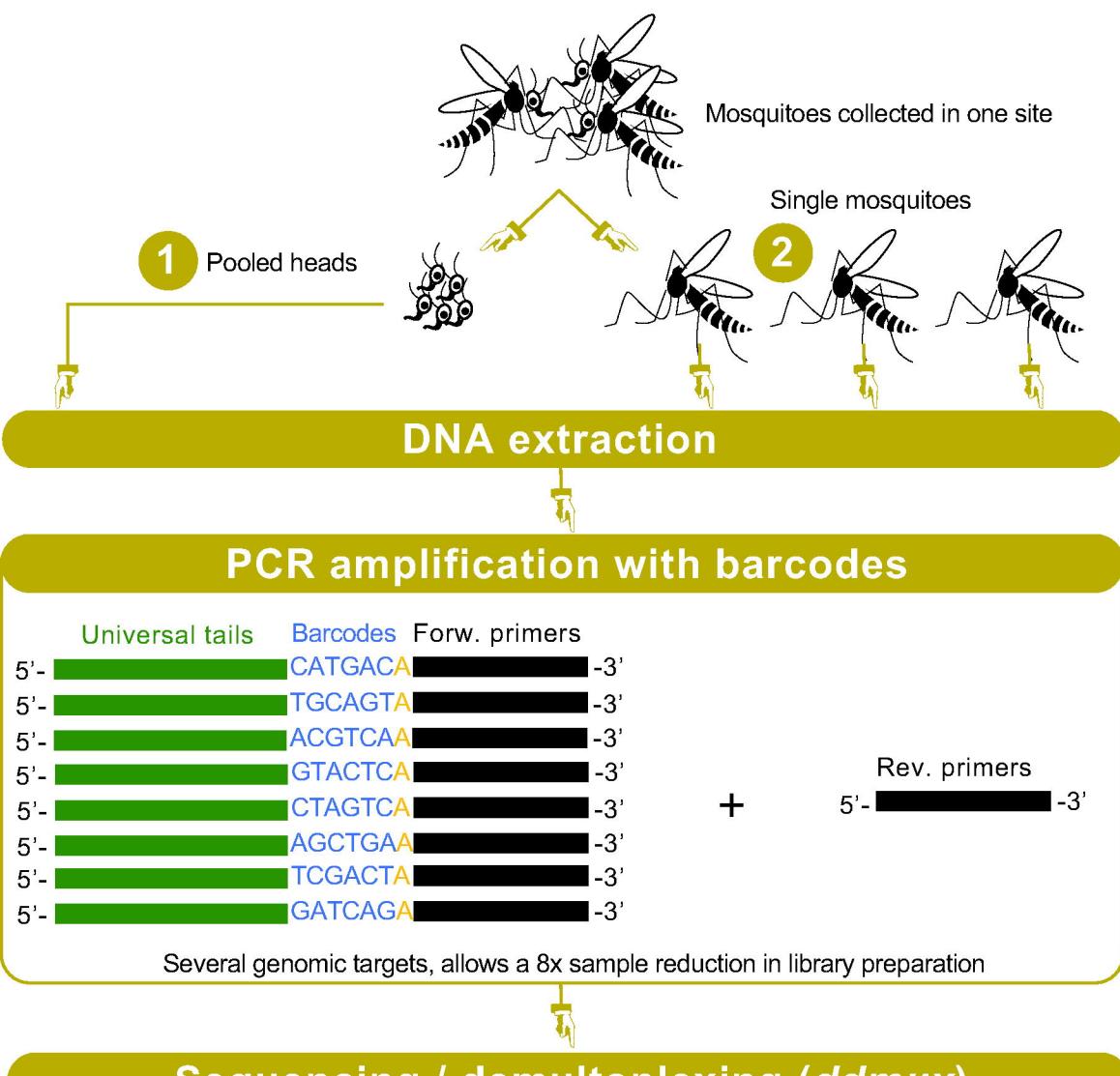
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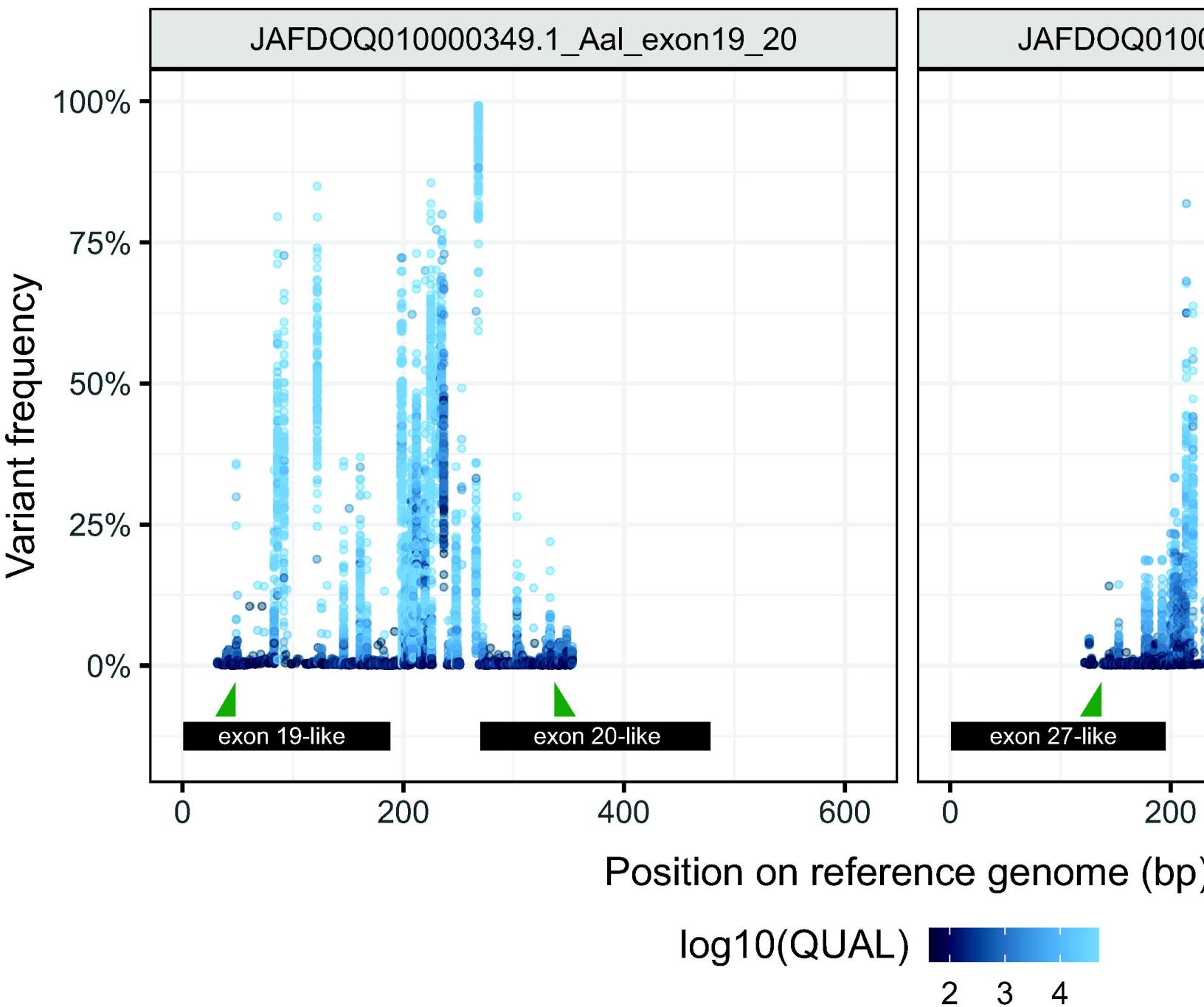
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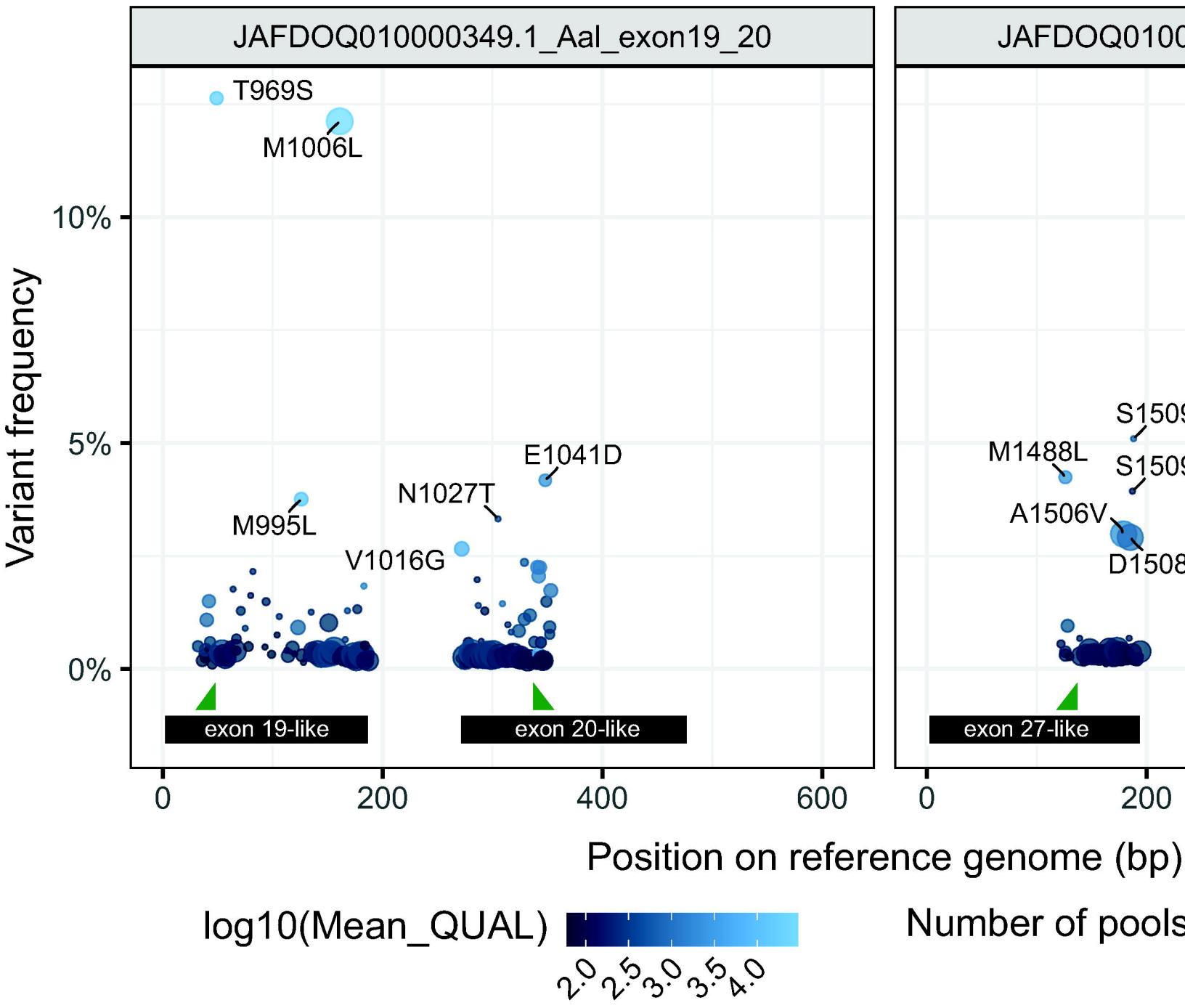
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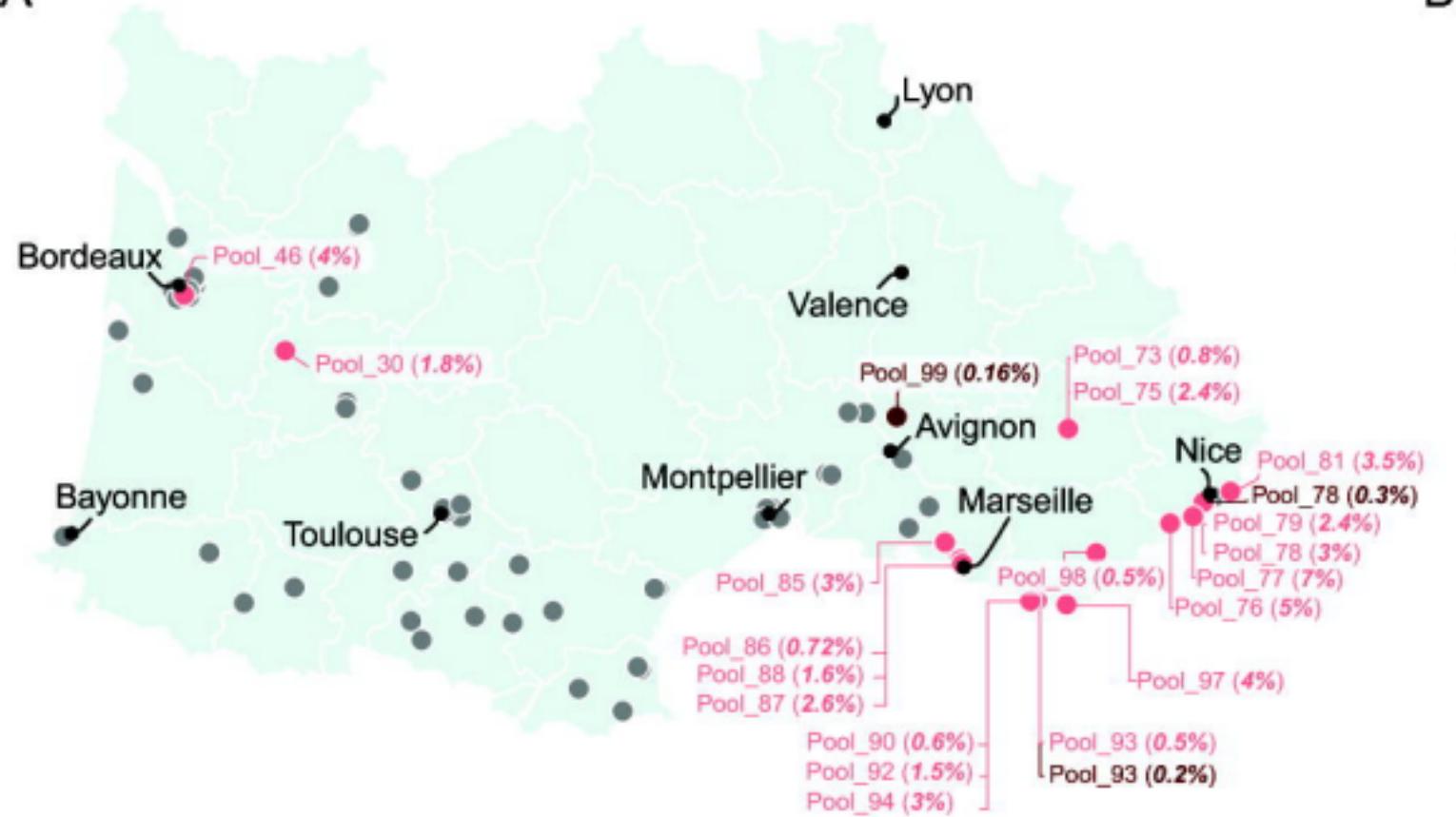
## SNP frequency over the targeted Vssc gene section



## Mean SNP frequency over the targeted exonic region



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