

Extreme selective sweeps independently targeted the X chromosomes of the great apes

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The unique inheritance pattern of the X chromosome exposes it to natural selection in a way that is different from that of the autosomes, potentially resulting in accelerated evolution. We perform a comparative analysis of X chromosome polymorphism in 10 great ape species, including humans. In most species, we identify striking megabase-wide regions, where nucleotide diversity is less than 20% of the chromosomal average. Such regions are found exclusively on the X chromosome. The regions overlap partially among species, suggesting that the underlying targets are partly shared among species. The regions have higher proportions of singleton SNPs, higher levels of population differentiation, and a higher nonsynonymous-to-synonymous substitution ratio than the rest of the X chromosome. We show that the extent to which diversity is reduced is incompatible with direct selection or the action of background selection and soft selective sweeps alone, and therefore, we suggest that very strong selective sweeps have independently targeted these specific regions in several species. The only genomic feature that we can identify as strongly associated with loss of diversity is the location of testis-expressed ampliconic genes, which also have reduced diversity around them. We hypothesize that these genes may be responsible for selective sweeps in the form of meiotic drive caused by an intragenomic conflict in male meiosis.

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Because beneficial and recessive X-linked mutations are fully exposed to selection in males, the X chromosome may experience increased rates of adaptive evolution (1, 2). For the same reason, a male-beneficial allele may be fixed by selection even when a deleterious effect in females far exceeds the advantageous effect in males (3), making the X chromosome a potential target of sexually antagonistic genes. These unique characteristics as well as the close evolutionary links between the X and Y chromosomes (4, 5) are likely to be responsible for the different gene content of the X chromosome compared with autosomes (6) and the higher nonsynonymous-to-synonymous substitution ratio in X-linked protein coding sequences compared with that of the autosomal ones (7, 8).

Several studies have indicated that the great ape X chromosome experiences more prevalent positive selection and more efficient purifying selection than the autosomes. Using McDonald–Kreitman-type analyses, we have previously reported that, in the Central chimpanzee lineage, 30–40% of amino acid changes on the X chromosomes are estimated to have been fixed by positive selection, whereas the autosomes do not show significant signs of positive selection (9). A similar conclusion was recently reached for the human X chromosome (10). In all great ape species, the X chromosome shows a more prominent decrease in nucleotide diversity around genes than the autosomes (11–14), interpreted as evidence for more efficient selection removing deleterious variants or fixing advantageous variants on the X

chromosomes. Recently, Arbiza et al. (14) showed that 14 human populations have similar relationships between the distance from genes and the diversity, suggesting comparable selective efficiency on the X and autosomes across human populations.

Here, we analyze X-chromosome data from the Great Ape Genome Diversity Project (11). Comparisons of X-chromosomes diversity patterns between the different species allow us to search for general properties of X-chromosome evolution. Surprisingly, we find that the diversity of the X chromosome is strongly reduced in megabase-wide regions in great ape species. We examine various possible explanations for this reduction in diversity and conclude that they are compatible only with recurrent hard selective sweeps affecting overlapping regions. We hypothesize that the targets are multicopy testis-expressed genes, which are overrepresented in the affected regions.

Results

We analyzed the polymorphism and divergence data of wholegenome sequences from 3 to 27 individuals from humans, bonobos, four chimpanzee subspecies, two gorilla species, and two orangutan species (Table S1). Filtering (*Methods*) leaves 1.93 Gb of the autosomes (67.4%) and 105.03 Mb of the X chromosome (67.8%), with 83,232,220 autosomal SNPs and

Significance

The X chromosome has a different inheritance pattern from the autosomes, direct interaction and potential conflict with the Y chromosome, and fewer copies than the autosomes. Natural selection may, therefore, act differently on the X chromosome. We analyze polymorphism patterns in 10 great ape species using 87 high-coverage whole genomes. We find that the X chromosome contains megabase-sized regions that are almost without variation in most species. No such regions are found on the autosomes. We suggest that independent and very strong selective sweeps are the only plausible explanation for these observations, and we hypothesize that the targets of these sweeps are multicopy testis-expressed genes in a genetic conflict with the Y chromosome for transmission to the next generation.

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2,289,265 X-linked SNPs (Table S2). The SNP quality scores on the X chromosomes are comparable with those on the autosomes

To contrast diversity patterns between autosomes and X chromosomes, we divided the dataset into exonic, intronic, and intergenic regions. We then estimated nucleotide diversity, π , for each functional category in each (sub)species (Fig. 1A). For both autosomes and X chromosomes, π is the lowest for exons followed by introns and then, intergenic regions. Contrasting X-chromosome and autosome diversity shows that the reduction on X, relative to that on autosomes, is largest for exons in all species.

We next correlated the intergenic diversity in nonoverlapping bins of 5 kb with physical distance to the nearest gene (Fig. 1B, Top). Similar studies in humans have used genetic mapping distance (11), but because a high-quality recombination map is only available for humans and the autosomes of Western chimpanzees and because recombination rates are known to change rapidly at the fine scale (15), we used physical distance. In all species, π increases with distance from the nearest gene, and this pattern extends farther than 100 kb away from genes in some of the species. The lower diversity around genes is more pronounced for the X chromosomes than the autosomes, which was illustrated by a positive correlation between distance to genes and the ratio of X to autosome diversity (Fig. 1B, Bottom). The latter observation is in line with previous studies reporting a stronger signature of selection on X chromosomes than on autosomes in humans and other great apes (11–14).

For each pair of species, we compared the slope of the diversity with the physical distance to the nearest gene using correlations of the physical distance from genes with the diversity ratio among pairs of species following the approach by Gottipati et al. (13). Demographic differences should not influence the relative slope, but a larger effect of selection on genes will lead to a steeper slope because of hitchhiking and background selection. For the autosomes, gorillas show the steepest relationships followed by orangutans, chimpanzees, bonobos, and humans (Fig. S2). Among the chimpanzees, Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzees have the steepest slopes. For the X chromosomes, the ranking shifts, because humans have a steeper slope than bonobos, and Western chimpanzees now have the steepest slope among the chimpanzees. These results suggest that selection affects autosomes and X chromosomes differently among species. Among human populations, selection has been reported to affect the X and the autosomes in a similar way (14).

Diversity Patterns Along the X Chromosome. We next calculated π along the X chromosomes using nonoverlapping windows of 100 kb in size. The Eastern lowland gorilla shows an almost complete lack of polymorphism, and because only three X chromosomes were sampled, we chose to omit this species from subsequent analyses. Fig. 2 shows that π is highly variable along the X chromosomes in most species in contrast to similar analysis for autosomes (Fig. S3). We define low-diversity 100-kb windows as windows showing less than 20% of the average X-chromosome diversity, which are represented as black bars in Fig. 2 (the full distribution of π is shown in Fig. S4). We often observe several consecutive windows of low diversity (up to 1.8 Mb); such regions are not found on autosomes (Fig. §3). These regions often overlap among species and even genera, but most regions have normal levels of diversity in at least one species. Fig. 2 also shows the proportion of singletons among SNPs in 100-kb windows below the x axis. In many cases, there is a visible increase in the proportion of singletons in regions of low diversity (see Fig. 4).

Along the diagonals in Fig. 3, we show the proportion of lowdiversity windows for autosomes and X chromosomes. The fraction of low-diversity windows is highest in the Bornean orangutan (13.2%) and lowest in the bonobo (0.07%) and the Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee (0.07%). Within the chimpanzees, the Western chimpanzee has the highest faction of lowdiversity windows (4.30%). The low-diversity windows are more abundant on the X chromosomes than on the autosomes by 1.95-

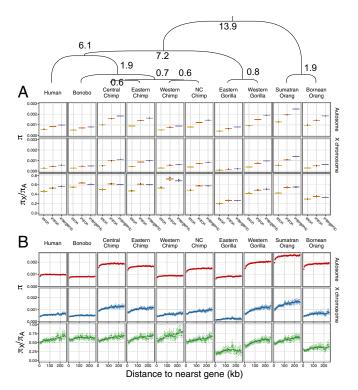


Fig. 1. Diversity levels inside and outside of genes on autosomes and X chromosomes. The phylogenetic relationship among all investigated great apes and the divergence times (in million years ago) are shown along the top. The nucleotide diversity of autosomes and X chromosomes and their ratio in (A) exons, introns, and intergenic regions and (B) 5-kb windows according the distance from the nearest gene (95% confidence intervals from 1,000 bootstrapping iterations) are shown. NC, Nigeria-Cameroon.

to 36.30-fold, except for in the Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzees (0.59-fold). Off-diagonal cells in Fig. 3 show the proportion of low-diversity windows in both members of a pair of species. The proportion of these is much larger for the X than the autosomes (overall 13-fold, $P < 10^{-16}$; one-tailed Fisher's exact test), and when we compare species from different genera, sharing is even larger (23-fold, $P < 10^{-16}$).

Evidence for Hard Selective Sweeps. To test whether the lowdiversity windows can be partly explained by large genomic regions with lower mutation rates, we compared the divergence from the human reference genome in the low-diversity windows and the rest of the X chromosome. In most species, low-diversity windows also have a lower divergence compared with the rest of the X chromosome (Fig. S54). However, this lower divergence does not necessarily imply a lower mutation rate. If the low diversity that we observe in the extant species is caused by selection, a similar effect could have reduced diversity in the ancestral species, which would then result in a lower divergence between the descendent species because of shorter coalescent time in the ancestor. The observed difference in divergence between lowdiversity windows and the rest of X chromosomes is largest in chimpanzees (20.0%), intermediate in gorillas (9.7%), and lowest in orangutans (4.7%). This inverse relationship of divergence with phylogenetic distance from the human is expected if selection in the ancestral species explains the differences in divergence, because the proportion of time that lineages spend in the ancestral species is larger when the divergence is small. Therefore, selection is expected to contribute most to chimpanzees divergence and least to orangutan divergence, because the chimpanzees diverged most recently, and the orangutans diverged most anciently (11). To address this further, we estimated the diversity in the human-chimpanzee ancestor from the amount of incomplete lineage sorting (16)

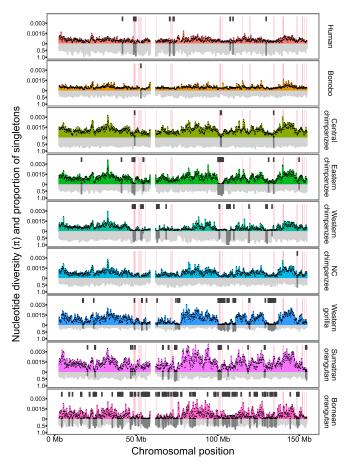


Fig. 2. Diversity and proportion of singletons along X chromosomes. The nucleotide diversity (colored bars with black dots) and the proportion of singleton polymorphisms among SNPs (gray bar) in nonoverlapping 100-kb windows of called sequence are shown for each species. Eastern lowland gorilla is omitted because of insufficient data. At the top of each panel, black bars indicate windows where the nucleotide diversity is less than 20% of the mean diversity for the X chromosome of the same species. The locations of ampliconic regions of human are shown as pink rectangles. NC, Nigeria–Cameroon.

(*Methods*). When this ancestral diversity is taken into account, the divergence for low-diversity regions is not significantly different from the rest of the X chromosome (Fig. S5B), arguing that the reductions in divergence are caused by selection in ancestral species rather than reductions in mutation rates.

Close inbreeding may also reduce the diversity locally in the genome (17). However, because we have a relatively large sample size and because the autosomes do not show similar patterns (Fig. S3), inbreeding is unlikely to contribute.

These results leave natural selection on the X chromosome as the sole explanation. Because at most, 10% of the genome seems to be under direct evolutionary constraint (18), reduction in diversity to less than 20% of the mean in large regions must mainly result from indirect selection in the form of background selection (negative selection) or hitchhiking (positive selection). We performed calculations based on existing theory (19) to estimate the expected maximal impact of background selection on diversity (details in *SI Text*). Within realistic ranges of selection coefficients and proportions of sequence under constraint, background selection is not expected to reduce diversity to less than 75% of the diversity (Fig. S6). To explain the observed levels of diversity, we need to assume a highly unrealistic fraction of the genome under direct selection (such as >80%). Furthermore, if background selection was solely responsible for reduced

diversity, we would expect the regions to be almost entirely shared among species.

Computer simulations of soft and hard sweeps, summarized in Table 1 (details in *SI Text*), show that, even with large selection coefficients (up to s = 0.5) and a low allele frequency at the onset of positive selection ($p_0 = 0.01$), soft sweeps would not reduce diversity to 25% of the chromosomal mean in regions larger than 200 kb (Fig. S7). Thus, a very large number of soft selective sweeps is required to explain the low diversity, and several independent soft sweeps would be needed to reduce diversity to 20% in a region larger than 1 Mb. With hard selective sweeps and effective population sizes in the range of 10,000–100,000, a selection coefficient of 0.1 is expected to reduce diversity to 75% of the original diversity in 1.7- to 2.2-Mb regions and 25% in regions of 400 kb only. For a single sweep to explain depressions below 25% in regions larger than 1 Mb, a selection coefficient larger than 0.5 is required. It is, therefore, more likely that the low-diversity regions on the X chromosome are the result of several sweeps.

Hard selective sweeps should cause distortions to the site-frequency spectrum. In particular, the fraction of singleton SNPs should be higher in the low-diversity regions than the regions with normal diversity in the presence of hard sweeps (20). In each 100-kb window, we computed the proportion of singletons and found that the low-diversity windows have a significantly higher proportion of singleton polymorphism (Fig. 44). Tajima's D, which uses information from the complete site frequency spectrum, was found to be significantly lower in low-diversity regions than in the rest of the X chromosome, which is in agreement with the pattern of proportion of singletons (Fig. S5C).

We further estimated population divergence as the average allele frequency differences, which should be higher in regions affected by population-specific hard sweeps (21), between six pairs of four chimpanzee subspecies and two orangutan species (Methods). Absolute population divergence is significantly higher in low-diversity regions than in the rest of the X chromosome in all comparisons (Fig. 4B). A similar pattern is seen for population divergence measured by $F_{\rm ST}$ (Fig. S5D).

Finally, we contrasted the ratio of nonsynonymous to synonymous substitutions between low-diversity windows shared by multiple species and the remaining X chromosome. Nucleotide substitutions were identified by comparing a nucleotide of each species with an ancestral allele of the great apes, and whether a substitution was nonsynonymous or synonymous was determined by the comparison with the human annotation. Then, we counted the number of nonsynonymous and synonymous substitutions observed in the phylogenetic tree of the great apes. The windows with low diversity have a higher nonsynonymous-to-synonymous

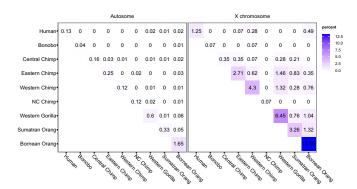


Fig. 3. Proportion of shared regions with reduced diversity. Heat maps for the proportion of shared 100-kb windows with reduced diversity among species in the autosomes and the X chromosomes. The diagonal shows the percentage of windows with less than 20% of the chromosomal average π . The off-diagonal cells show the percentage of windows satisfying this condition in both of two species. NC, Nigeria–Cameroon.

substitution ratio than the rest of X chromosome by 23.3% (P =0.0002; one-tailed Fisher's exact test). The overrepresented nonsynonymous substitutions in the low-diversity windows are compatible with both increased positive selection on protein changes and relaxed purifying selection caused by indirect selection and different gene content of these regions.

Effect of Recombination Rate. The physical extent of a selective sweep is inversely correlated with recombination rate, and the power to observe them is, therefore, higher in regions of low recombination (22). We, therefore, contrasted the recombination rate from the human recombination map from pedigree data (23) in low-diversity regions with the rest of the X chromosome. The recombination rate of low-diversity regions is between 22.6% and 74.1% of the recombination rate in the remainder of the X chromosome in the different species, except Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzees, in which the recombination rate is higher by 58.4% in the low-diversity regions (Fig. S5E). Regions in which at least one species has low diversity have an average recombination rate of 65.8% for the rest of the X chromosome. We conclude that reduced recombination of lowdiversity regions contributes to their physical extent approximately by a factor of two.

Low-Diversity Regions Associated with X-Linked Ampliconic Regions. If the low-diversity regions are the result of hard selective sweeps, it is puzzling why sweeps of such magnitude would be private to the X chromosome. We searched for associations between the low-diversity windows and X chromosome-specific properties. We first performed a gene ontology analysis to test whether genes in specific functional categories are overrepresented in the overlaps of low-diversity windows but found no gene ontology term to be significantly overrepresented.

We next considered X-linked ampliconic genes. Mueller et al. (24) recently characterized this X-specific phenomenon in detail. In humans, the X chromosome has 27 independent regions of 100–700 kb in size that contain multiple >99% identical copies of protein coding genes, which are predominantly or exclusively expressed in testis. Only 31% of ampliconic genes are shared

Table 1. Diversity reduction by soft and hard sweeps

	Hard	sweep		Soft s	sweep	
			p ₀ =	0.01	p ₀ =	= 0.1
Ne and s	To 75%	To 25%	To 75%	To 25%	To 75%	To 25%
10,000						
0.01	0.3	0.1	0.4	< 0.1	0.1	< 0.1
0.05	1.4	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.3	< 0.1
0.1	2.2	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.3	< 0.1
0.2	4.1	0.8	1.9	0.3	0.3	< 0.1
0.5	10.2	2.4	2.5	0.2	0.2	<0.1
50,000						
0.01	0.3	0.1	0.2	< 0.1	0.1	< 0.1
0.05	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	<0.1
0.1	1.7	0.4	0.5	0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
0.2	3.5	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	< 0.1
0.5	9.0	1.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	<0.1
100,000						
0.01	0.2	< 0.1	0.1	<0.1	< 0.1	< 0.1
0.05	0.9	0.2	0.2	< 0.1	< 0.1	<0.1
0.1	1.7	0.4	0.2	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
0.2	3.0	0.7	0.3	< 0.1	< 0.1	<0.1
0.5	8.3	1.7	0.3	<0.1	< 0.1	<0.1

Summary of expected length of reduced diversity (in megabases) caused by soft and hard sweeps as a function of effective population size (N), selection coefficient (s), and the proportion of beneficial allele onset of selection (p_0) . Details are in SI Text.

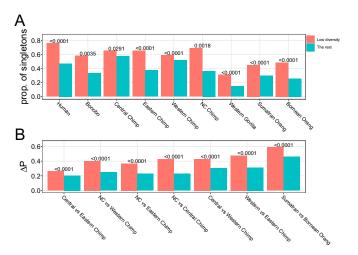


Fig. 4. Evidence for hard sweeps. (A) The proportion of singleton polymorphisms in SNPs and (B) population differentiation (ΔP) between six pairs of four chimpanzee subspecies and two orangutan species. The differences in the two statistics between regions of reduced diversity (red) and the remaining X chromosome (green) were tested using one-sided bootstrapping tests with 10,000 replicates, and P values are shown above each pair of bar plots. NC, Nigeria-Cameroon.

with mouse compared with 95% for single-copy genes (24), showing a rapid turnover of these regions. In the mouse, these genes are expressed postmeiotically (25). The ampliconic regions show a striking concordance with low-diversity regions that are most strongly affected by selection in the species (Fig. 2, pink rectangles). To test whether ampliconic genes are associated with lower diversity in regions around them, we contrasted π in the flanking regions of the amplicons (100 kb and 1 Mb) with the rest of the X chromosome. In all species, we observe that π is significantly lower in the flanking regions than in the rest of the X chromosome (Fig. 5). The diversity is difficult to estimate reliably in the ampliconic regions (Fig. S8A), because estimates may be biased by mapping artifacts caused by the repetitive nature of the ampliconic regions; therefore, we put more emphasis on the signatures in the flanking regions presented in Fig. 5. We do not detect a difference in the proportion of singleton polymorphisms between the flanking regions of the amplicons and the rest of the X chromosome (Fig. S8B) but find a higher level of population differentiation in all available (sub)species comparisons (Fig. S8C). Finally, we tested using Fisher's exact tests whether the flanking regions contain a higher proportion of low-diversity 100-kb windows than the rest of the X chromosomes. We found that low-diversity windows are overrepresented in the flanking regions in all species (Fig. S8D).

Discussion

We have presented the observation that large regions of the X chromosome and not the autosomes have strongly reduced diversity in the great apes. Because unique characteristics of the X chromosome (such as GC content or repeat density) might cause lower sequence quality, we did several tests to investigate whether biases in mapping and SNP calling could potentially contribute to this result. We find that low-diversity windows have a higher SNP quality score than the rest of the regions of the X chromosome (8,276 for low diversity and 7,801 for the rest, P <0.0001; one-tailed bootstrapping test). The proportion of variants removed by filtering is slightly lower in low-diversity windows but not significantly so (22.2% for low diversity and 23.0% for the rest of the X chromosome, P = 0.0643). We also found that the low-diversity windows have a comparable proportion of included sequence to the rest of windows (73.0% for low diversity and 72.6% for the rest, P = 0.6689). Thus, sequencing and

mapping artifacts do not seem to differ in a way that can explain our observations.

Our analysis suggests that the X chromosomes of the great apes are targets of exceptionally strong positive selection recurrently affecting orthologous targets over many megabases. The strongest selective sweep observed in human populations is associated with the lactase gene and has an estimated selection coefficient of 9–19% in the Scandinavian population (26). Even this level of selection affects diversity only in an 800-kb region.

In a search for X chromosome-specific phenomena that could cause recurrent sweeps, we found that, in all species, lowdiversity regions strongly associate with the positions of X-linked ampliconic regions, assuming that all species have ampliconic regions in the same places as in the human genome. The function of genes in ampliconic regions is not well-understood, but their evolution seems to be very dynamic, and it is likely that copy number changes often occur, because only 31% of ampliconic genes are shared between human and mouse compared with 95% for single-copy genes (24). The ampliconic genes are expressed predominantly in testis, and therefore, it is tempting to hypothesize that X-linked ampliconic regions are associated with selection for gene expression at some stage during or after male meiosis. We hypothesize that such selection could mediate an intragenomic conflict with Y-linked elements. In this scenario, duplication in an X-linked ampliconic region would be strongly selected if this results in the preferential transmission of the X chromosome. We believe that recurrent segregation distortions of several percentages are more easily envisioned than similar selection coefficients acting on organismal fitness alone. In response to the fixation of a segregation distorter, any compensatory mutation on the Y chromosomes will be under very strong selection to balance the sex ratio as shown from theoretical prediction (27-29) and in empirical observations from Drosophila (30–32).

In line with this conjecture, correlated gene amplification in mouse between sexually antagonistic X-linked *Slx* genes and Y-linked *Sly* genes in rodents has been suggested to be a consequence of intragenomic conflict between X and Y chromosomes to balance the sex ratio (33–35). A recent report in mouse also suggests that amplification of Y-linked ampliconic genes is driven by the gene amplification of the gametologous X-linked gene pairs to restore an optimal sex ratio (36). However, in great apes, ampliconic regions on the Y and X are of different origin (37, 38), suggesting that a mechanism to adjust sex ratio may not involve correlated amplification between gametologous gene pairs.

The great ape species differ greatly in their demographic history, long-term effective population sizes, and breeding systems. Each of these factors potentially plays a role in the extent

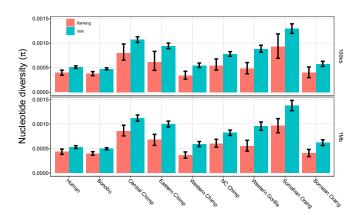


Fig. 5. Diversity around ampliconic regions. *Upper* shows π in the 100-kb flanking regions of the amplicons and the rest of the X chromosome in each species. *Lower* shows the same but for 1-Mb flanking regions. The error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals from 1,000 bootstrapping iterations resampled from 1-Mb windows. NC, Nigeria–Cameroon.

of selective sweeps depending on the underlying mechanism. The widest regions of diversity loss on the X chromosomes are found in Western lowland gorillas and orangutans followed by chimpanzees and humans and finally, bonobos. Among the chimpanzees, the Western chimpanzee has the widest regions, with reduced diversity on the X chromosomes. Thus, the width and combined size of the regions with reduced diversity do not generally reflect population size estimates, where gorillas and orangutans have similar effective population sizes as Central chimpanzees and the Western chimpanzee has a smaller effective population size than the other chimpanzees (11). The expected width of a specific selective sweep is smaller in a large population than in a small population, because the time to fixation is shorter in a small population (Table 1). However, if the occurrence of new mutations limits the number of selective sweeps, the total effect of sweeps is dependent on census population size rather than effective population size. In addition, for sufficiently strong selective sweeps, the probability of fixation is almost completely determined by the selection coefficient and only weakly dependent on effective population size.

The correlation between regions of reduced diversity and testis-expressed ampliconic regions suggests two possible mechanisms creating repeated signatures of selective sweeps: meiotic drive and sperm competition. Under sperm competition, we expect most sweeps in species with more sperm competition, whereas under meiotic drive, the prediction is reversed, because sex chromosome meiotic drive has been reported to lead to reduction in production of either X or Y carrying sperms (39, 40); strong sperm competition may, thus, reduce the effect of meiotic drive, because sperm containing a driving variant will be disadvantageous in the competition among males. Among the great ape species, using the ratio of testicle to body weight as a proxy for sperm competition, gorillas have the least sperm competition followed by orangutans, humans, chimpanzees, and then, bonobos (41, 42). This ordering of species is negatively correlated with the proportion of reduced diversity windows (Spearman's $\rho = -0.72$, = 0.028) (Fig. S9), which fits the prediction of meiotic drive.

We also note that orangutans have many reduced diversity regions that do not coincide with the positions of human ampliconic regions. However, the orangutan is phylogenetically most distant from humans, from whom the positions of ampliconic regions are taken. Dynamic evolution of these regions would predict an inverse relationship between phylogenetic distance and extent of overlap to human ampliconic regions. Our hypothesis that ampliconic regions are responsible for extreme loss of diversity can be tested by determining the species-specific positioning of ampliconic regions rather than using the positions in the human genome. We predict that the association should increase if the hypothesis is true. Direct expression analyses at different stages during spermatogenesis and individual differences may also reveal whether escape from meiotic sex chromosome inactivation (25) or interference with XY body formation is a source of meiotic drive.

Methods

Preparation of the Dataset. We used the pipelines and the variants from the Great Ape Genome Diversity Consortium (biologiaevolutiva.org/greatape/data.html) (11). The sequences were mapped against hg18. We excluded all positions that were not called in all of the great ape species. Then, we excluded pseudoautosomal regions of X chromosomes. All heterozygous positions on X chromosomes in at least one male were also excluded.

The sequences were annotated with refSeqGenes downloaded from the table browser at the UCSC Genome Bioinformatics Site (genome.ucsc.edu/index.html). If any position can be included as multiple functional categories, we annotated the position with the following priority: exons, introns, and intergenic sequences. The nonsynonymous and synonymous variants were determined using ANNOVAR software (43).

Diversity Estimation. The nucleotide diversity, π , was calculated using the formula by Nei and Li (44) on the variants called in the Great Ape Genome Diversity Consortium that passed the variant filtering used there (11). For exons, introns, and intergenic sequences, we calculated π separately. The diversity according to the physical distance from the nearest gene was

calculated as follows.: (i) for each position, we calculated the distance from the nearest transcript, (ii) the positions were sorted by the distance, (iii) the positions were grouped according to the distance by 5 kb, and (iv) π was calculated for each group. The 95% confidence intervals were obtained by the nonparametric bootstrapping resampled among 1-Mb nonoverlapping windows with 1,000 replicates.

Divergence Normalization in Pan. The average of density of sites with X-chromosomal incomplete lineage sorting between human and chimpanzee is 10.26% (16), which corresponds to the ancestral effective population size (Ne_{Ans}) of humans, bonobos, and chimpanzees that is equal to 54,103. The Ne_{Ans} of reduced diversity windows was estimated with the ratio of the diversity in these windows to diversity of the rest of windows. The Ne_{Ans} of the rest of windows on the X chromosomes was estimated in the same way. The number of generations between extant humans and each Pan species (NgenH-BC) was calculated by

$$Ngen_{H-BC} = ngen_{BC} \times 2 + Ne_{Ans} \times 2$$
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where $ngen_{BC}$ is the number of generations in bonobo-chimpanzee lineage after complete split from human lineage. We inferred ngen_{BC} to be 244,000 based on assumptions that the speciation time is 6.1 Mya and the generation time is 25 y. The divergence levels were normalized by dividing the D_{XY} values (45) with the relative differences of Ngen_{H-BC} between low-diversity windows and the rest of windows.

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The Putative Sweep Analysis. We calculated π in nonoverlapping 100-kb windows across the genome and excluded windows where less than 20% of the sites were called.

The index of allelic differentiation (ΔP) between populations A and B was calculated using the following formula:

$$\Delta P = \frac{\sum_{i} \left| AF_{A,i} - AF_{B,i} \right|}{\text{no. SNP}},$$

where $AF_{A,i}$ and $AF_{B,i}$ are the allele frequencies of the *i*th SNP in populations A and B, respectively, and no. SNP is the total number of SNPs in the window. The F_{ST} values are calculated using the methods by Weir and Cockerham (46) with the Genepop software (47).

The calculations on the possible effects of background selection and the simulations to explore selective sweeps are described in SI Text. The list of ampliconic regions was obtained from the literature (24). The gene ontology test was performed using the GOrilla software (48).

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Background Selection. Background selection (BGS) reduces diversity locally in a genome by a process in which deleterious mutations are continuously pruned from the population, effectively reducing the number of genes from which future generations can be sampled. The strength of BGS is determined by the rate at which deleterious mutations enter the population, U, the recombination rate, R, and the strength of selection, s. If π_0 denotes the neutral diversity in the genome and if π is the diversity in a locus experiencing BGS, then the reduction in diversity is given by

$$\frac{\pi}{\pi_0} = \exp\left(-\frac{U}{s+R}\right)$$

(equation 6.24 in ref. 1).

We will assume a constant per-nucleotide deleterious mutation rate and recombination. Then, the rates U and R are both functions of the locus lengths, U = uL and R = rL, where u is the per-nucleotide deleterious rate and r denotes the per-nucleotide pair recombination rate.

Comparing diversity inside with outside the regions of low diversity, we are interested in the relative reduction, which can be caused by changes to the selection rate, mutation rate, or recombination rate as factors of f_U , f_S , and f_R , respectively. The relative reduction can, thus, be expressed as

$$\frac{\exp\left(-\frac{f_U \times U}{f_s \times s + f_R \times R}\right)}{\exp\left(-\frac{U}{s + R}\right)}.$$

Although all of the parameters in these equations are unknown, we do have some knowledge of their general order of magnitude or can choose conservative values to increase the relative reduction in diversity explainable by BGS.

BGS is strongest when selection is weak, but when s is very small, we expect the evolution to be nearly neutral. After s approaches 1/Ne, we do not expect any BGS effects at all. Because Ne is on the order of 10,000-100,000, a lower limit on s is $10^{-4}-10^{-5}$. We consider both $s=10^{-5}$ and $s=10^{-4}$ and allow the selection inside the low-diversity regions to be one-tenth of the outside to make BGS stronger there.

We do not have recombination maps for most of the species considered, but from the human map, we know that the mean recombination rate on the X chromosome in the regions not showing reduced diversity is around 1.5 cm/Mb and that difference between the recombination rate inside and outside the reduced regions is less than a factor of two; therefore, we use $f_R = 0.5$.

We have very little information about what the deleterious mutation rate is, but we can use the mean human mutation rate, estimated to be 1.2×10^{-8} per generation (2), to explore various possibilities. If we use 1.2×10^{-8} , it would amount to assuming that 100% of mutations are under weak negative selection. By multiplying it with a number d between zero and one, we can interpret this number as the fraction of the loci that we believe are under selection. In Fig. S6, the columns correspond to different choices of d from 1% to 10% combined with different choices for s.

The rows in Fig. S6 correspond to different choices of f_U varying from 1 to 10 (therefore, the combination of d=0.1 and $f_U=10$ at the bottom right of Fig. S6 amounts to assuming that all sites within the low=diversity regions are under selection) combined with different choices for f_s , with $f_s=1.0$ for no difference in the selection strength inside and outside of the low-diversity regions and $f_s=0.1$ setting the selection inside the regions an order of magnitude lower. Fig. S6A shows the reduction in diversity compared with a neutral π_0 and the relative diversity of inside to outside of the low-diversity regions. In Fig. S6B, the dashed red line indicates 20%.

In the most extreme cases, we see a reduction in diversity of about 20% of the diversity within the low-diversity regions compared with outside but only in the cases where 100% of the nucleotides within regions are under selection. In the cases where 50% of the nucleotides are under selection within the regions, compared with 5% outside, the regions still retain about 50% of the diversity seen outside the regions.

Simulation of Sweeps. To assess the potential effect of hard and soft sweeps on diversity on the X chromosome, we performed a large number of simulations of a Wright–Fisher model exploring combinations of selection coefficients (s), effective population sizes (N), and frequencies of the selected variant at the onset of selection (f). We compute the time to the most recent common ancestor (TMRCA) along two recombining sequences and use this as a proxy for nucleotide diversity.

To simulate a selective sweep, we first sample frequency trajectories of a variant selected by s. We do this using rejection sampling (rejecting trajectories where the selected variant does not go to fixation). Trajectories for hard sweeps begin at 1 and proceed to $2N \times 3/4$ by repeated binomial sampling with probability parameter

$$\frac{N_{mut}}{N_{mut} + (N - N_{mut}) \times (1 - s)},$$

where N_{mut} is the number of selected variants in the previous generation. Trajectories for soft sweeps begin with an initial frequency f of the selected variant and are prepended with a trajectory from 1 to $f \times 2N \times 3/4$ representing variant frequency before the onset of the selection.

For each trajectory, we then consider a sample of two sequences representing 10 cm in length (equivalent to 10 Mb assuming a recombination rate of 1 cm/Mb). Because the effect of a sweep on flanking diversity is expected to be symmetric, we put the selected variant at the 5'-end position. To compute the TMRCA along the two sequences, we simulate backward the coalescence with recombination in discrete generations, allowing multiple mergers but only one recombination event per lineage in each generation.

Given a recombination event, the sequence downstream of the recombination point will become unlinked from the sweep with a probability equal to the frequency of chromosomes in the population not linked to the variant. A recombination event may similarly cause unlinked sequence fragments to again become linked to the selected variant with a probability equal to the frequency of chromosomes carrying the variant. Lineages that carry the selected variant can only share an immediate ancestor with other lineages that also carry this variant.

The simulation proceeds until all sequence segments separated by recombination events have found a most recent common ancestor. For each combination of parameters s, N, and f, we perform 1,000 simulations, and the mean TMRCA along the 10 Mb is computed in bins of 10 kb (Fig. S7).

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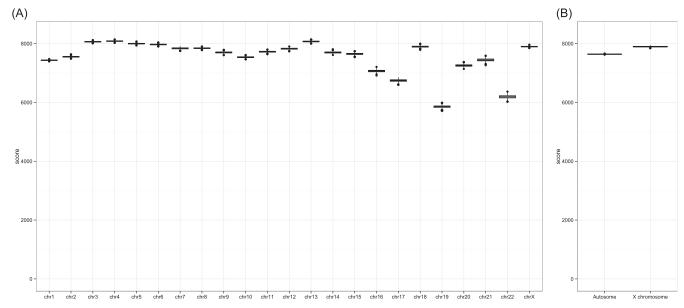


Fig. S1. The SNP quality score. (A) The SNP score in the variant call format files of each chromosome. (B) The SNP score of total autosomes and X chromosomes. The boxplots show the 95% confidence intervals calculated with 1,000 times bootstrapping replicates sampled from 1-Mb windows.

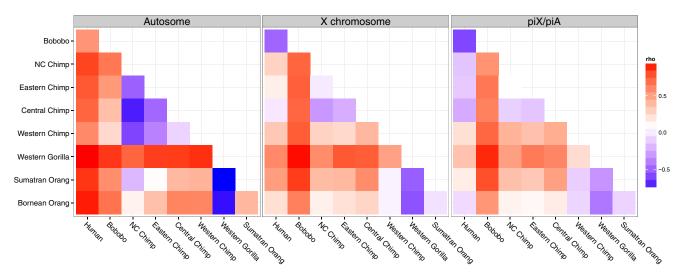


Fig. 52. Comparison of reduction in diversity between pairs of species. Heat maps of the correlation of the diversity ratio between two species and the physical distance from genes for the autosomes, the X chromosome, and the diversity ratio of X chromosomes to autosomes. The red color suggests a steeper relationship, with distance for the species indicated on the y axis; a blue color suggests a steeper relationship for the species on the x axis. NC, Nigeria–Cameroon.

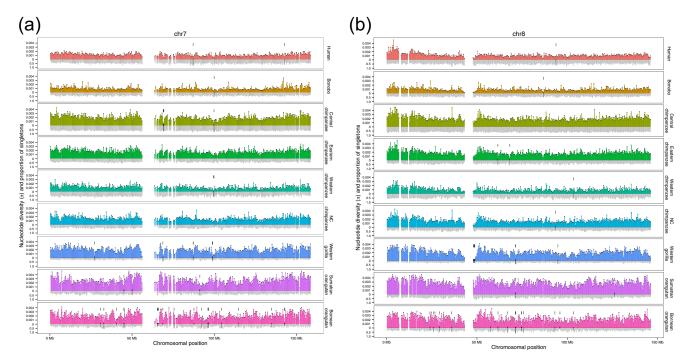


Fig. S3. The diversity pattern and site frequency spectrum of an autosome. The π and the proportions of singletons along (A) chromosome 7 and (B) chromosome 8, which have comparable chromosome size with X chromosomes. Windows with reduced diversity are identified from the lower π than 20% of the mean of each chromosome and denoted as black bars. NC, Nigeria–Cameroon.

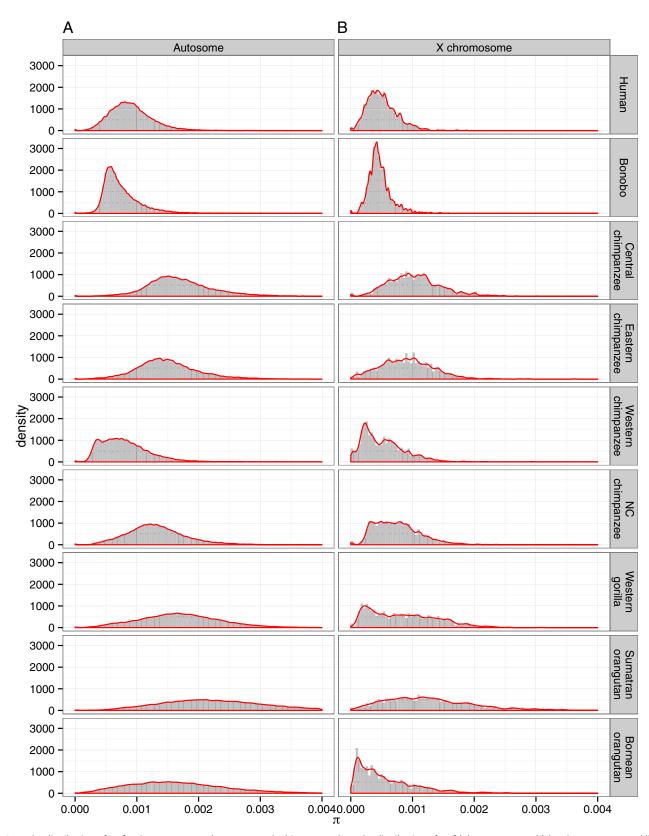


Fig. 54. The distribution of π of X chromosomes and autosomes. The histograms show the distribution of π of (A) autosomes and (B) X chromosomes. Red lines show kernel density function estimated by the Epanechnikov function, with bandwidths equal to 0.00004. NC, Nigeria–Cameroon.

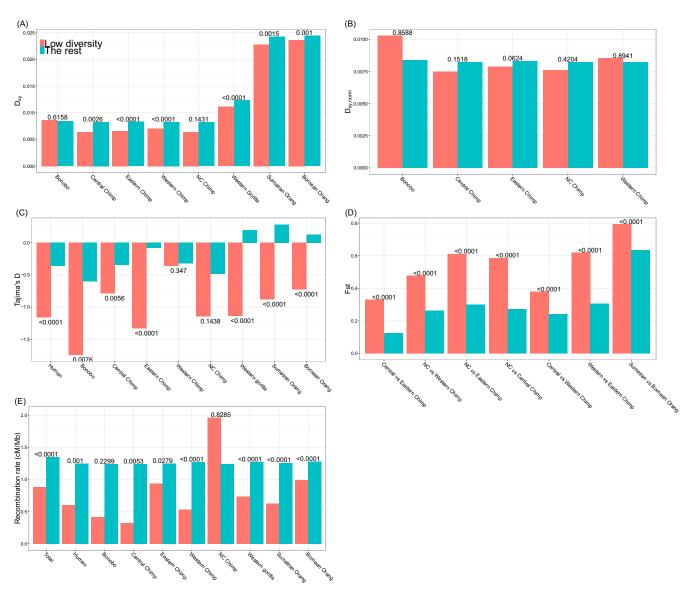


Fig. S5. Comparison between low-diversity windows and the rest of the X chromosome. (A) The D_{XY} values are divergence estimates between each species and human references (hg18). (B) The D_{XY} values of the Pan genus were normalized by the number of generations between each species to humans based on an assumption that a diversity-reducing process has been constantly operated since TMRCA. (C) The Tajima's D values. (D) The F_{ST} values were calculated from the pairs of the Nigeria–Cameroon (NC) chimpanzee, Eastern chimpanzee, Central chimpanzee, and Western chimpanzee and the pair of Sumatran orangutan and Bornean orangutan. (E) The human recombination rate. The lower-diversity windows are identified from π less than 20% of chromosomal average. The P values shown above each pair of bar plots were calculated by one-tailed bootstrapping test with 10,000 replicates.

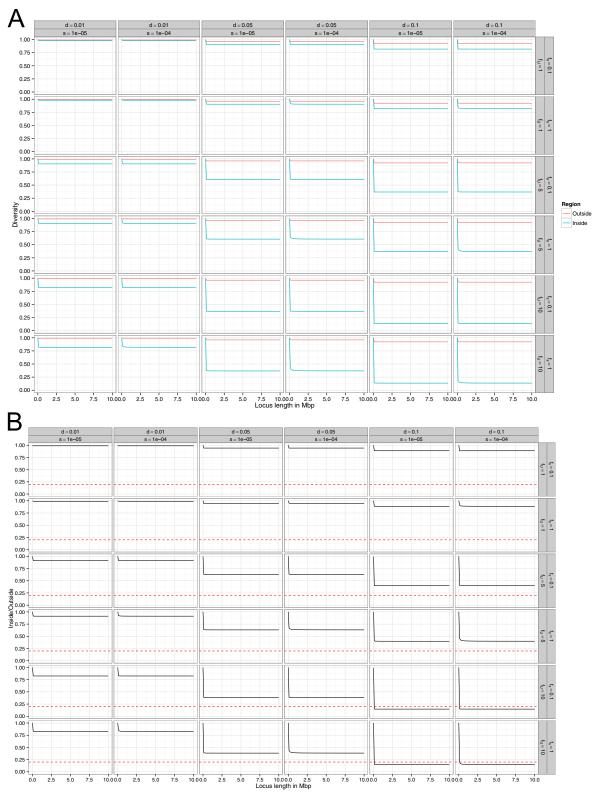


Fig. S6. The reduction in diversity caused by BGS. (A) The level of diversity compared with neutral diversity inside and outside the regions of interest and (B) the relative diversity inside and outside the regions of reduced diversity for various combinations of selection strengths and fractions of nucleotides under selection.

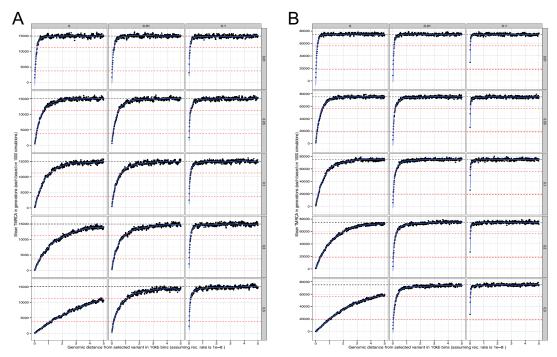


Fig. 57. Simulation results for strong sweep. Time to TMRCA as a function of genetic distance to selected variant is shown for combinations of *s* (right) and frequency of variant before onset of selection (top). Note that a frequency of zero represents hard sweeps. Each subplot is based on 1,000 independent simulations. Horizontal black dashed lines show expected TMRCA without selection. Red dashed lines show 75% and 25% reductions in TMRCA. The *Ne* is set to (A) 10,000 and (B) 50,000.

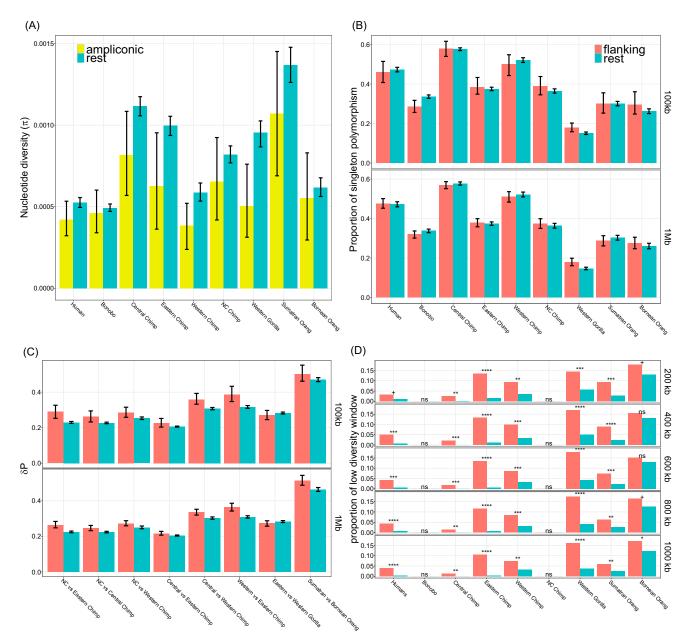


Fig. S8. The signature of selective sweeps on the flanking sequences of ampliconic regions. The X chromosome was divided into three regions: ampliconic regions (yellow), flanking regions (100 kb or 1 Mb in size; red), and the rest of X chromosomes (cyan). The bar plots show (A) π in the ampliconic regions and the rest, (B) the proportion of singleton polymorphisms in the flanking regions and the rest, and (C) the population differentiation estimated from the flanking regions and the rest. The error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals calculated from 1,000 bootstrapping iterations resampled from 1-Mb windows. (D) This bar plot shows the proportion of low-diversity windows identified from π less than 20% of X-chromosomal average in the flanking regions (200 kb to 1 Mb in size) and the rest. The bonobo and the Nigeria–Cameroon (NC) chimpanzee do not have a low-diversity window in both of two categories, because these two species have only one low-diversity window, which is entirely ampliconic. The significance levels shown above each pair of bar plots were calculated by one-tailed Fisher's exact tests (ns denotes $P \ge 0.10$). *P < 0.05; **P < 0.01; ***P < 0.001; ****P < 0.001; ***

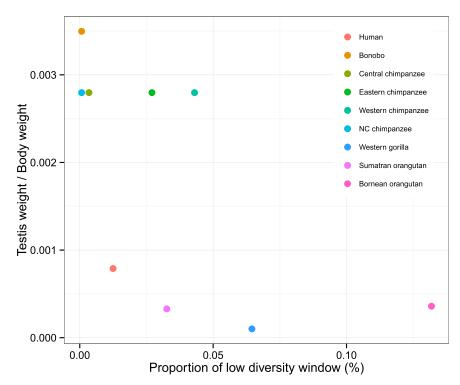


Fig. S9. Relationship between testis size and strength of sweeps. The y axis is the ratio of testicle to body weight, and the x axis is the proportion of windows that has π less than 20% of chromosomal average. NC, Nigeria–Cameroon.

Table S1. The information on taxa used in this study

Common name	Scientific name	No. of males	No. of females
Human	Homo sapiens	9	0
Bonobo	Pan paniscus	2	11
Central chimpanzee	Pan troglodytes troglodytes	1	3
Eastern chimpanzee	Pan troglodytes schweinfurthii	2	4
Western chimpanzee	Pan troglodytes verus	4	1
Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee	Pan troglodytes ellioti	4	6
Eastern lowland gorilla	Gorilla beringei graueri	2	1
Western lowland gorilla	Gorilla gorilla gorilla	4	23
Sumatran orangutan	Pongo abelii	1	4
Bornean orangutan	Pongo pygmaeus	1	4

Table S2. The information for each chromosome

								Number of SNPs				
	Chromosome				Central	Eastern	Western	Nigeria–Cameroon	Eastern	Western	Sumatran	Bornean
Chromosome	length	Called	Humans	Bonobo	chimp	chimp	chimp	chimp	lowland gorilla	lowland gorilla	orang	orang
chr1	247,249,719	160,880,685	524,659	532,077	753,781	702,539	738,892	401,273	246,742	1,076,881	914,308	653,958
chr2	242,951,149	178,023,644	590,073	615,637	903,996	810,204	855,174	426,799	258,017	1,261,636	1,077,591	753,329
chr3	199,501,827	149,518,151	507,464	501,741	759,156	990'699	069'969	349,394	231,696	1,031,974	882,837	617,080
chr4	191,273,063	140,398,337	497,502	499,566	751,745	656,108	704,374	300,581	233,459	1,068,263	962,245	673,556
chr5	180,857,866	132,273,796	445,741	457,800	671,543	598,132	631,469	291,695	197,085	956,564	830,049	585,159
chr6	170,899,992	124,881,358	434,679	441,828	608,543	558,000	594,738	341,588	192,778	885,763	765,994	546,720
chr7	158,821,424	105,796,935	371,207	375,976	532,815	489,230	516,539	287,830	163,721	763,850	633,918	453,587
chr8	146,274,826	106,897,938	388,689	376,858	565,678	513,377	534,323	256,923	177,287	793,517	714,506	501,791
chr9	140,273,252	80,518,518	297,208	295,644	434,652	384,594	413,264	214,414	121,451	575,041	511,923	338,889
chr10	135,374,737	93,075,998	332,059	332,026	480,970	428,533	450,665	195,541	142,553	691,889	620,383	418,648
chr11	134,452,384	92,310,050	315,792	313,337	447,758	405,996	426,195	220,131	116,623	648,986	546,936	381,892
chr12	132,349,534	97,193,825	320,773	332,003	466,816	426,115	450,904	262,120	143,781	661,486	561,514	365,844
chr13	114,142,980	70,684,904	242,844	241,450	366,737	333,965	352,990	187,643	119,672	526,443	474,900	326,162
chr14	106,368,585	64,504,906	219,620	226,685	313,562	284,567	308,687	177,637	94,913	461,982	398,533	276,116
chr15	100,338,915	56,493,900	196,969	190,789	271,299	247,355	261,973	145,614	80,995	379,143	327,720	236,253
chr16	88,827,254	49,858,432	198,075	190,344	269,525	247,237	260,878	159,158	86,384	363,871	310,499	223,654
chr17	78,774,742	50,696,851	165,695	170,816	248,630	222,955	231,674	696'96	67,633	327,025	306,148	210,212
chr18	76,117,153	57,568,302	205,893	208,815	301,583	267,285	282,747	121,829	97,290	433,232	376,497	259,327
chr19	63,811,651	29,695,141	107,273	110,796	145,318	133,290	141,827	89,916	44,932	213,185	191,953	137,617
chr20	62,435,964	44,682,113	156,021	160,191	227,739	205,784	214,291	113,235	53,552	322,647	271,899	183,520
chr21	46,944,323	24,441,662	95,257	96,903	140,852	125,625	134,921	76,251	40,093	210,164	188,300	125,382
chr22	49,691,432	21,290,071	78,197	82,028	110,440	98,838	105,023	49,288	33,617	155,687	145,205	95,163
chrX	154,913,754	105,036,574*	153,012	219,519	298,178	279,321	289,400	138,828	34,555	373,464	346,978	156,010
Sum	3,022,646,526	2,036,936,908	6,844,702	6,972,829	10,071,316	9,088,116	9,597,638	4,904,657	2,978,829	14,182,693	12,360,836	8,519,869

The length of chromosomes, the number of called positions, and the number of SNPs in each taxon for each chromosome are shown. *This number excludes counts from pseudoautosomal regions and male heterozygous positions of a total of 105,251,391 called positions.