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1 **Bicolor angelfish (*Centropyge bicolor*) provides the first**  
2 **chromosome-level genome of the Pomacanthidae family**

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22 **Abstract**

23 The Bicolor Angelfish, *Centropyge bicolor*, is a tropical coral reef fish. It is named for  
24 its striking two-color body. However, a lack of high-quality genomic data means little is  
25 known about the genome of this species. Here, we present a chromosome-level *C.*  
26 *bicolor* genome constructed using Hi-C data. The assembled genome is 650 Mbp in  
27 size, with a scaffold N50 value of 4.4 Mbp, and a contig N50 value of 114 Kbp.  
28 Protein-coding genes numbering 21,774 were annotated. Our analysis will help others  
29 to choose the most appropriate *de novo* genome sequencing strategy based on resources  
30 and target applications. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first chromosome-level  
31 genome for the Pomacanthidae family, which might contribute to further studies  
32 exploring coral reef fish evolution, diversity and conservation.

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34 **Data Description**

35 **Background**

36 *Centropyge bicolor* (NCBI:txid109723; FishbaseID: 5454;  
37 urn:lsid:marinespecies.org:taxname:211780) (Figure 1), also known as the Bicolor,  
38 Two-Colored, or Pacific Rock Beauty Angelfish, is a showy coral reef fish commonly

39 distributed in the Indo-Pacific ocean (from East Africa to the Samoan and Phoenix  
40 Islands, north to southern Japan, south to New Caledonia; throughout Micronesia). As  
41 a member of the Pomacanthidae family, it is similar to those of the Chaetodontidae  
42 (Butterflyfishes) but is distinguished by the presence of strong preopercle spines. *C.*  
43 *bicolor* has clear boundaries between its body colors, so might be a good model in  
44 which to study body color development in coral fish<sup>[1]</sup>.

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#### 46 **Context**

47 Although the availability of genetic, and especially genomic resources, remains limited  
48 for the Pomacanthidae family, we assembled the first *C. bicolor* reference genome. This  
49 will provide valuable information for genetic studies of this coral reef fish, and will  
50 contribute to studies in body color diversity. With the whole genome sequence of *C.*  
51 *bicolor*, it might be possible to explore the genetic mechanisms of body color  
52 development in coral reef fish by comparative genomic methods.

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#### 54 **Methods and Results**

55 A protocols collection for BGISEQ-500, stLFR and Hi-C library construction is  
56 available in protocols.io (Figure 2) <sup>[2]</sup>.



## Protocols for "Bicolor Angelfish (*Centropyge bicolor*) genome provided first chromosome-level reference of Pomacanthidae family and clues for bi-color body formation" ▾

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58 **Figure 2.** Protocols for BGISEQ-500, stLRF and Hi-C library preparation and  
59 construction, and genome assembly, for the Bicolor Angelfish, *Centropyge bicolor*<sup>[2]</sup>.

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### 61 Sample collection and genome sequencing

62 A *C. bicolor* individual was collected from the market in Xiamen, Fujian Province,

63 China. DNA was extracted from fresh muscle tissue according to a standard protocol.

64 Single-tube long fragment read (stLFR)<sup>[2]</sup> and Hi-C libraries were constructed  
65 following the manufacturers' instructions<sup>[2,3]</sup> to sequence and assemble the genome.

66 We obtained 130.47 Gbp (gigabase pairs; ~197×) raw stLFR data and 134.57 Gbp

67 (~203.20×) raw Hi-C data (Table 1) using the BGISEQ-500 platform in 100-bp

68 (basepair) paired-end mode.

69 Low-quality reads (sequences with more than 40% of bases with a quality score

70 lower than 8), polymerase chain reaction (PCR) duplications, adaptor sequences and

71 reads with a high (greater than 10%) proportion of ambiguous bases (Ns) occurring in

72 stLFR data were filtered using SOAPnuke (v1.6.5; RRID:SCR\_015025)<sup>[4]</sup>. We obtained

73 62.6 Gbp (~91.67 $\times$ ) clean data (Table 1) to assemble the draft genome. Meanwhile,  
74 HiC-Pro (v. 2.8.0)<sup>[5]</sup> was used for the quality control of raw Hi-C data, and 42.51 Gbp  
75 (~ 64.19 $\times$ ) valid data were used to assemble the genome to the chromosome-level  
76 (Table 1).

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78 **Table 1.** Statistics of DNA sequencing data.

Libraries	Read length	Raw data		Valid data	
		Total (Gbp)	bases depth ( $\times$ )	Total (Gbp)	bases depth ( $\times$ )
stLFR	100:100	130.47	197.00	60.71	91.67
Hi-C	100:100	134.57	203.20	42.51	64.19

79 Sequencing depth = Total bases / Genome size, where the genome size is the result of  $k$ -mer estimation, as shown  
80 in Table 2.

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## 82 **Genome assembly**

83 Using GenomeScope software with stLFR clean data,  $k$ -mer distribution was used to  
84 understand the genome complexity before genome assembly<sup>[6]</sup>. The genome size of *C.*  
85 *bicolor* was estimated as 662.27 Mbp (megabase pairs), with 37.6% repeat sequences

86 and 1.16% heterozygous sites (Table 2, Figure 3).

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88 **Table 2.** Statistical information of 17-mer analysis.

<i>k</i> -mer	<i>k</i> -mer number	<i>k</i> -mer Depth	Heterozygosity	
			(%)	Genome size (Mbp)
17	50,994,645,240	77	1.16	662.27

89 The genome size, G, was defined as  $G = K_{\text{num}}/K_{\text{depth}}$ , where  $K_{\text{num}}$  is the total number of *k*-mers, and  
90  $K_{\text{depth}}$  is the most frequently occurring *k*-mer.

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92 We reformatted the clean stLFR data into 10× Genomics format using an in-house  
93 script([https://github.com/BGI-Qingdao/stlfr2supernova\\_pipeline](https://github.com/BGI-Qingdao/stlfr2supernova_pipeline)) and assembled the  
94 draft genome using Supernova (v.2.0.1, RRID:SCR\_016756)<sup>[7]</sup> with default  
95 parameters. The draft genome was 681 Mbp, with a contig N50 of 115.5 Kbp (kilobase  
96 pairs) and scaffold N50 of 4.4 Mbp (Table 3), which is similar to the estimated genome  
97 size.

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99 **Table 3.** Statistics of the draft assembly with stLFR data.

Statistics	Contig	Scaffold
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Total number (#)	40,442	29,065
Total length (bp)	655,705,062	681,285,455
Gap (N) (bp)	0	25,580,393
Average length (bp)	16,213.47	23,440.06
N50 length (bp)	115,524	4,424,004
N90 length (bp)	6,029	7,618
Maximum length (bp)	1,148,507	21,943,074
Minimum length (bp)	48	940
GC content (%)	41.74	41.74

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101 To obtain the chromosome-level genome, we used Juicer (v3, RRID:SCR\_017226)<sup>[8]</sup>  
102 to build a contact matrix and 3dDNA(v. 170123)<sup>[9]</sup>to sort and anchor scaffolds with  
103 the parameters: “–m haploid –s 4 –c 24”. There are 24 distinct contact blocks, which  
104 correspond to 24 chromosomes, representing 96% of the whole genome (Figure 4A,  
105 Figure 5, Table 4). On evaluating the completeness of the genome and gene set using  
106 Benchmarking Universal Single-Copy Orthologs (BUSCO,(v.3.0.2 ,  
107 RRID:SCR\_015008))<sup>[10]</sup>and a vertebrata database, our assembly maintained a score  
108 of 96.2% (Table 5). We also identified putative homologous chromosomal regions

109 between *C. bicolor* and *Oryzias latipes* by MCscans<sup>[11]</sup>(Figure 6).

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111 **Table 4.** Statistics of the chromosome-level genome.

Statistics	Contig	Scaffold
Total number (#)	40,778	28,555
Total length (bp)	655,705,062	680,873,932
Gap (N) (bp)	0	25,168,870
Average length (bp)	16,079.87	23,844.30
N50 length (bp)	113,563	21,943,074
N90 length (bp)	5,988	7,542
Maximum length (bp)	1,148,507	28,105,280
Minimum length (bp)	43	43
GC content (%)	41.74	41.74

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113 **Table 5.** Statistics of the BUSCO assessment.

Types of BUSCOs	Gene set	Assembly
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	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
		(%)		(%)
Complete BUSCOs	2,408	93.1	2,486	96.2
Complete single-copy BUSCOs	2,348	90.8	2,438	94.3
Fragmented BUSCOs	81	3.1	64	2.5
Missing BUSCOs	97	3.8	36	1.3
Total BUSCO groups searched	2,586	100	2,586	100

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115 In addition, we cut off partial stLFR reads (25 M) for assembly by MitoZ with  
116 default parameters<sup>[12]</sup>, and obtained a 16,961-bp circular mitochondrial genome of *C.*  
117 *bicolor*. Thirteen protein-coding genes, 24 tRNA genes and three rRNA genes were  
118 annotated by GeSeq<sup>[13]</sup> (Figure 4B).

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## 120 Genomic annotation

121 For the annotation of repeats, we carried out homolog annotation and *ab initio*  
122 prediction independently. RepeatMasker (v.4.0.6, RRID:SCR\_012954)<sup>[14]</sup>,  
123 RepeatProteinMask (a module from RepeatMasker) and trf (Tandem Repeats Finder,

124 v.4.07b)<sup>[15]</sup> were used to identify known repetitive sequences by comparing the whole  
125 genome with RepBase<sup>[16]</sup>. LTR\_FINDER (v.1.06, RRID:SCR\_015247) <sup>[17]</sup>[15] and  
126 RepeatModeler (v.1.0.8, RRID:SCR\_015027) <sup>[18]</sup> were used in *de novo* prediction. We  
127 also classified transposable elements (TEs) from the integration of all repeats. In total,  
128 we identified 124 Mbp (18.32% of the entire genome) of repetitive sequences (Figure  
129 4A, Table 6), including 110 Mbp of TEs (Figure 4A, Table 7).

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131 **Table 6.** Statistics of repetitive sequences.

Type	Repeat size (bp)	Percentage of genome (%)
TRF	14,165,095	2.08
RepeatMasker	43,423,877	6.38
RepeatProteinMask	12,503,750	1.84
<i>De novo</i>	110,871,693	16.28
Total	124,708,977	18.32

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133 **Table 7.** Statistics of transposable elements.

Repbase TEs, n   Protein TEs, n   *De novo* TEs, n   Combined TEs, n

	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
<b>DNA</b>	27,163,851 (3.990)	1,068,990 (0.157)	61,731,447 (9.067)	70,925,963 (10.417)
<b>LINE</b>	10,228,332 (1.502)	6,956,340 (1.022)	20,006,579 (2.938)	26,714,285 (3.924)
<b>SINE</b>	856,125 (0.126)	0 (0.000)	497,024 (0.073)	1,187,676 (0.174)
<b>LTR</b>	10,971,817 (1.611)	4,485,808 (0.659)	16,270,071 (2.390)	23,101,529 (3.393)
<b>Other</b>	10,041 (0.001)	0	0	10,041 (0.001)
<b>Unknown</b>	0	0	14,054,230 (2.064)	14,054,230 (2.064)
<b>Total</b>	43,423,877 (6.378)	12,503,750 (1.836)	99,265,690 (14.579)	109,868,166 (16.136)

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135 Homolog-based and *ab initio* prediction were used to identify the protein-coding  
136 genes. Augustus (v.3.3, RRID:SCR\_008417)<sup>[19]</sup> was used in *ab initio* prediction basing  
137 on a repeat-masked genome<sup>[20]</sup>. Protein sequences of *Astatotilapia calliptera*, *Danio*  
138 *rerio*, *Larimichthys crocea*, and *Oreochromis niloticus* were downloaded from the  
139 National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) GenBank database and aligned

140 to the *C. bicolor* genome for homolog gene annotation with Genewise (v2.4.1,  
141 RRID:SCR\_015054)<sup>[21]</sup>. Finally, we used GLEAN<sup>[22]</sup> to integrate all the above  
142 evidence and obtained a total of 21,774 genes, which contained 11 exons on average  
143 and had an average coding sequence (CDS) length of 1,575 bp (Table 8).

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145 **Table 8.** Statistics of the predicted genes in the bicolor angelfish genome.

Gene set	Gene number	Average transcript length (bp)	Average CDS length (bp)	Average intron length (bp)	Average exon length (bp)	Average exons per gene
		Gene	transcript	CDS	intron	
		number	length	length	length	
<i>Astatotilapia calliptera</i>						
	51,174	21,762.29	2,259.23	1,691.33	180.29	12.53
<i>Danio rerio</i>						
	22,005	27,982.75	1,570.36	3,438.82	180.90	8.68
<b>Homolog</b>	<i>Larimichthys crocea</i>					
		47,419	19,884.78	2,139.39	1,575.94	174.50
<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>						
	47,067	17,771.04	1,906.97	1,608.29	175.53	10.86
<i>De novo</i>	Augustus	34,470	9,675.42	1,335.20	1,344.81	185.40
						7.20

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GLEAN	21,774	14,024.40	1,906.28	1,206.07	172.55	11.05
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146 The GLEAN gene set is the integrated result of *de novo* gene predictions and homolog gene predictions.

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148 To predict gene functions, 21,774 genes were aligned against several public

149 databases, including TrEMBL<sup>[23]</sup>, SwissProt<sup>[23]</sup>, KEGGViewer<sup>[24]</sup> and InterProScan<sup>[25]</sup>.

150 As a result, 99.67% of all genes were predicted functionally (Table 9, Figure 7).

151 **Table 9.** Statistics of the functional annotation.

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Database	Number	Percentage (%)
Total	21,774	100.00
SwissProt	20,784	95.45
KEGG	19,168	88.03
TrEMBL	21,688	99.61
Interpro	20,153	92.56
Overall	21,702	99.67

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153 **Phylogenetic analysis**

154 We downloaded the gene data of seven representative teleost fishes from NCBI to

155 study the phylogenetic relationships between *C. bicolor*. These seven fishes were:  
156 *Danio rerio*, *Gasterosteus aculeatus*, *Gadus morhua*, *Larimichthys crocea*, *Oryzias*  
157 *latipes*, *Oreochromis niloticus* and *Tetraodon nigroviridis*. For each dataset, the  
158 longest transcripts were selected and aligned to each other by BLASTP (v2.9.0,  
159 RRID:SCR\_001010)<sup>[26]</sup> (E-value  $\leq 1e-5$ ). TreeFam (v.2.0.9, RRID:SCR \_013401)<sup>[27]</sup>  
160 was used to cluster gene families, with default parameters. Among all 20,706 clustered  
161 gene families, there were 4,450 common single-copy families and 57 families specific  
162 to *C. bicolor* (Table 10). With single-copy sequences, we used PhyML  
163 (v.3.3,RRID:SCR\_014629)<sup>[28]</sup> to construct the phylogenetic tree of *C. bicolor* and the  
164 seven other fishes mentioned above, setting *D. rerio* as an outgroup.

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166 **Table 10. Statistics of gene family clustering.**

Species	Total	Unclustered	Families	Unique	Average number of
	genes	genes			genes per family
<i>Centropyge</i>	21,774	694	16,219	57	1.3
<i>bicolor</i>					
<i>Danio rerio</i>	30,067	2,188	18,575	726	1.5
<i>Gasterosteus</i>	20,756	784	15,921	16	1.25
<i>aculeatus</i>					
<i>Gadus morhua</i>	19,987	535	15,630	9	1.24
<i>Larimichthys</i>	24,403	610	17,273	55	1.38
<i>crocea</i>					

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<i>Oryzias latipes</i>	19,535	1,048	14,805	87	1.25
<i>Oreochromis</i>	21,431	180	15,780	14	1.35
<i>niloticus</i>					
<i>Tetraodon</i>	19,544	901	14,803	57	1.26
<i>nigroviridis</i>					

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168       Based on the phylogenetic tree and single-copy sequences, the divergence time  
169      between different species was estimated by MCMCTREE with parameters of “--model  
170      0 --rootage 500 -clock 3”. The results showed that *C. bicolor* was formed  
171      ~34.95 million years ago, when differentiated from the common ancestor with *L.crocea*  
172      (Figure 8).

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#### 174      **Analysis of bicolor formation in teleosts**

175      Current studies suggest that different pigment cells produce different pigments. Some  
176      types of pigment cells already have been identified in teleost<sup>[29]</sup>. *C. bicolor* has an  
177      attractive body color with clear color boundaries, but the molecular mechanism  
178      underlying this remains unknown. Compared with other teleost, there are 1,081  
179      expanded gene families and 57 specific gene families in *C. bicolor* (Figure 9).  
180      Functional enrichment analysis showed that notable expansion occurred in those gene  
181      families related to visual development and enzyme metabolism (Figure 9).

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183 **Re-use Potential**

184 Coral reef fishes, with distinctive color patterns and color morphs, are important for  
185 understanding the adaptive evolution of fishes. In this study, we firstly assembled a  
186 high-quality, chromosome-level genome of *C. bicolor*, with a length of 681 Mbp, and  
187 annotated 21,774 genes. This is the first genome of a fish from the Pomacanthidae  
188 family. These genomic data will be useful for genome-scale comparisons and further  
189 studies on the mechanisms underlying colorful body development and adaptation.

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191 **Data Availability**

192 The data sets supporting the results of this article are available in the GigaScience  
193 Database, doi: 10.5524/100802. Raw reads from genome sequencing and assembly  
194 are deposited at the China National Gene Bank under reference number CNP0001160,  
195 which contains sample information (CNS0315939), Hi-C raw data (CNX0286336)  
196 and stLFR raw data (CNX0286337). The project also has been deposited at NCBI  
197 under accession ID PRJNA702283.

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199 **Declarations**

200 **List of Abbreviations**

201 bp: base pair; BUSCO: Benchmarking Universal Single-Copy Orthologs; Gbp:

202 gigabase pair; Kbp: kilobase pair; KEGG: Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes;  
203 Mbp: megabase pair; NCBI: National Center for Biotechnology Information; stLFR:  
204 single-tube long fragment reads; TE: transposable element.

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206 **Ethical Approval**

207 All resources used in this study were approved by the Institutional Review Board of  
208 BGI (IRB approval No. FT17007). This experiment has passed the ethics audit of the  
209 Beijing Genomics Institute (BGI) Gene Bioethics and Biosecurity Review Committee.

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319 **Figure Legends**

320 **Figure 1.** Photograph of *Centropyge bicolor*.

321 **Figure 2.** Protocols for BGISEQ-500, stLRF and Hi-C library preparation and  
322 construction, and genome assembly, for the Bicolor Angelfish, *Centropyge bicolor*<sup>[2]</sup>.

323 **Figure 3.** The 17-mer depth distribution of *Centropyge bicolor*.

324 The estimated genome size is 662.27 Mbp and the heterozygosity is 1.16%.

325 **Figure 4.** Annotation of the *Centropyge bicolor* genome. (A) Basic genomic elements  
326 of the *Centropyge bicolor* genome. LTR, long terminal repeat; LINE, long  
327 interspersed nuclear elements; SINE, short interspersed elements. (B) Physical map of  
328 mitochondrial assembly.

329 **Figure 5.** Heat map of interactive intensity between chromosome sequences.

330 **Figure 6.** Homologous chromosomal regions between *Centropyge bicolor* and  
331 *Oryzias latipes*.

332 **Figure 7.** Venn diagram of orthologous gene families.

333 Four teleost species (*Centropyge bicolor*, *Larimichthys crocea*, *Oreochromis niloticus*,  
334 and *Danio rerio*) were used to generate the Venn diagram based on gene family  
335 cluster analysis.

336 **Figure 8.** Comparative analysis of the *Centropyge bicolor* genome.

337 (A) The protein-coding genes of the eight species were clustered into 17,849 gene  
338 families. Among these gene families, 4,450 were single-copy gene families. (B)  
339 Phylogenetic analysis of *Centropyge bicolor* (Cbi.), *Danio rerio* (Dre.), *Gasterosteus*  
340 *aculeatus* (Gac.), *Gadus morhua* (Gmo.), *Larimichthys crocea* (Lcr.), *Oryzias latipes*  
341 (Ola.), *Oreochromis niloticus* (Oni.), and *Tetraodon nigroviridis* (Tni.) using  
342 single-copy gene families. The species differentiation time between *Centropyge*  
343 *bicolor* and *Larimichthys crocea* was ~34.95 million years.

344 **Figure 9.** Statistics of gene function enrichment (Gene Ontology) for expanded genes  
345 of *Centropyge bicolor*.

346 Nodes are colored by *q*-value (adjusted *p*-value). Node size is shown according to its  
347 enriched gene number.



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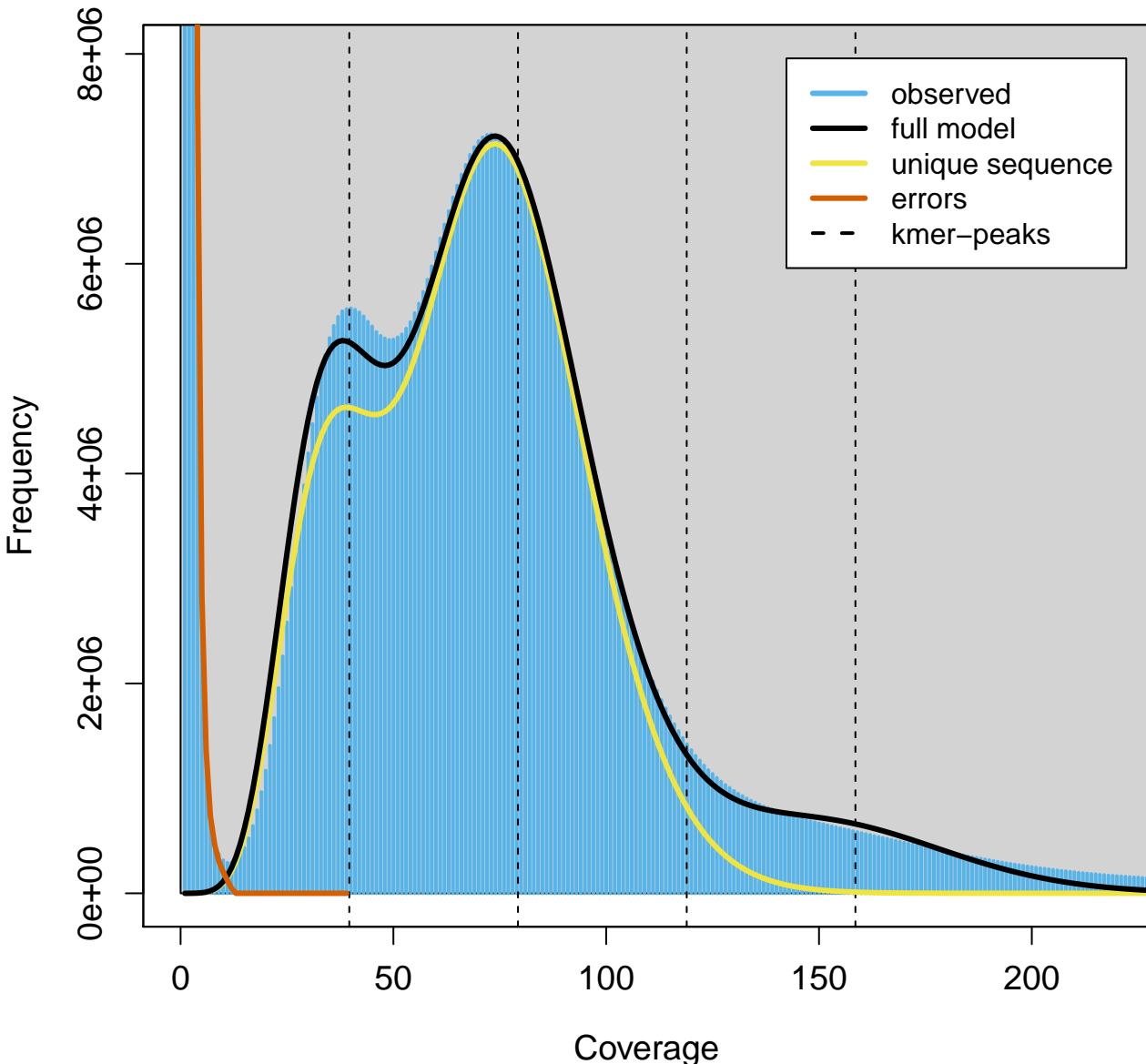
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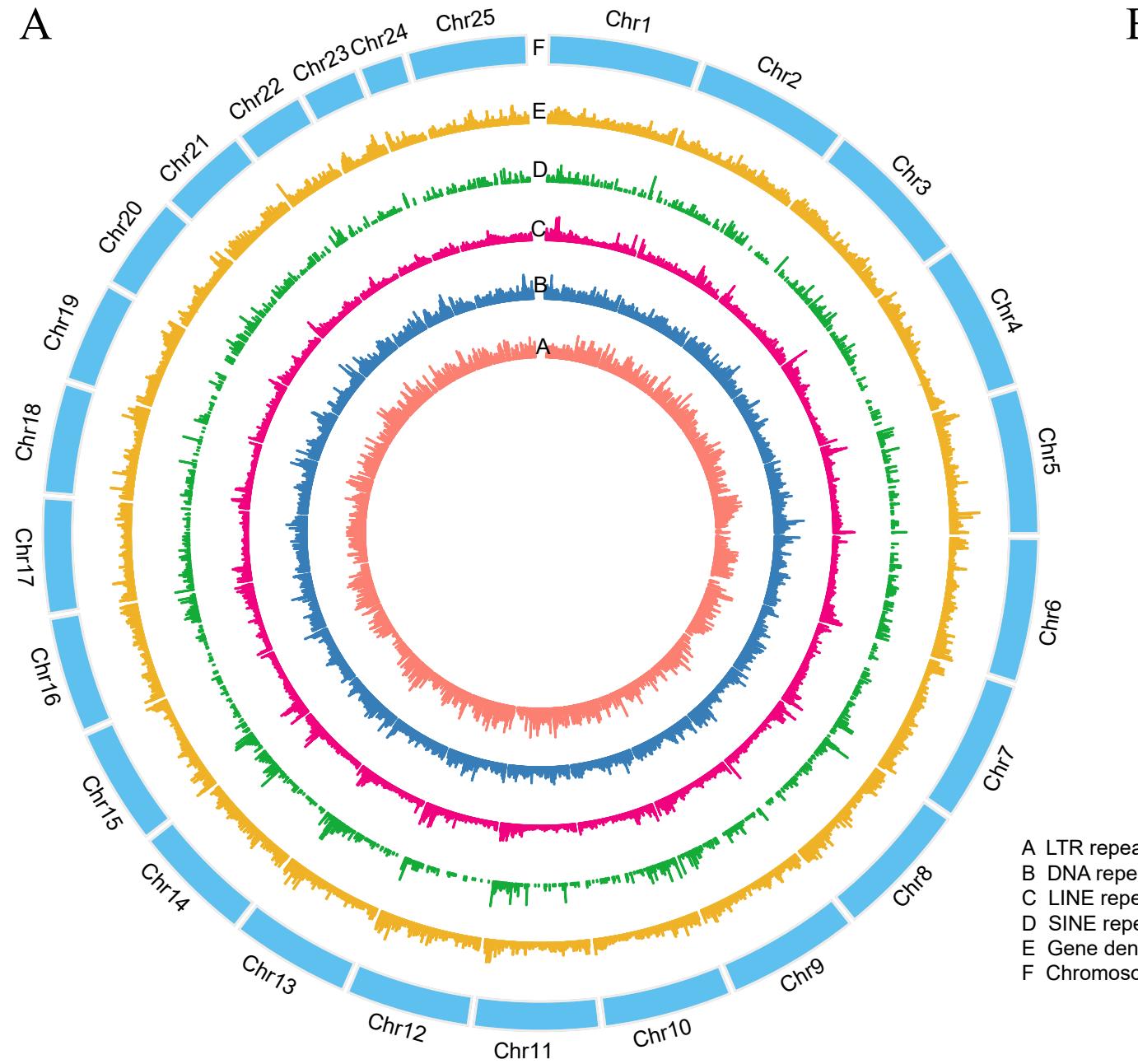
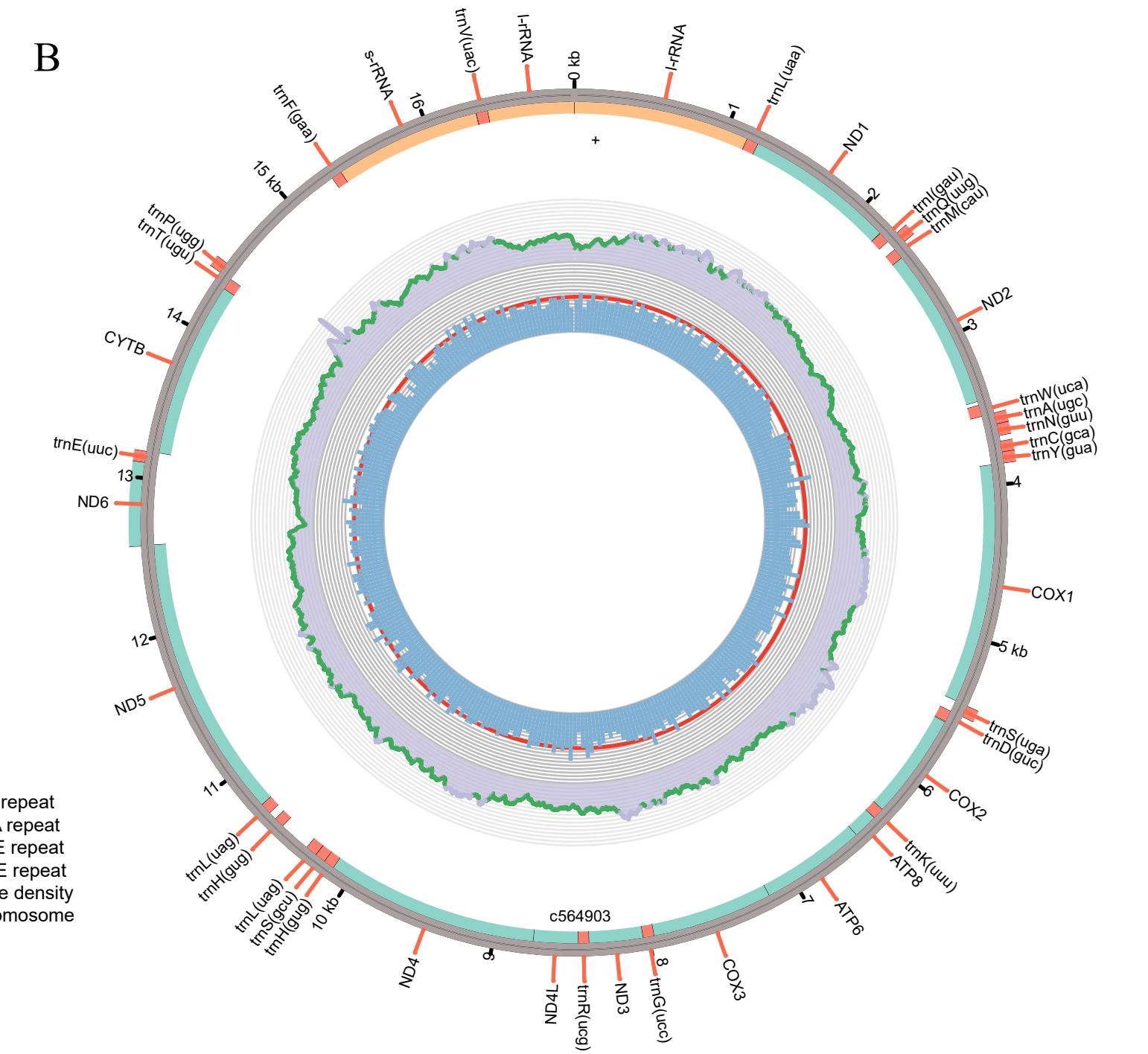
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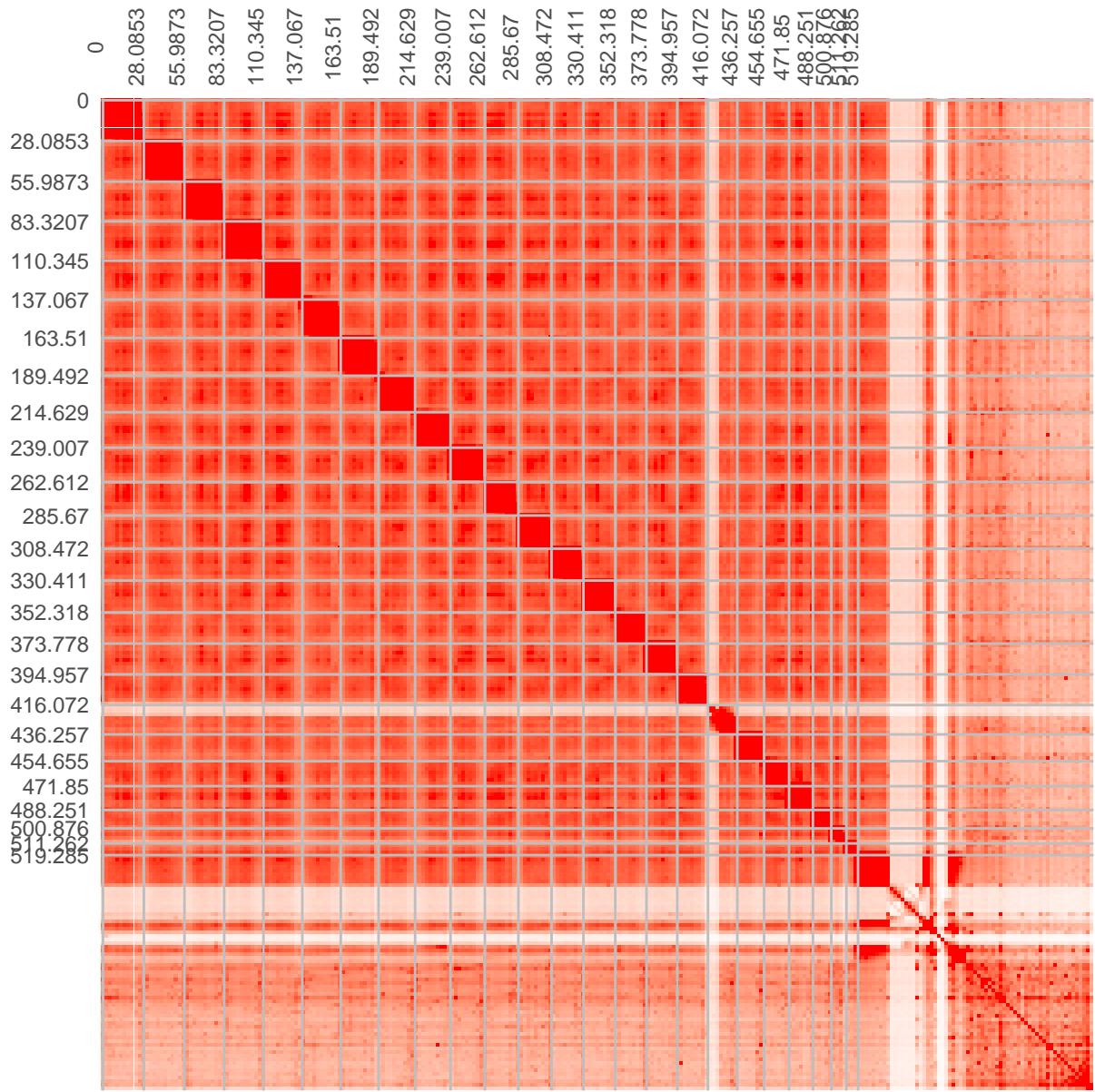
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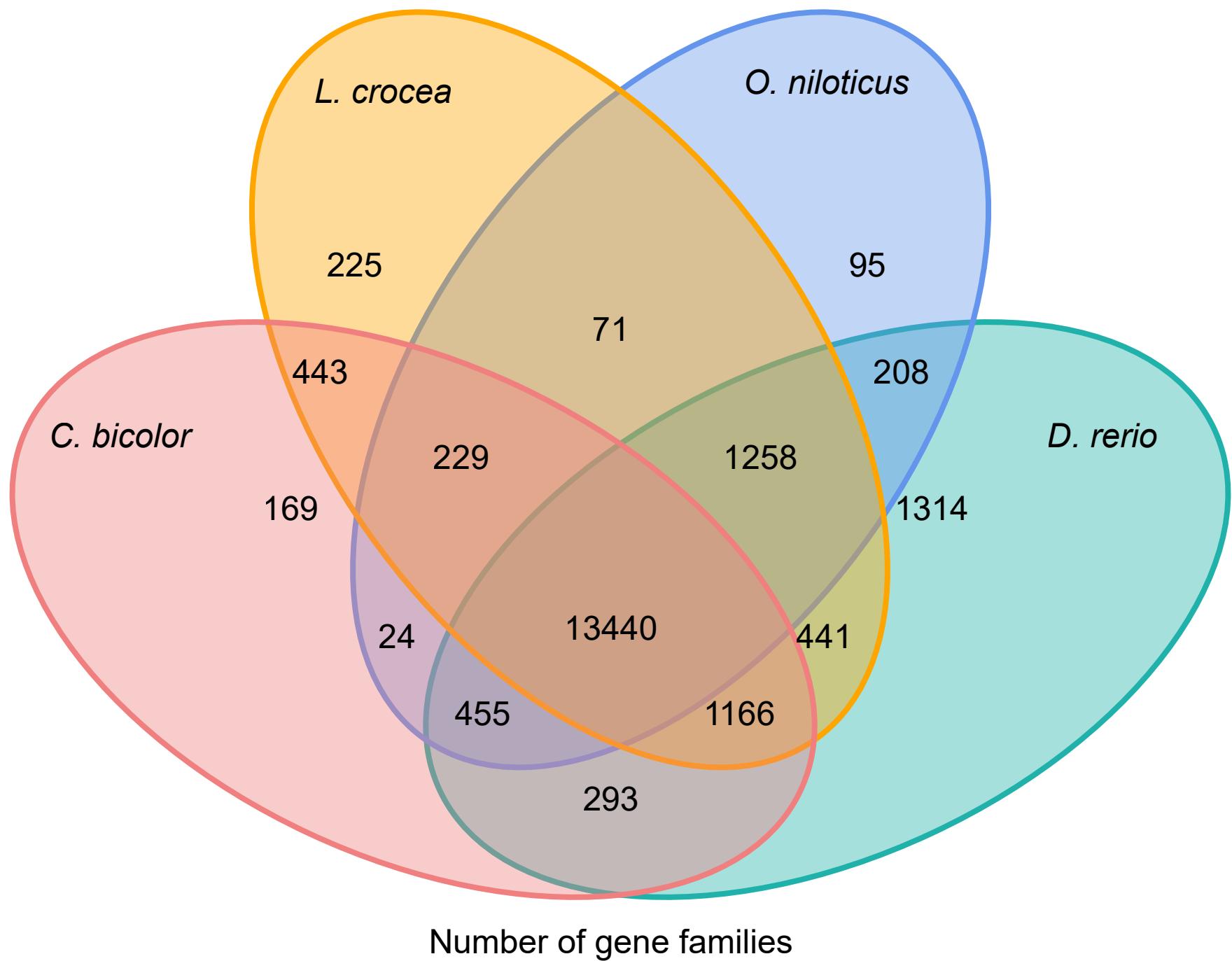
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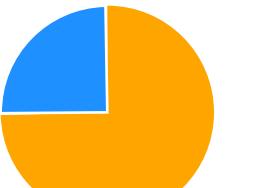
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- B DNA repeat
- C LINE repeat
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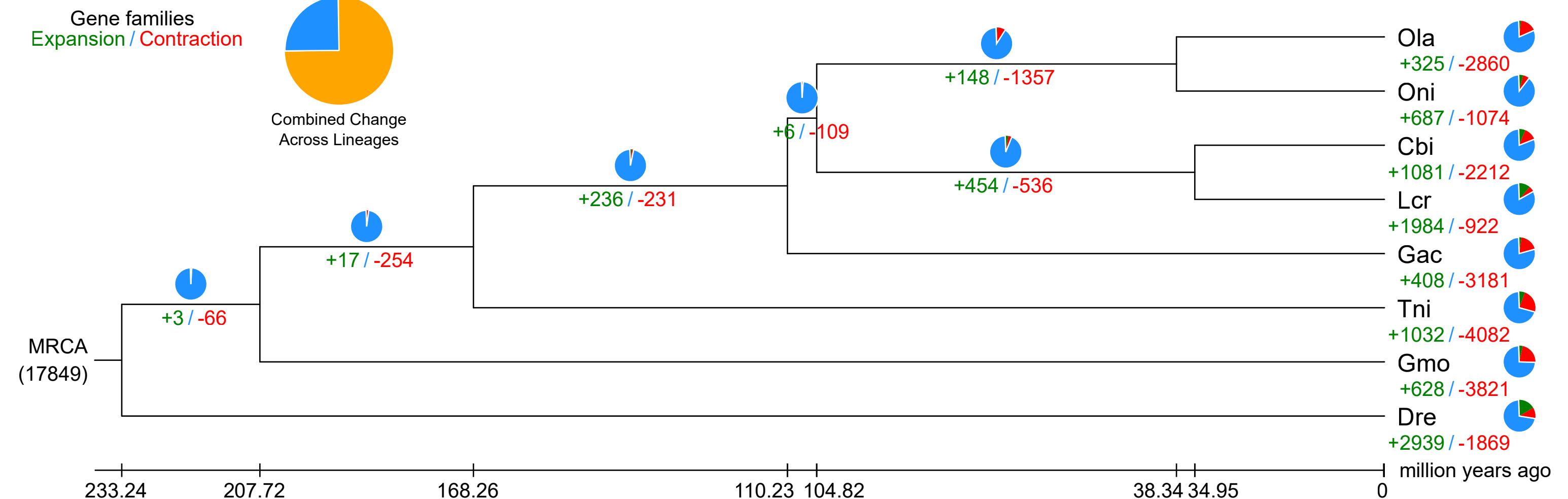




Gene families  
Expansion / Contraction



Combined Change  
Across Lineages



# Statistics of Enrichment

