Ancient genomics activity

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Ancient DNA

- Palaeontological
- Museum specimens
- Forensics

Ancient DNA - problems

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- DNA damage
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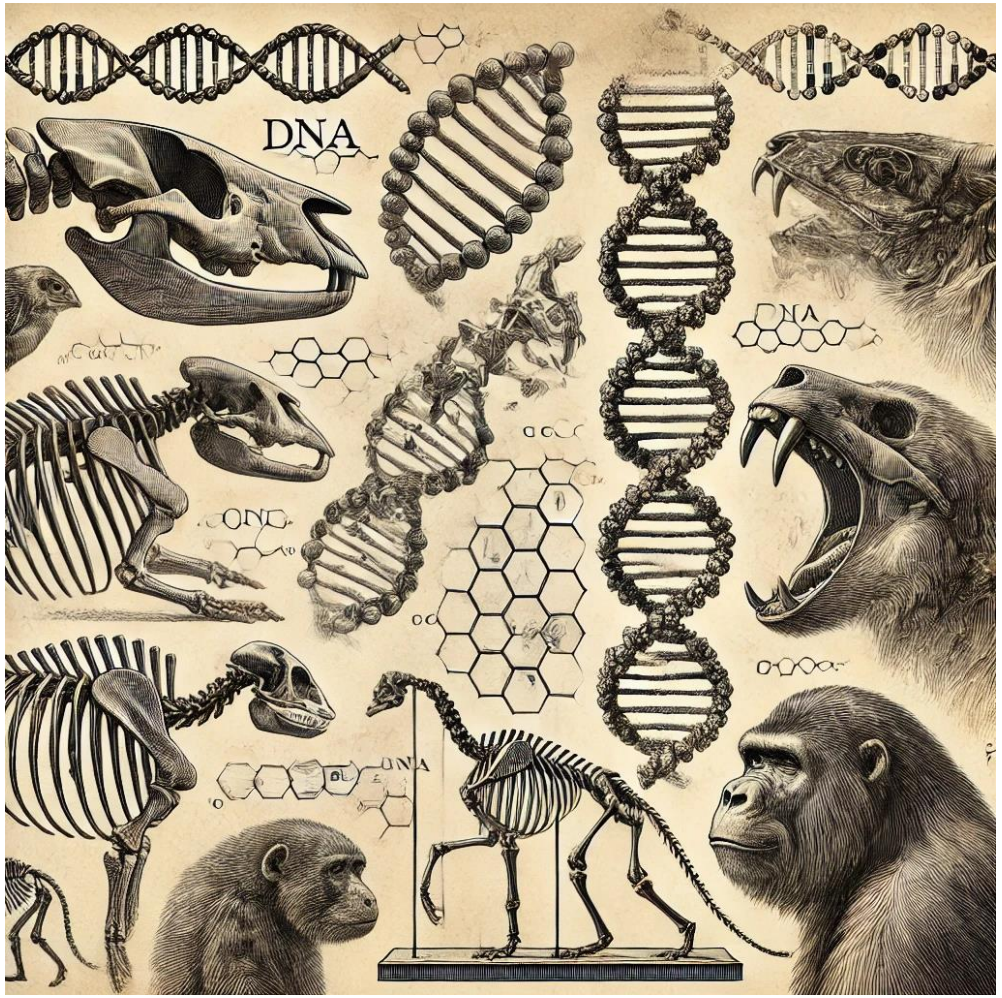

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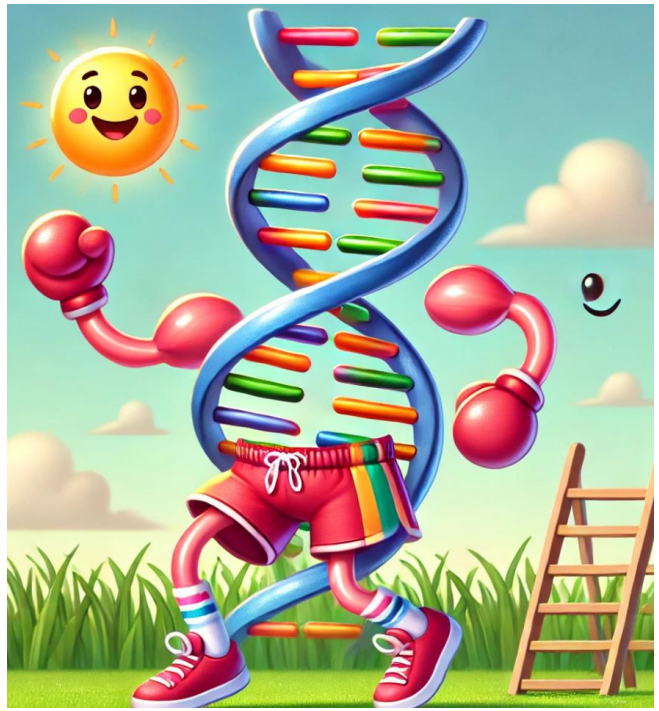

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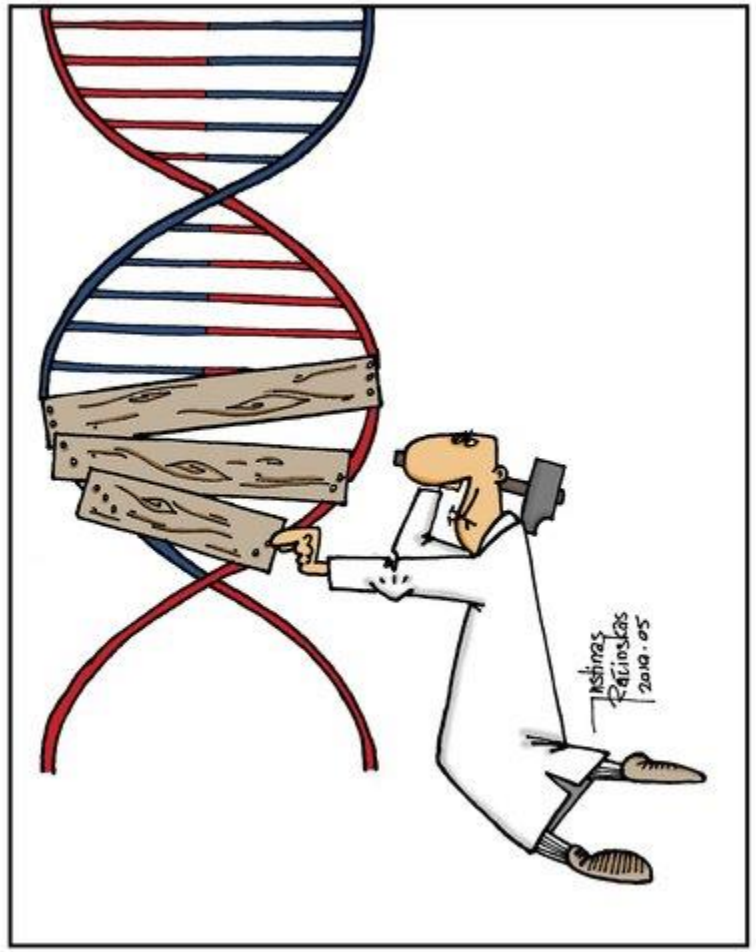

How can this effect your analyses?

- Biases?
  - Modern vs ancient DNA
  - Reference biases?

Evaluating biases

- Simulate data with aDNA properties
  - “Damage” modern genomic data
  - Gargammel
    - Renaud et al 2017
  - TAPAS
    - Taron et al 2018

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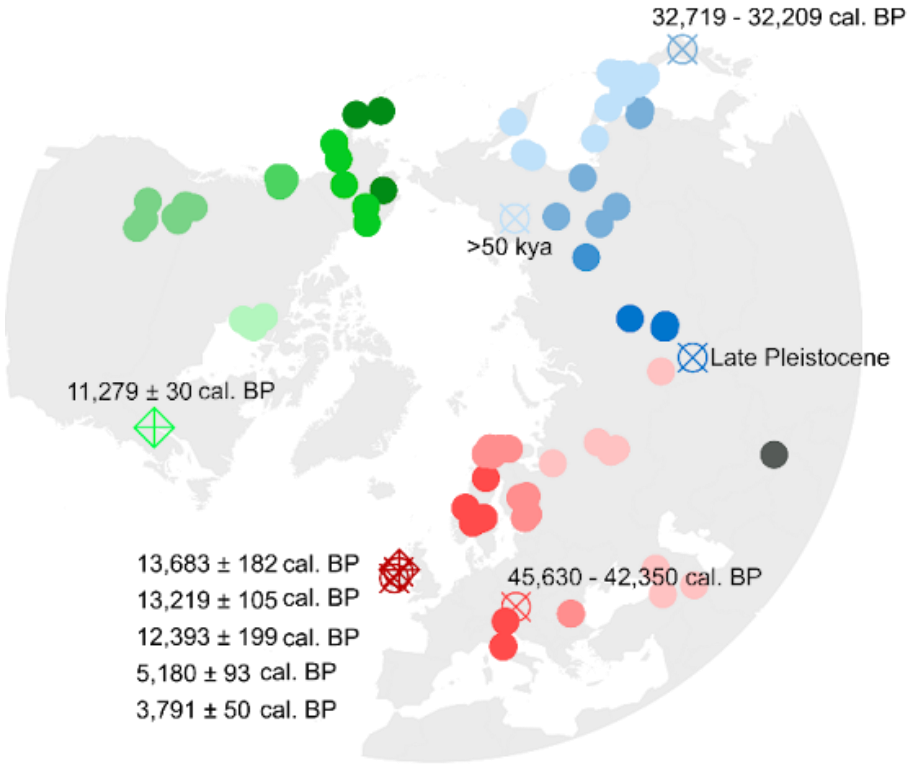
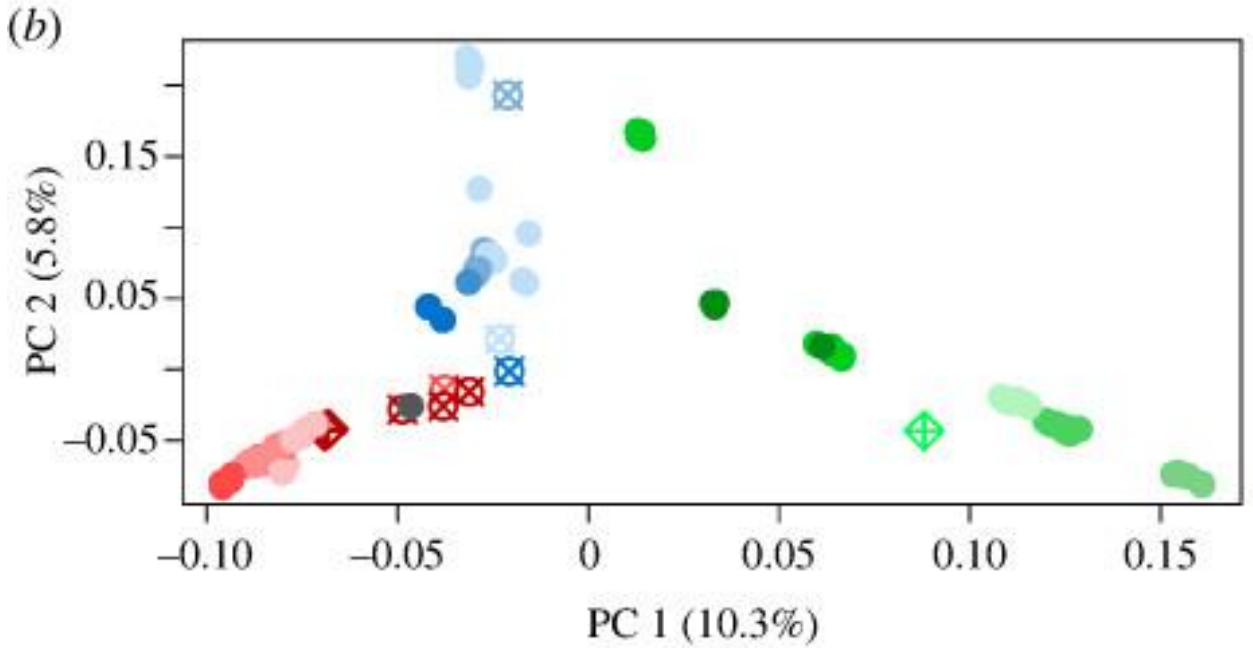
Examples

Modern vs Ancient PCA





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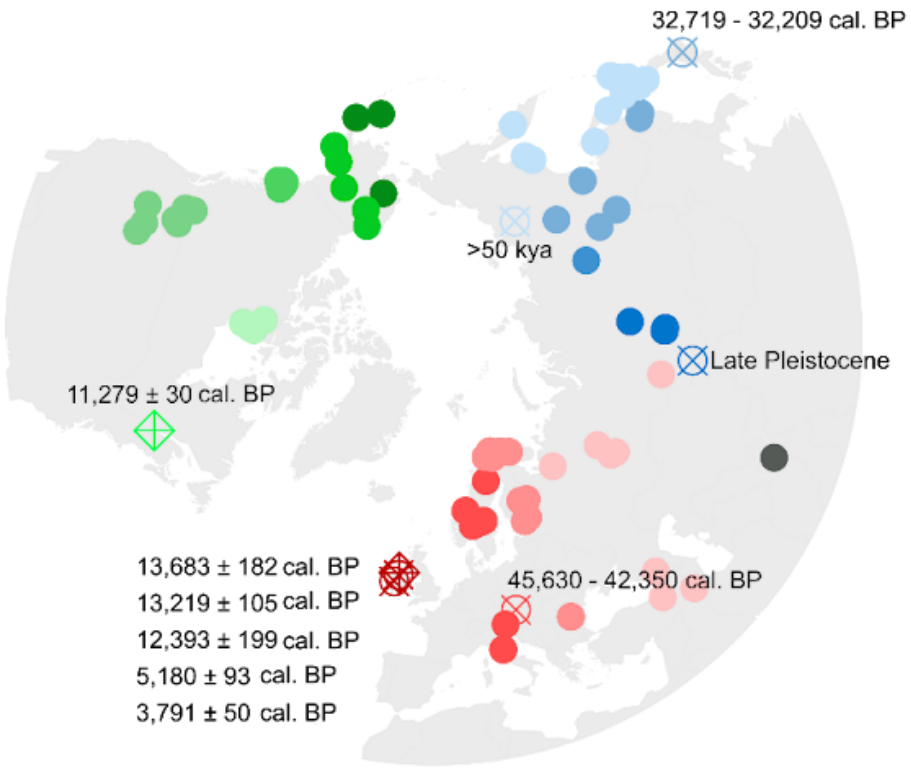

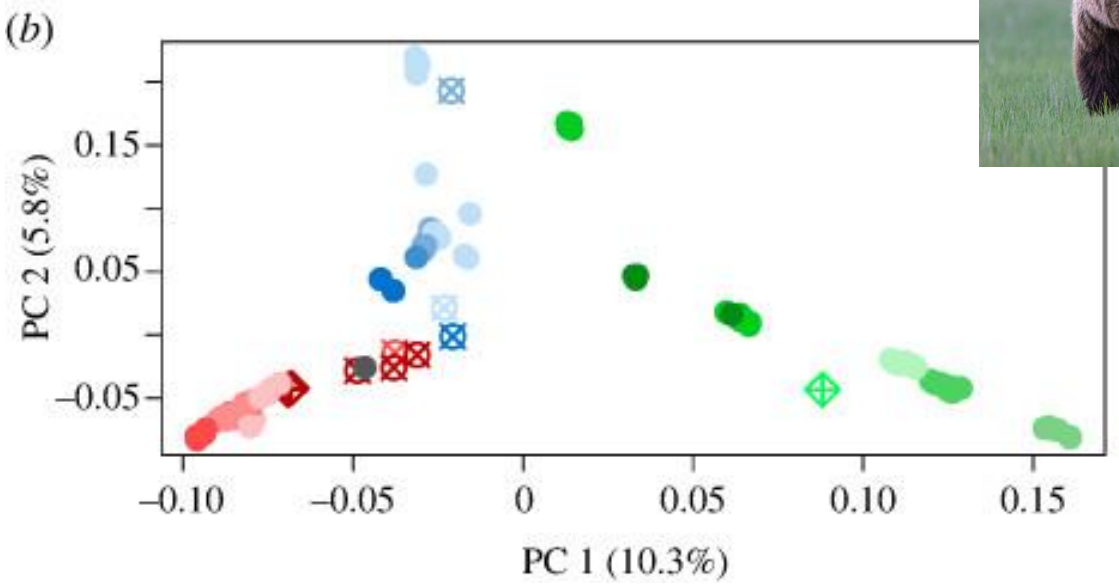

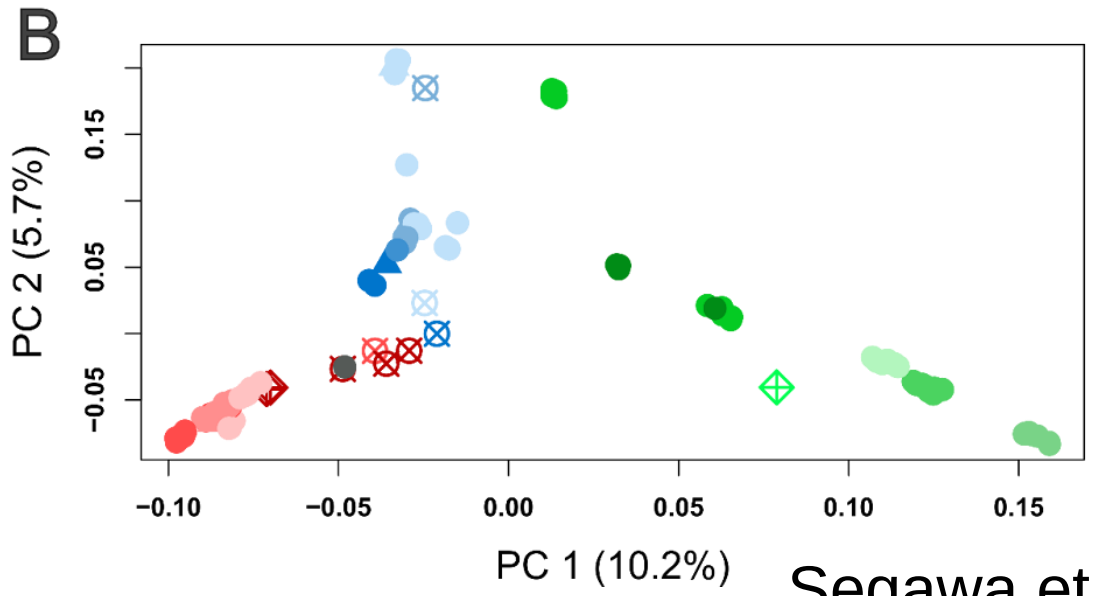

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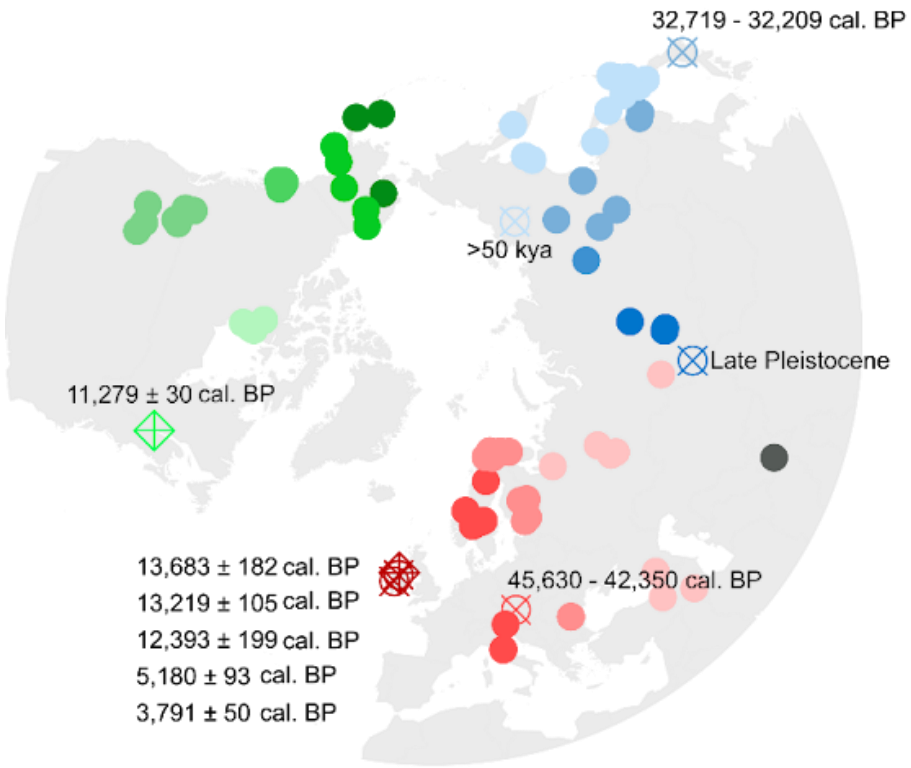

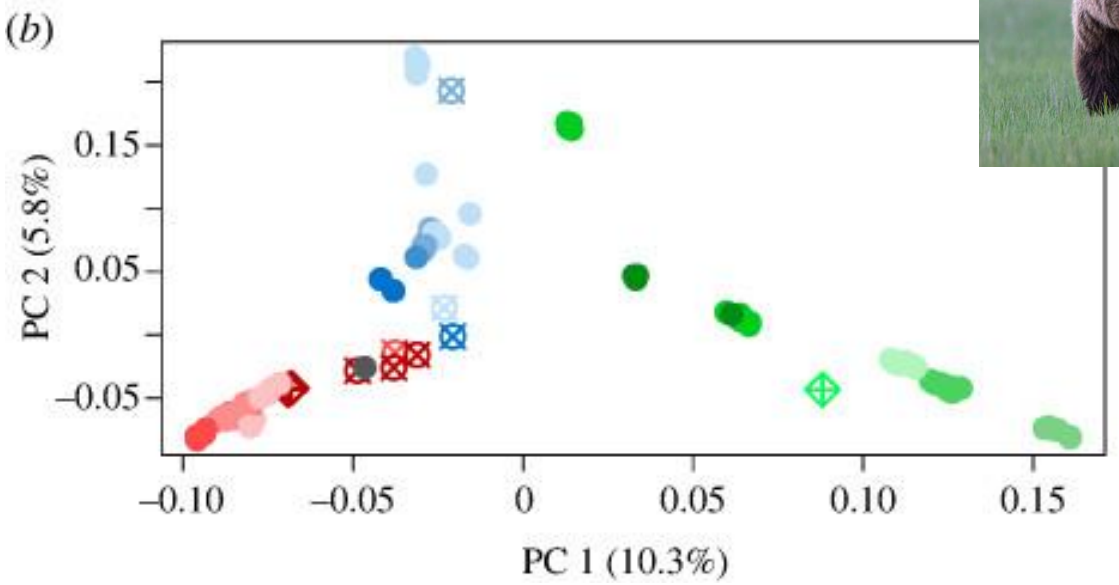

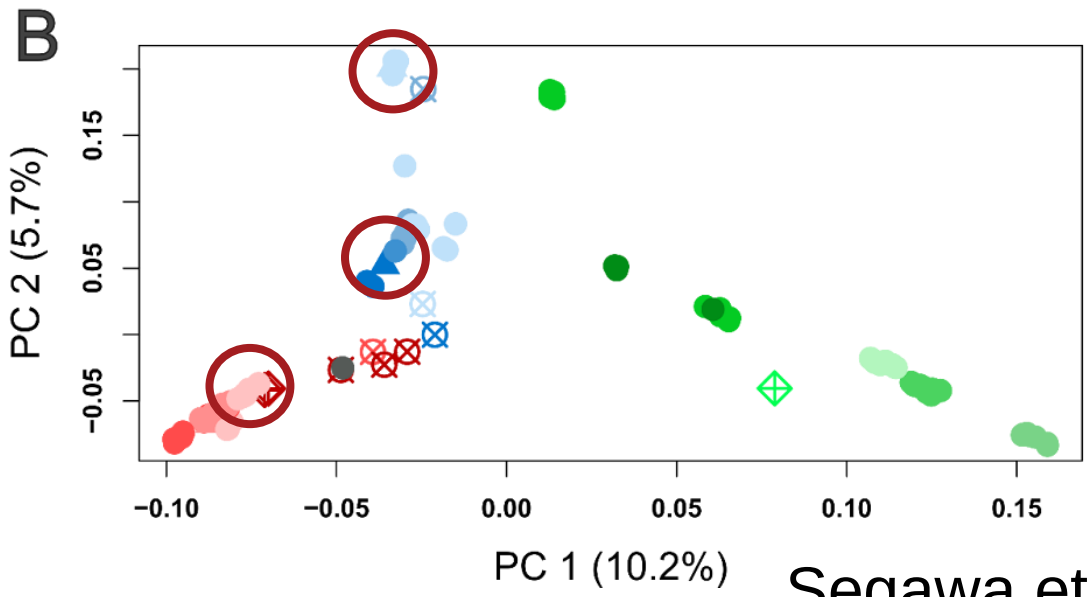

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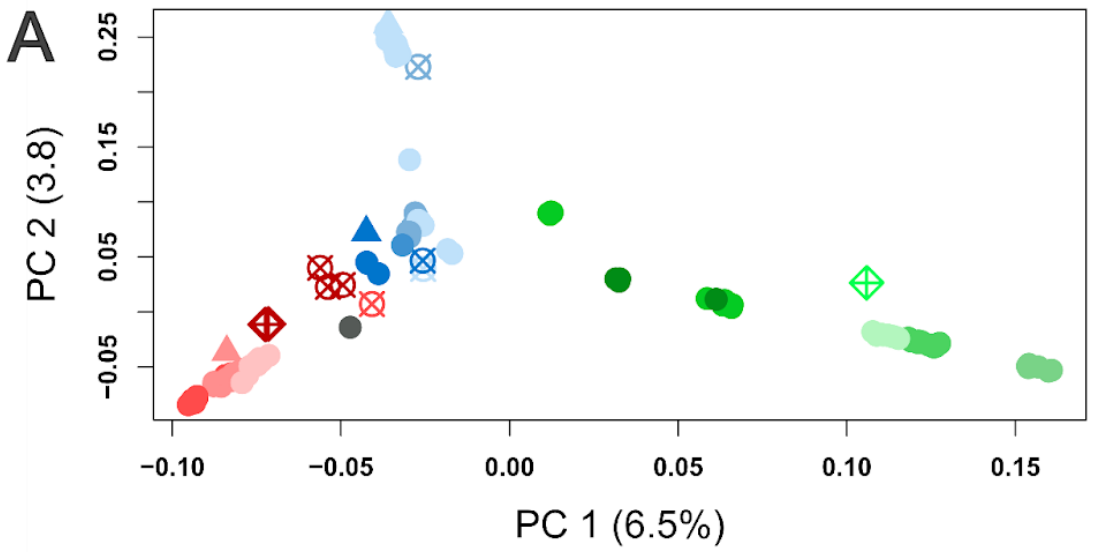

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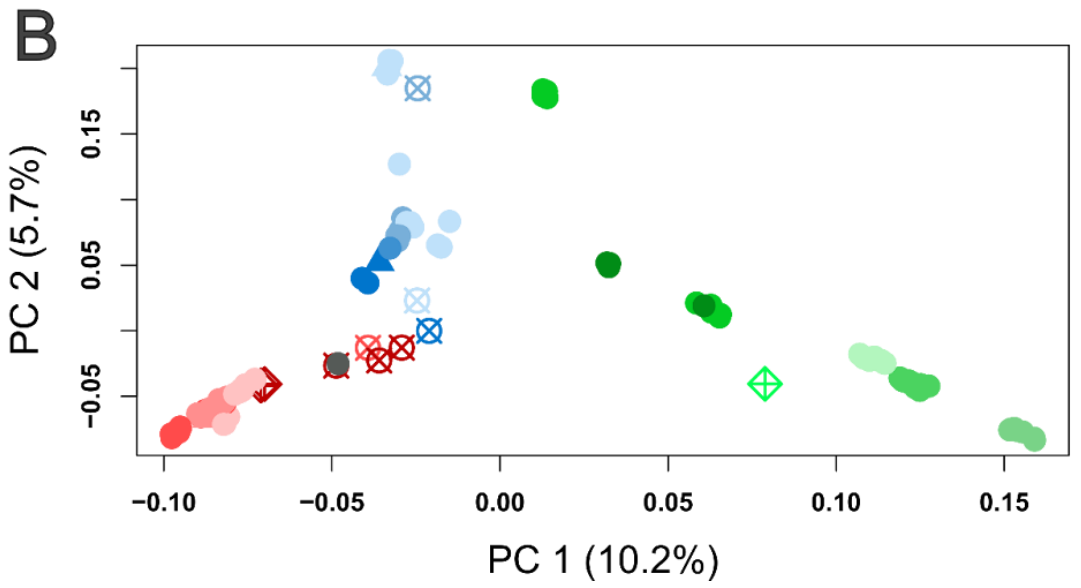

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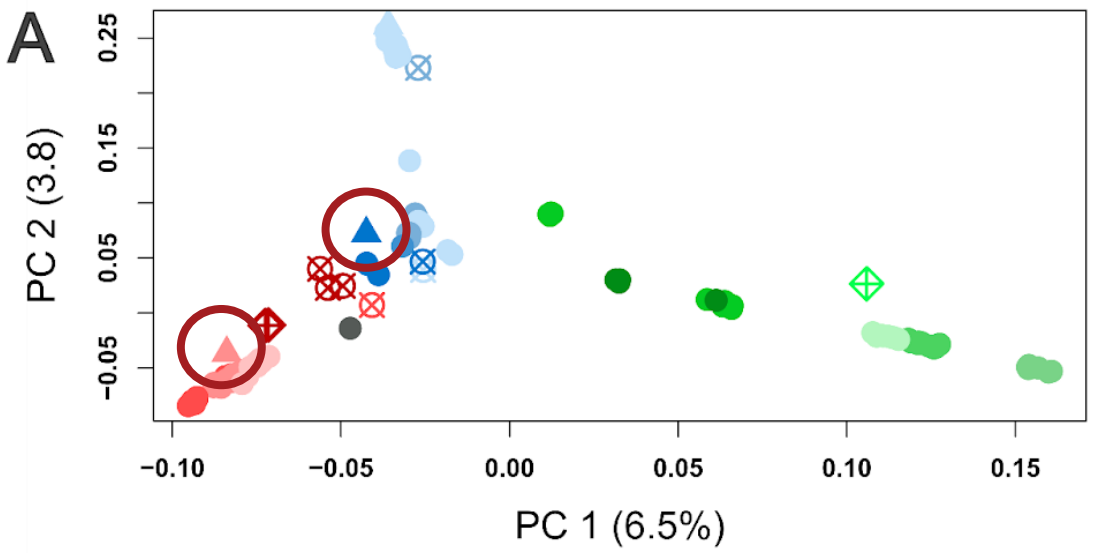

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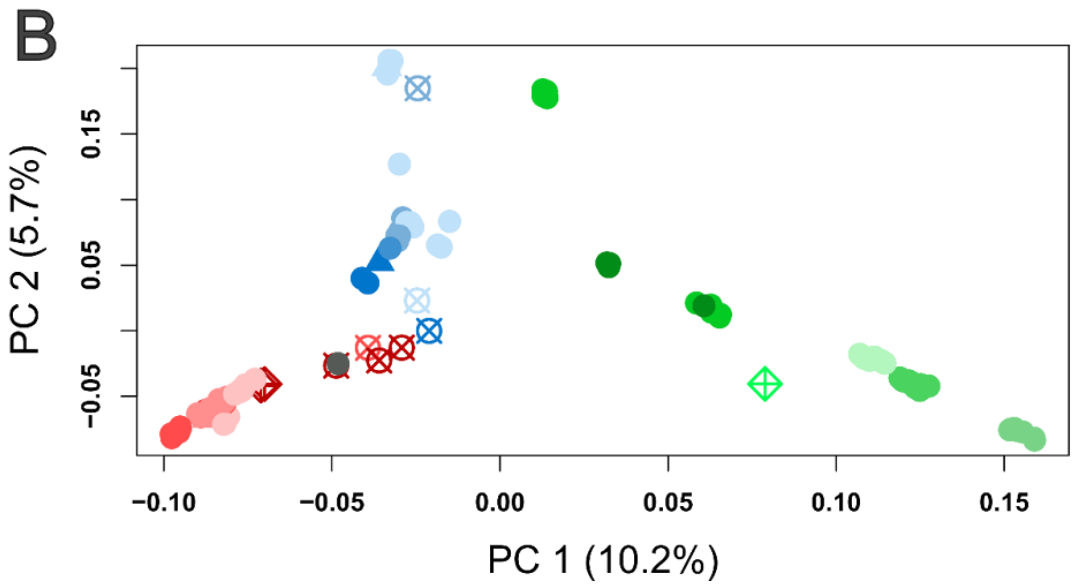

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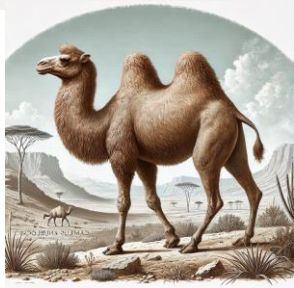

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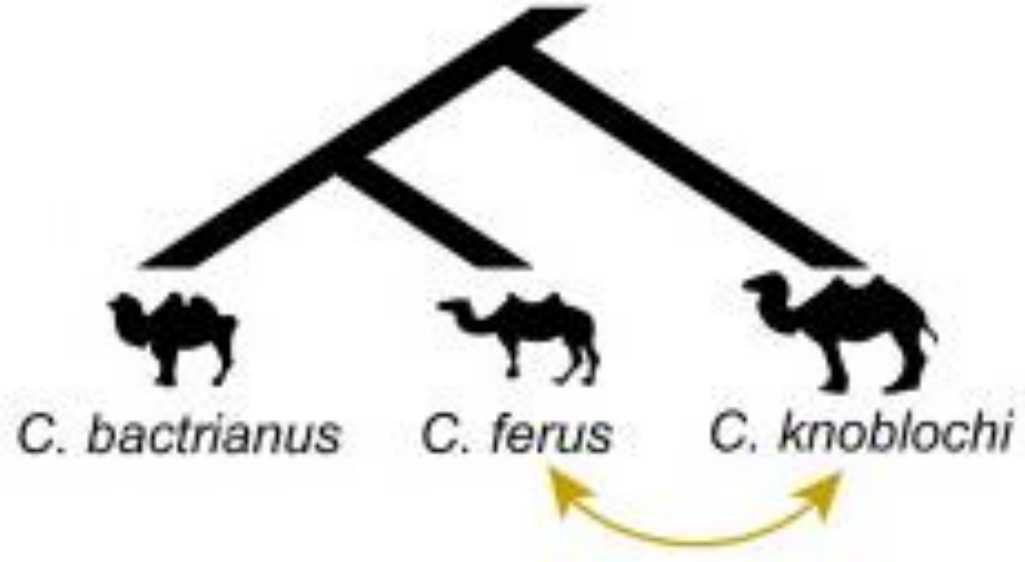

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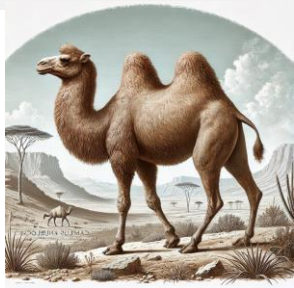

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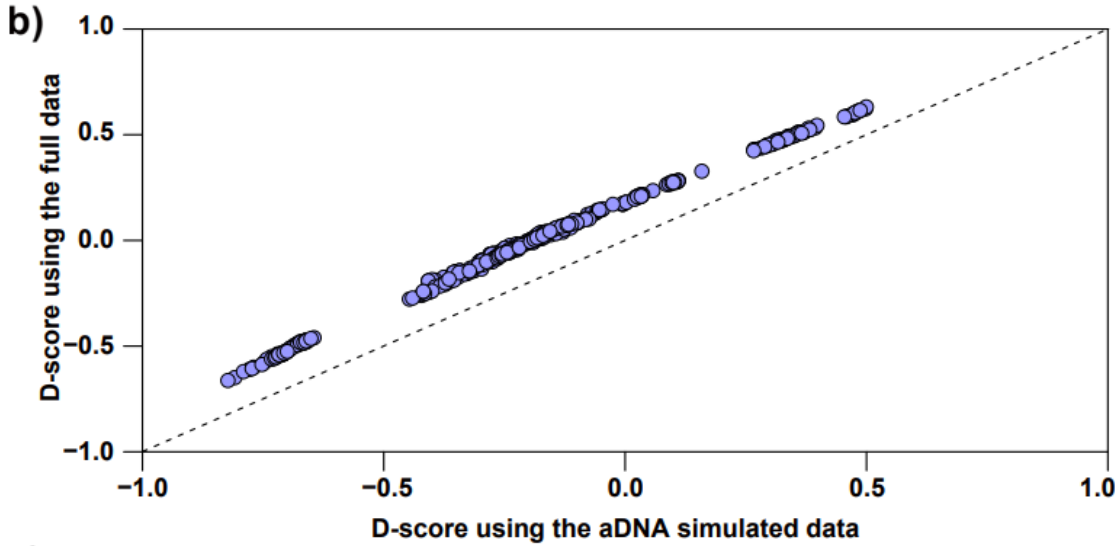

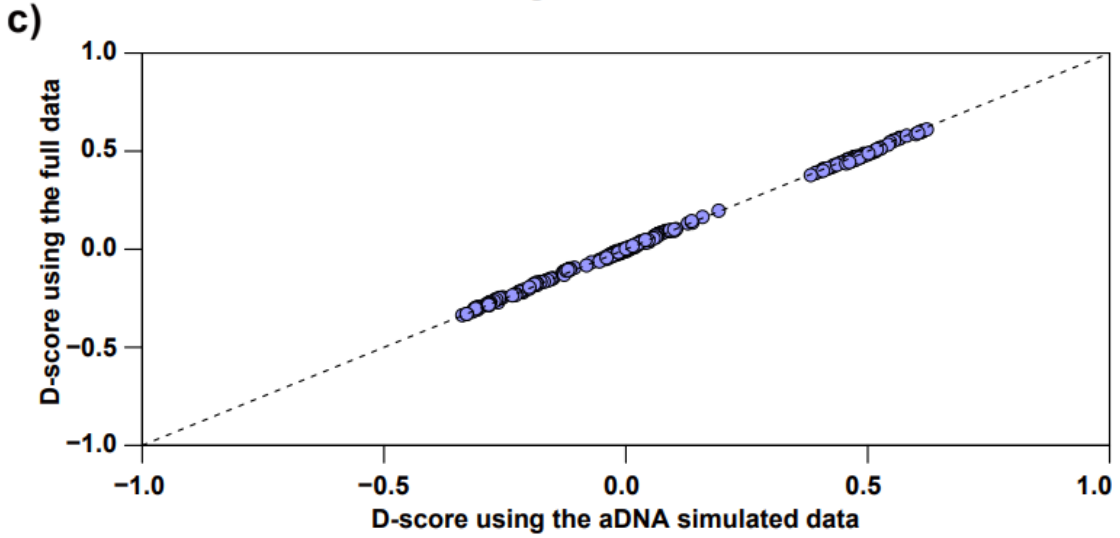

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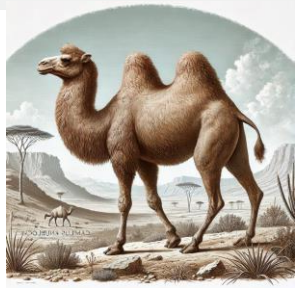

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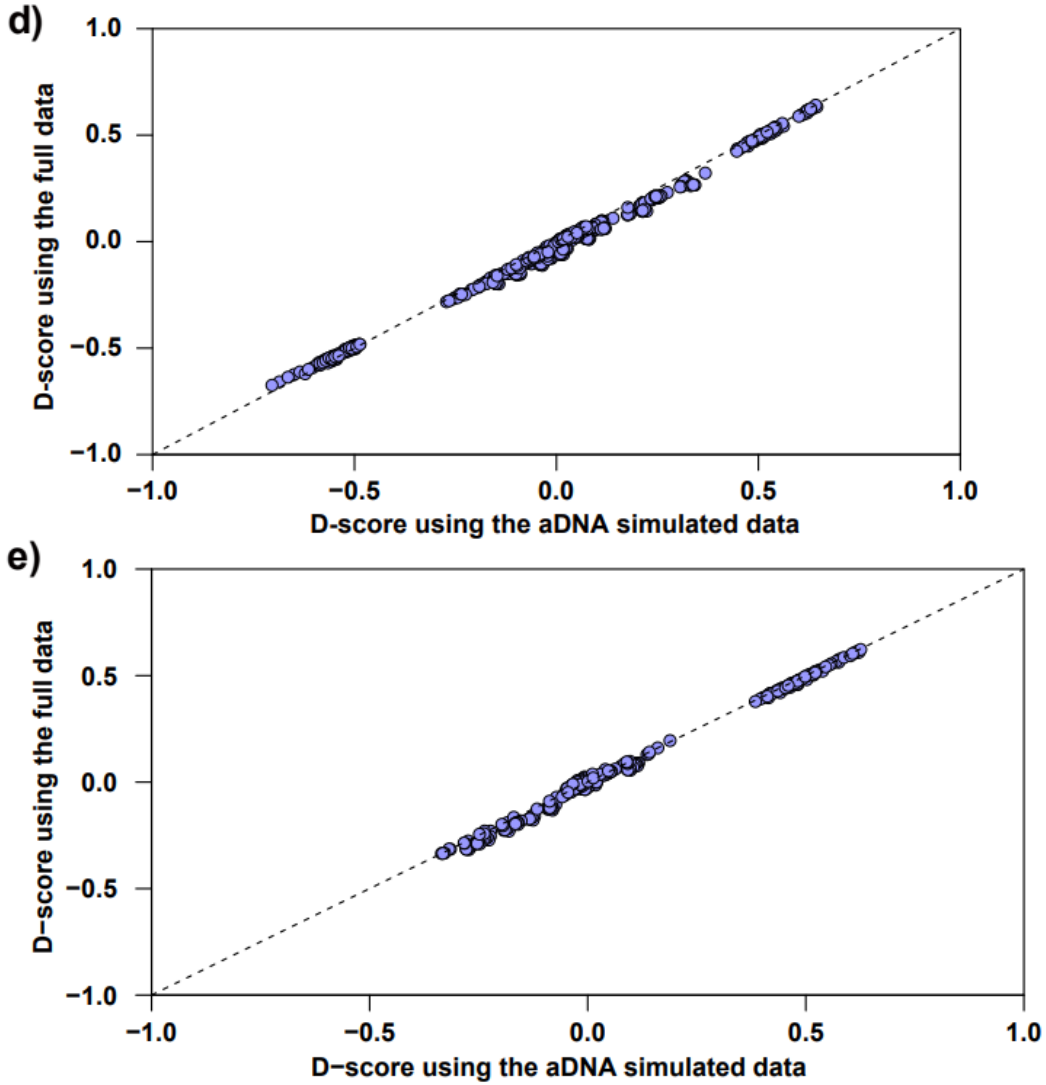

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Study system of the day - outgroups

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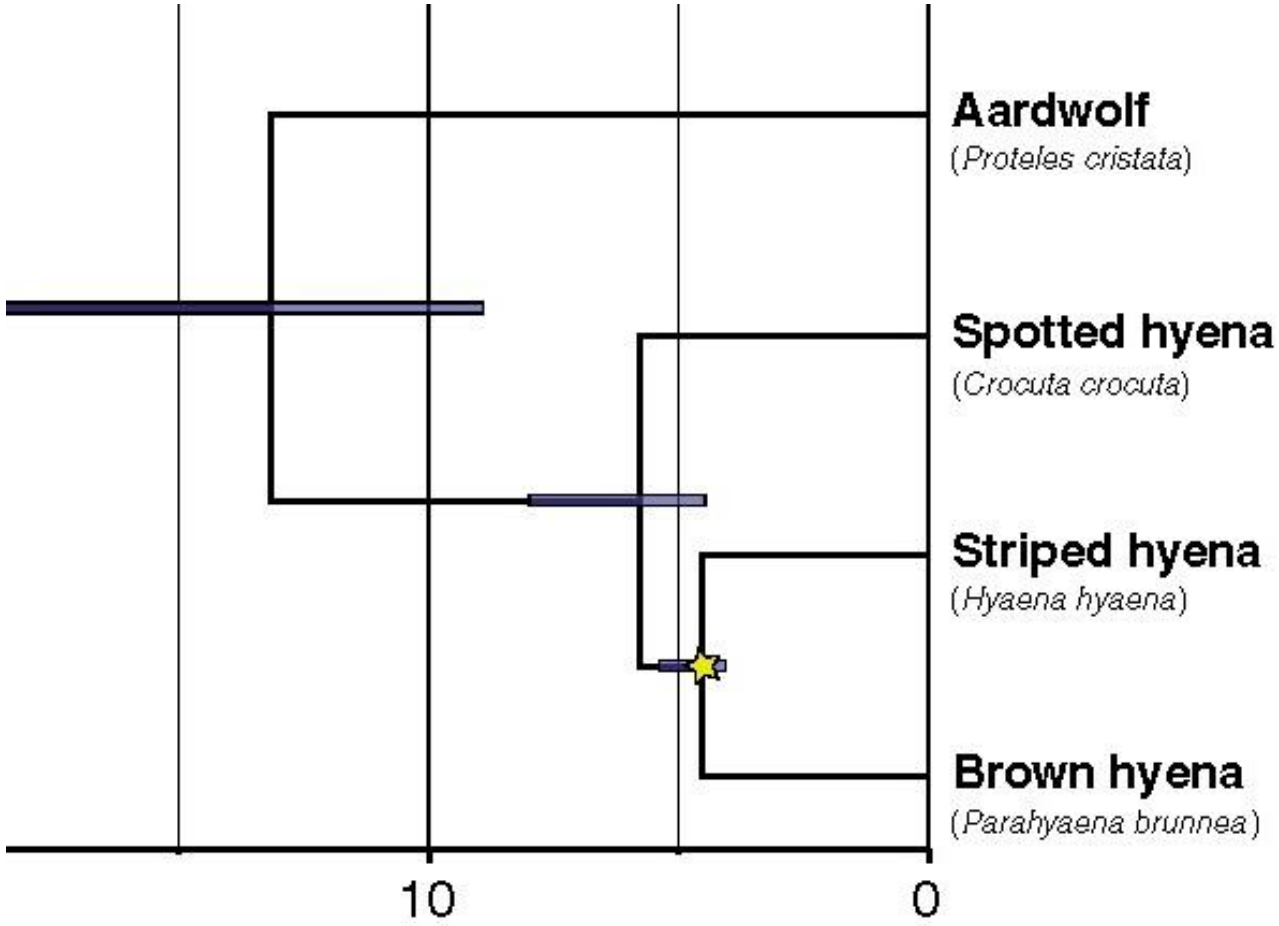

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