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Adaptation by natural selection proceeds most efficiently when alleles compete solely on the basis of their effects on the survival and reproduction of their carriers. A major condition for this is equal Mendelian segregation, but meiotic drive can short-circuit this process. The evolution of drive often involves multiple, interacting genetic components, together with enhancers and suppressors of drive. Chromosomal inversions that suppress crossing over are also frequently associated with drive systems. This study investigates the effects of these processes on patterns of molecular evolution in the fly Drosophila recens, which is polymorphic for a driving X chromosome (X<sup>D</sup>). Whereas standard wild-type chromosomes exhibit high levels of polymorphism at multiple loci, all of the X<sup>D</sup> chromosomes effectively carry a single multilocus haplotype that spans at least 130 cM. The X<sup>D</sup> is associated with a complex set of inversions that completely suppresses recombination between the standard wild-type chromosome and X<sup>D</sup> in heterozygous females, which maintain nonrandom associations among loci that presumably interact epistatically for the expression of drive. The long-term costs of foregoing recombination may be substantial; in combination with its low equilibrium frequency, this makes the X<sup>D</sup> chromosome susceptible to the accumulation of deleterious mutations. Consistent with this, X<sup>D</sup> chromosomes are apparently fixed for a recessive mutation that causes female sterility. Thus, the X<sup>D</sup> in D. recens appears to be in chromosome-wide linkage disequilibrium and in the early stages of mutational degradation.

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**M** endelian segregation ensures that alleles compete on a level playing field, thus maximizing the efficiency of natural selection (1). Although the deterministic spread of an allele under selection is generally thought to occur because of a fitness benefit to its carriers, this can also come about as a result of biased transmission through mechanisms such as meiotic drive (2). By being transmitted to more than half of the gametes, driving alleles can spread even if they adversely affect the fitness of their carriers. Furthermore, when such alleles occur on the X or Y chromosome, this can result in an unequal population sex ratio, further penalizing individuals that produce an excess of the more abundant sex (3). This can even lead to population extinction if the driver reaches a sufficiently high frequency (4).

Drive systems involve multiple, interacting components, usually with both enhancers and suppressors of drive (2). Epistatic interactions among these components favor suppression of crossing over among them (5). Close linkage among the core components of drive systems may be required for their initial evolution, because otherwise low-fitness genotypes are produced by recombination (6). It is therefore not surprising that drive loci are often found in low recombination regions, such as heterochromatin, and/or are associated with chromosomal inversions that suppress crossing over (but see ref. 7). Through an intragenomic arms race, a drive system may eventually come to involve a complex of unlinked suppressors, as well as tightly linked enhancers and core components (8).

As a consequence of selection for tight linkage, a drive system may eventually tie up a large block of genes as a single segregating unit. Accordingly, the best-studied drive systems [SD in Drosophila melanogaster (9) and t-haplotype in Mus (10)] are associated with regions of reduced recombination caused by inversions, which can extend for up to 20 cM. As a result, patterns of polymorphism and linkage disequilibrium (LD) throughout such regions may be affected. In D. melanogaster, polymorphism is reduced near SD, and very weak LD among sites extends up to 3 cM away (11). In contrast, in Drosophila pseudoobscura, four allozyme loci that span a distance of  $\approx 50$  cM on the right arm of the X (XR) are differentiated between sex ratio and standard chromosomes, which differ by a complex of three inversions (12, 13). At the DNA level, one of the two XR loci surveyed (Est-5) was in LD with sex ratio, whereas none of the three on the left arm of the X showed an association with sex ratio (14). In neither of these cases is crossing over suppressed, or LD maintained, over the entire chromosome.

Here we conducted an evolutionary genetic analysis of the X chromosome in Drosophila recens to infer the evolutionary history of X-drive and to understand its genomic consequences. D. recens is a mycophagous species in the quinaria group of the subgenus Drosophila and is found in boreal forests of eastern and central North America. In this study we surveyed six loci that span most of the X chromosome and asked whether any show an association with X-drive (the exact genes underlying X-drive in D. recens are unknown). Patterns of molecular variation of driving X chromosome  $(X^{D})$  and standard wild-type chromosome  $(X^{ST})$  in *D. recens* indicate that the evolution of X-drive has resulted in a dramatic molecular signature: a chromosome-wide X<sup>D</sup> haplotype that harbors little polymorphism. This pattern of chromosome-wide suppression of recombination, which is associated with multiple inversions, suggests that Hill-Robertson interference among closely linked loci subject to selection (15) will eventually lead to the evolutionary degradation of this X<sup>D</sup> system.

#### Results

Sequences from six X-linked loci (*cp36*, *elav*, *per*, *runt*, *v*, and *y*) were obtained from *D. recens*. We first determined the gene order and recombination distances on the  $X^{ST}$  background among these loci and two visible markers (*y* and *b*). The recombination map in Fig. 1 indicates that the seven loci are spread over  $\approx$ 129 cM. Species within the subgenus *Drosophila* 

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Abbreviations:  $X^D$ , driving X chromosome;  $X^{ST}$ , standard wild-type chromosome; LD, linkage disequilibrium;  $N_e$ , effective population size; MLE, maximum likelihood estimate.

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**Fig. 1.** Kosambi-corrected map distances among loci and haplotype structure of sampled chromosomes. Each column is a sampled chromosome. Gray lines indicate a site that is identical to the consensus X<sup>ST</sup> sequence, and white lines indicate a difference from the X<sup>ST</sup> consensus. Only parsimony informative sites were included; sites with segregating indels and singleton polymorphisms were excluded for clarity.

have Muller's element A as their X chromosome, which ranges in size: 109 cM in *Drosophila buzzatii* (16), 116 cM in *Drosophila hydei* (17), 131 cM in *Drosophila mojavensis* (18), and 170 cM in *Drosophila virilis* (19). Because the cumulative *runt*-to-*per* map distance of *D. recens* falls within this range, it is likely that these loci span most of the X chromosome.

To characterize X chromosomes from natural populations as  $X^{D}$  or  $X^{ST}$ , we surveyed the offspring sex ratio of 262 wild-caught males collected throughout the range of *D. recens*. Seven of these males (2.6%) sired almost exclusively daughters (mean fraction female = 0.982 ± 0.009) and were classified as  $X^{D}$ . The remaining 255 males produced ~1:1 offspring sex ratios (mean fraction female = 0.536 ± 0.005) and were classified as  $X^{ST}$ . Offspring sex ratio is bimodal, as no males sired between 81% and 93% daughters [supporting information (SI) Fig. 5]. Populations do not vary significantly in their frequency of  $X^{D}$  ( $P > 0.5, \chi^{2} = 4.212, df = 11$ ); thus, combining our frequency data with those of Jaenike (20), a total of 11 of 391 males were found to harbor an  $X^{D}$ , resulting in an overall frequency among males of 0.028 with a 95% confidence interval of 0.014–0.054 (SI Table 2).

We surveyed levels of polymorphism and divergence in a total of 44 X chromosomes: 29 X<sup>ST</sup> that were sampled randomly from the central part of the range of *D. recens*, 14 X<sup>D</sup> from populations spanning the range of the species (SI Table 2), and 1 from the closely related species *Drosophila subquinaria*. From each chromosome we sequenced the six loci (*cp36, elav, per, runt, v,* and *y*), for a total of  $\approx$ 5 kb per chromosome. The sample of X<sup>ST</sup> chromosomes shows a consistently high level of polymorphism and a low level of LD. Within the X<sup>ST</sup> sample, the overall silent sites  $\pi$  and  $\theta$  are 0.048 (SE 0.010) and 0.059 (SE 0.010), respectively. The difference between these two estimates of polymorphism indicates an excess

of rare variants, and across loci the observed mean Tajima's D of -0.87 was significantly less than the simulated mean for a neutral model with constant population size  $[D_{(exp)} = -0.10, P = 0.012]$ . Within the X<sup>ST</sup> sample the standardized population recombination parameter  $(\rho/\theta)$  ranged between 0.90 and 52.7 (Table 1), with a mean of 20.6. In comparison to other *Drosophila* species (21), this suggests that most of the loci are located in regions of at least moderate recombination. To test for nonrandom associations within and among loci, we concatenated the data from the six loci (n = 23 chromosomes), which resulted in 259 informative segregating sites and thus 10,560 pairwise comparisons among sites. We identified 22 pairs of sites with a significant nonrandom association; all 22 pairs were within loci (SI Fig. 6), indicating independence among loci on the X<sup>ST</sup> background.

In contrast to the X<sup>ST</sup> sample, the X<sup>D</sup> chromosomes show a consistently low level of polymorphism. Summed over all loci, we identified seven segregating sites, of which two were singletons, resulting in silent site polymorphism estimates of  $\pi = 0.0012$  and  $\theta = 0.0011$ . None of these seven segregating sites results in an amino acid change, and two of these are also polymorphic within X<sup>ST</sup>. Because of the abundance of multiple hits and high recombination in the XST samples it is difficult to determine with certainty whether these two shared polymorphisms are identical by descent. We also identified two indels within noncoding regions of the X<sup>D</sup> sample: a polymorphic  $(A)_n$  in y that differs by 1 bp and is polymorphic within both X<sup>D</sup> (in 2 of 14 X<sup>D</sup> chromosomes) and X<sup>ST</sup>, and a 17-bp deletion in v that is polymorphic only within  $X^{D}$  (in 4 of the 14  $X^{D}$ chromosomes). The overall Tajima's D for the  $X^{D}$  sample is 0.45, which is not significantly different from the neutral expectation. Within the X<sup>D</sup> chromosomes there is some evidence for recombination: excluding indels we find evidence for a single recombination event, and including indels there is evidence for three recombination events. To test for LD between  $X^{ST}$  and  $X^{D}$  we used the concatenated sequences of both  $X^{ST}$  and  $X^{D}$  haplotypes (n = 37), which resulted in 284 informative segregating sites and 14,290 valid comparisons among sites. We identified 561 pairs of sites with a significant nonrandom association: of these, 325 pairs (58%) occurred among loci, including all pairwise combinations (SI Figs. 7 and 8), indicating that LD between chromosome types (X<sup>ST</sup> vs. X<sup>D</sup>) is maintained throughout the chromosomal region we sampled.

Comparisons of the levels of silent nucleotide polymorphism between X<sup>D</sup> and X<sup>ST</sup> chromosomes yield ratios  $\pi_{[ST]}/\pi_{[D]} = 0.0478/$  $0.0012 \approx 40$  and  $\theta_{[ST]}/\theta_{[D]} = 0.0589/0.011 \approx 53$ . Using coalescent simulations assuming a constant population size, we determined the maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) of this difference in polymorphism, and hence effective population size ( $N_e$ ), between the X<sup>ST</sup> and X<sup>D</sup> subpopulations. As shown in Fig. 2, the X<sup>D</sup> has an  $N_e$ of 2.8% of the X<sup>ST</sup>, with a 2-unit support interval of 1.2–5.4%.

The phylogenetic tree made from the concatenation of the six loci shows several important aspects of the evolutionary history of the X<sup>D</sup> (Fig. 3). First, the X<sup>D</sup> samples are monophyletic, both for the concatenated data set and for each of the individual loci (SI Fig. 9), indicating that the X<sup>D</sup> chromosome in *D. recens* has a single origin. For each individual locus, as well as for the concatenated data, there is a perfect association between the X<sup>D</sup> haplotype group and a biased offspring sex ratio for the males that carry these chromosomes (Fisher's exact test, P < 0.0001). This perfect association indicates that suppressors of drive are rare or absent in *D. recens*. Thus, the X<sup>D</sup> forms a single and unique haplogroup that encompasses all of the loci we surveyed and that must, therefore, span at least 129 cM of the X chromosome.

Second, the phylogenetic tree clearly shows that the X<sup>D</sup> chromosome is derived from X<sup>ST</sup> and does not represent an ancient polymorphism (Fig. 3). Nevertheless, all of the loci are differentiated between the X<sup>D</sup> and X<sup>ST</sup> chromosomes (Table 1). Comparing the X<sup>D</sup> with all X<sup>ST</sup> samples, there are 10 fixed nucleotide differences, including four synonymous changes and one nonsynonymous change in coding regions and five changes in noncoding regions. To Table 1. Summary of molecular population genetic analyses

	ср36	elav	per	runt	V	У	All
X <sup>ST</sup>							
n	29	29	29	28	26	26	23
L <sub>ALL</sub>	744	1140	648	375	759	1602	5268
L <sub>SIL</sub>	260	279	141	206	411	410	1769
M	41	65	48	46	170	105	447
S	40	68	45	39	147	99	408
S <sub>1</sub>	26	34	15	18	73	61	220
$\pi$	2.06	4.67	8.89	4.71	7.20	3.68	4.78
$\theta_{W}$	4.02	6.19	8.14	4.86	10.85	6.71	6.25
DT	-1.75	-0.81	0.35	-0.60	-0.90	-1.51	-0.87
Ks	0.03	0.10	0.21	0.07	0.15	0.18	0.12
ρ	0.74	0.47	0.31	0.77	0.07	0.02	_
$\rho/\theta_{\rm W}$	52.7	32.2	13.8	22.9	1.41	0.90	_
XD							
n	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
L <sub>SIL</sub>	260	280	142	235	529	560	2042
S	1	2	2	0	2	0	7
S <sub>1</sub>	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
$\pi$	0.06	0.15	0.69	0	0.17	0	0.12
$\theta_{W}$	0.12	0.22	0.44	0	0.12	0	0.11
D <sub>T</sub>	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.45
X <sup>D</sup> vs. X <sup>ST</sup>							
K* <sub>st</sub>	0.31	0.31	0.32	0.14	0.24	0.28	0.22
S <sub>nn</sub>	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.96	0.98	0.98	1.00
Fixed differences	3	1	1	0	5	0	10
Polymorphic in X <sup>ST</sup> , fixed in X <sup>D</sup>	42	67	61	46	163	105	484
Polymorphic in X <sup>D</sup> , fixed in X <sup>ST</sup>	1	1	2	0	1	0	5
Shared polymorphism	0	1	0	0	1	0	2

The last column is for the concatenated data set. Number of all (L<sub>ALL</sub>) and silent sites (L<sub>SIL</sub>), silent segregating mutations (M), sites (S), and singletons (S<sub>1</sub>) are excluding alignment gaps.  $\pi$  and  $\theta_W$  estimate silent-site nucleotide diversity, also excluding gaps, with values per site and multiplied by 10<sup>-2</sup>.  $K_S$  is the Jukes–Cantor corrected silent-site divergence to *D. subquinaria*, and  $\rho$  estimates the per-site population recombination parameter. Values in bold are significant at the *P* < 0.0001 level.

estimate the evolutionary age of the current X<sup>D</sup> haplotype, we used the nine silent fixed differences between X<sup>D</sup> and all X<sup>ST</sup> and assume a molecular clock of  $1.5 \times 10^{-9}$  silent substitutions per site per year (22, 23). This gives an expected X<sup>D</sup> age of 300,000 years, with a range of 100,000–400,000 years. To determine the minimum age of the X<sup>D</sup> (or time to most recent common ancestor) we used the method of Andolfatto *et al.* (24). This method assumes, first, that the X<sup>D</sup> inversion has a unique origin from a X<sup>ST</sup> ancestor, and, second, that the X<sup>D</sup> inversion brought about complete genetic isolation from the X<sup>ST</sup>. If we assume the same molecular clock as above and three generations per year, the minimum age of the X<sup>D</sup>



**Fig. 2.** MLE of the ratio of the  $N_e$  of  $X^D$  relative to  $X^{ST}$ . The MLE of this ratio of 0.0276 is indicated by the dotted line, and the 2-unit support interval of 0.0118–0.054 is indicated by the gray line.

haplotype is 250,000 years. Note that these methods estimate the age of the current  $X^{D}$  haplotype, not the age of the underlying drive system (which may be much older).

To estimate recombination rates in  $X^{D}/X^{ST}$  females we used the visible X-linked mutants y and b. In  $X^{ST}/X^{ST}$  females there is nearly free recombination between y and b: among 1,936 F<sub>2</sub> progeny of + +/y b females, 40.7% were recombinants, resulting in a distance of 60 cM using Kosambi's (25) mapping function. To estimate recombination between y, b, and the loci responsible for drive in  $X^{D}/X^{ST}$  females, we scored 5,402 progeny of y  $b/X^{D}$ females and recovered no recombinant y + or + b genotypes. We determined the offspring sex ratio of 281 F<sub>2</sub> males and found that all y b males produced normal 1:1 sex ratios, whereas all ++ males sired only daughters. Thus, whereas y and b segregate nearly independently in  $X^{ST}/X^{ST}$  females, recombination is completely suppressed between y, b, and drive in  $X^{D}/X^{ST}$ females.

Chromosomal inversions are common in Diptera (26) and are known to be associated with driving chromosomes in other systems. Fig. 4 shows the polytene X chromosomes of an  $X^D/X^{ST}(y \ b)$  female. As evidenced by the two inversion shifts noted in the figure, which are indicative of overlapping inversions, this complex probably contains at least four different and overlapping inversions. It is likely that these inversions suppress recombination and thus maintain linkage among the multiple loci required for full drive expression.

Laboratory culturing revealed that eight of eight independently sampled  $X^{Ds}$  from across the range of *D. recens* carried a recessive female sterile mutation. To determine whether the different  $X^{D}$  isolates carry the same sterility mutation, we



**Fig. 3.** Phylogenetic tree made from the concatenated sequences of the 14  $X^D$  and 23  $X^{ST}$  chromosomes of *D. recens*, using *D. subquinaria* to root the tree. The tree was constructed by using the neighbor-joining algorithm with Kimura two-parameter adjusted branch lengths. Support values were generated from 10,000 bootstrap replicates. Sites with gaps were excluded from the analyses, resulting in a total of 3,757 bp.

conducted complementation tests. By crossing different strains we produced  $X^{D}_{i}/X^{D}_{Bemidji}$  females, where  $X^{D}_{Bemidji}$  represents an  $X^{D}$  from Bemidji, MN, and  $X^{D}_{i}$  represents one of six other  $X^{D}$  isolates. In no case did an  $X^{D}_{i}/X^{D}_{Bemidji}$  female produce any offspring (n > 20 tested females per cross type). Thus, the sterility mutations carried by the different  $X^{D}$ s are allelic and most likely share a single origin.



**Fig. 4.** Polytene X chromosomes of  $X^{D}/X^{ST}$  female. Inversion shifts, which indicate overlapping inversions, are noted by the black arrows, and the tip of the chromosome is indicated by the white arrow.

## Discussion

X chromosome drive has had a dramatic impact on the genome of *D. recens.* Our data show that drive is associated with a unique X chromosome haplotype that harbors little polymorphism in comparison to the nondriving  $X^{ST}$  chromosome. Furthermore, all six of the X-linked loci we examined are strongly differentiated between the  $X^{D}$  and  $X^{ST}$  chromosomes. These loci span  $\approx 130$  cM, which is likely to encompass most of the X chromosome. Thus, the evolution of this drive system has tied up the entire  $X^{D}$  chromosome as a single nonrecombining unit. This pattern is probably the result of the accumulation of inversions that now suppress recombination between  $X^{D}$  and  $X^{ST}$  chromosomes and have been selected to maintain associations among the loci that control drive (6).

Our sample of *D. recens*  $\hat{X}^{ST}$  chromosomes indicates that these are highly polymorphic and freely recombining chromosomes. However, compared with X<sup>ST</sup>, the X<sup>D</sup> sample harbors 20- to 80-fold less polymorphism, with perfect association with X-drive across all six loci. Males carrying an  $X^{D}$  were found across the range of D. recens, but there was no geographic differentiation among the X<sup>D</sup> samples ( $H_{ST} = -0.03$ , P = 0.60, using populations with at least two X<sup>D</sup> alleles). Such patterns could have arisen if the X<sup>D</sup> chromosome has gone through a recent bottleneck as the result of the spread of a new sex ratio inversion or enhancer-of-drive allele. Although such sweeps probably have occurred several times during the history of the X<sup>D</sup> (because it has apparently accumulated multiple inversions), three lines of evidence suggest that the X<sup>D</sup> has experienced neither a very recent sweep nor a recent dramatic reduction in frequency. First, a sweep of a nonrecombining chromosome will eliminate standing polymorphism, yet we find several polymorphic sites among extant X<sup>D</sup> chromosomes, almost all of which are mutations absent from the X<sup>ST</sup> class. Second, during the initial recovery phase after a sweep, most polymorphisms will be unique, resulting in a star-like phylogeny and an excess of low-frequency mutations. However, only 2 of the 11 polymorphisms (including indels) are singletons, resulting in a frequency spectrum of mutations consistent with neutral expectations, or possibly with a gradual decline in frequency of the X<sup>D</sup>, because there is a (nonsignificant) deficit of low-frequency mutations. Finally, after accounting for the difference in recombination between the two types of chromosomes, the polymorphism-based MLE of the ratio of  $N_e$  between X<sup>D</sup> and X<sup>ST</sup> of 0.0276 is nearly identical to the current  $X^D/X^{ST}$  frequency ratio of 0.028 (Fig. 2). In other words, the X<sup>D</sup> chromosome harbors a level of variation consistent with equilibrium expectations. Thus, although the X<sup>D</sup> may have experienced selective sweeps in the past, we see no evidence of this; if anything, our data suggest that X<sup>D</sup> has been at a consistently low or declining frequency in the recent evolutionary past.

The inversions that suppress recombination between  $X^{D}$  and  $X^{ST}$ in D. recens probably maintain linkage among the genes that interact epistatically for the expression of drive (6). There is some evidence for historical recombination events within the X<sup>D</sup> chromosomes; these may have occurred before the establishment of the sterility mutation, or possibly may represent a low level of fertility of  $X^{D}/X^{D}$  females in the wild (although such females must be very rare, unless X<sup>D</sup> used to be at a higher frequency). Nevertheless, compared with the X<sup>ST</sup> chromosomes the X<sup>D</sup> has severely reduced recombination. In the long-term, the costs of foregoing recombination can be substantial because nonrecombining chromosomes are likely to suffer low polymorphism, reduced potential for adaptation to changing conditions, and more frequent fixation of deleterious mutations due to Hill-Robertson interference (15, 27). The lack of recombination, in combination with its low equilibrium frequency, may make the X<sup>D</sup> chromosome particularly susceptible to accumulation of deleterious mutations, akin to the process seen in Y and neo-Y chromosomes (28). In these systems, however, it is possible for dosage compensation to evolve by coopting of the

molecular machinery used to up-regulate the  $X^{ST}$  chromosome in males (29), but this is not possible for the  $X^{D}$  in females. We therefore hypothesize that a positive feedback between declining chromosome frequency and increasing vulnerability to the spread of deleterious mutations will lead to a downward spiral in the fitness and frequency of the  $X^{D}$ , eventually resulting in its loss from the species.

Preliminary evidence suggests that the X<sup>D</sup> of *D. recens* is already fixed for at least one deleterious mutation. XDs collected from throughout the range all carry the same recessive female sterility factor, resulting in sterility of XD/XD females. Because XD/XD females are sterile and recombination is suppressed in  $X^{\text{D}}\!/\!X^{\text{ST}}$ females, neither this nor any other deleterious mutation can be eliminated from the X<sup>D</sup> via recombination. Regardless of whether this female sterile mutation was captured when an XD-associated inversion first arose, or arose within the X<sup>D</sup> lineage, this mutation will constrain the X<sup>D</sup> to low frequencies. If we assume that the dynamics of X<sup>D</sup> is governed solely by its transmission advantage in males and the sterility of X<sup>D</sup>/X<sup>D</sup> females, its expected equilibrium frequency is 25%. However, the current and evolutionarily recent frequency of X<sup>D</sup> is 2.8%, i.e., 9-fold less than expected, indicating that there must be additional deleterious fitness effects of the  $X^{D}$ chromosome, such as lower fertilization success of X<sup>D</sup> males or reduced fitness of X<sup>D</sup>/X<sup>ST</sup> females.

Although much of the X<sup>D</sup> chromosome evidently does not experience recombination, gene conversion between the X<sup>D</sup> and X<sup>ST</sup> chromosomes may reduce the rate of X<sup>D</sup> degeneration. Gene conversion may play a substantial role in the maintenance of polymorphism, particularly in inversions and other regions of low recombination (21, 30, 31). Using the method of Betrán *et al.* (32), we analyzed each gene individually and identified seven unique gene conversion events, all of which are from X<sup>D</sup> to X<sup>ST</sup>, and which range from 2 to 443 bp, with an average of 172 bp (SI Table 3). However, because all of the gene conversion events we identified are from X<sup>D</sup> to X<sup>ST</sup>, these tracts may represent ancestral polymorphism and in any case do not represent rescue of X<sup>D</sup> by X<sup>ST</sup> sequences.

There has been renewed interest in the effect of inversions on patterns of molecular evolution, particularly with respect to detecting the signal of coadapted gene complexes (33, 36). If the genes tied up within inversions do not interact epistatically, then differentiation among inversion types is expected to persist near the breakpoints but will break down throughout the inverted regions because of double crossovers and gene conversion events in heterozygotes (34, 35). Although allozymes were found in LD between inversion karyotypes (26), early studies of DNA polymorphism within and around inversions found LD only near the breakpoints (30). However, some more recent studies have revealed some LD at the DNA level among loci within inversions (36-38). Our results indicate that the D. recens X<sup>D</sup> haplotype is maintained in perfect LD across a chromosomal region with several inversions and that, on the X<sup>ST</sup> chromosome, spans at least 130 cM. This LD is much more extensive than any other known drive or inversion system and may be the largest known segregating haplotype in any sexually outcrossing system. However, by preventing recombination over such a large genomic region, presumably to maintain a coadapted set of genes, the X<sup>D</sup> may ensure its own eventual demise as a result of an increasing load of deleterious mutations.

## **Materials and Methods**

Markers and Map Order. The X chromosome in *D. recens* is telocentric and equivalent to Muller's element A (39). The six loci were randomly chosen with respect to gene order and chromosomal location (because there was no genetic map for this species) and include portions of *chorion protein 36* (*cp36*), *elav* (*elav*), *period* (*per*), *runt*, *vermilion* (v), and *yellow* (y). Primer sequences and fragment details are listed in SI Table 4. DNA was extracted from single males, and all PCR, sequencing, and data editing were performed by using standard protocols.

We determined the gene order and recombination distances among the molecular and available visible markers on an  $X^{ST}$ background. We crossed a single wild-type male to homozygous *yellow* (y) brown (b) females from a stock that was isogenic for a single y b  $X^{ST}$  chromosome, which produced y b/++ females that all carried the same two X chromosomes. We designed restriction digests based on single nucleotide differences between the male's allele and the corresponding allele on the y b chromosome. The genotypes of 230 of the sons of the y b/++ females were used to determine the distances among the markers. All map distances were calculated by using the Kosambi mapping function (25).

**X<sup>D</sup>** Characterization and Samples for Polymorphism Analyses. From populations spanning most of the known range of *D. recens* (40) we characterized naturally occurring chromosomes as X<sup>D</sup> and X<sup>ST</sup>. Wild-caught males were mated to laboratory virgin females, and the offspring sex ratio scored: males were characterized as carrying an X<sup>D</sup> if they produced  $\geq 10$  offspring, of which  $\geq 90\%$  were female; otherwise they were characterized as X<sup>ST</sup> as long as they sired  $\geq 10$ offspring. All fly cultures were maintained at 22°C on Instant *Drosophila* Medium (Carolina Biological Supply, Burlington, NC) supplemented with commercial mushroom (*Agaricus bisporus*).

The 14 X<sup>D</sup> chromosomes used in this study come from populations across the range of the species, including Chebeague Island, ME (n = 2), Rochester, NY (n = 4), Mattawa, ON, Canada (n = 5), Smoky Mountains, TN (n = 1), Bemidji, MN (n = 1), and Edmonton, AB, Canada (n = 1). The 29 X<sup>ST</sup> chromosomes were sampled randomly from the central populations in the range of *D. recens*, which do not show any signature of population structure (data not shown). These are from Bemidji, MN (n = 6), Bethlehem, NH (n = 7), Munising, MI (n = 7), and Rochester, NY (n = 9). One individual of the closely related species *D. subquinaria* was used for an outgroup.

Molecular Population Genetic Analyses. From each of the 44 chromosomes we surveyed the pattern of DNA polymorphism at the six mapped molecular loci. DNA sequences were aligned manually, taking coding frame into account, and molecular evolutionary analyses were conducted by using DnaSP version 4.0 (41) unless otherwise noted. Sites with alignment gaps were excluded from the analyses. In addition, one X<sup>ST</sup> sample was excluded from the v analyses because it contained an indel that spanned the entire 3' half of the fragment, and a polymorphic glutamine repeat region was excluded from the *elav* sequence alignment. Polymorphism was measured at silent sites, including pairwise nucleotide diversity,  $\pi$  (42), and nucleotide site variability based on the number of segregating sites,  $\theta_W$  (43). The frequency spectrum of polymorphisms was tested for departure from neutrality by using Tajima's D (44) using silent sites only. An overall D for the set of loci was determined by using the program HKA (http://lifesci.rutgers.edu/~heylab/HeylabSoftware. htm#HKA) with 10<sup>4</sup> coalescent simulations without recombination within loci.

Phylogenetic relationships were constructed for each locus and for all six loci concatenated by chromosome (herein referred to as the concatenated data set) using parsimony with 10,000 bootstrap replicates in PAUP\* v4.0b10 (45). We determined the degree of genetic differentiation between  $X^{D}$  and  $X^{ST}$  samples using  $S_{nn}$  (46) and  $K_{ST}$ \* (47), with significance determined by using 10,000 permutations.

The population recombination parameter,  $\rho$ , was inferred for each locus by using the composite-likelihood method of Hudson (48), as implemented in the program LDhat (49).  $\rho$  is equal to  $4N_{er}$ , where r is the per-generation recombination rate, taking into account the lack of crossing over in males.  $N_e$  is the effective population size; for the X chromosome, this equals 0.75 of the autosomal value if there is no sexual selection (50). Fisher's exact test (51) was used to test whether pairs of variable sites within and between loci showed significant associations. We used the concatenated sequences, excluded singleton polymorphisms and sites with more than two alleles segregating, and applied a sequential Bonferroni correction (52) to account for multiple comparisons.

To infer the relative  $N_e$  of the X<sup>D</sup> versus the X<sup>ST</sup> chromosome, we used simulations of the coalescent process using methods similar to those of Bachtrog and Charlesworth (53). This enabled us to not only account for the difference in recombination environments between the two types of chromosomes, but also to estimate confidence intervals for this difference. We simulated a single tree with six completely linked loci for the X<sup>D</sup> and six independent trees for the XST. We used a sample size of 14 chromosomes, using all of the X<sup>D</sup> data and a random sample of the X<sup>ST</sup> data. For each locus the total number of segregating sites was assigned to the X<sup>D</sup> and X<sup>ST</sup> trees in proportion to their length. After each run the number of segregating sites on the X<sup>D</sup> and X<sup>ST</sup> was determined and the quantity  $\Delta S_{\rm sim} = (S_{\rm ST} - S_{\rm D})/S_{\rm ST}$  was computed. To estimate the reduction in  $N_{\rm e}$ , the tree length was multiplied by a scaling factor k before mutations were laid down on the tree. The proportion of runs  $M_{\delta}$  for which  $|\Delta S_{\rm obs} - \Delta S_{\rm sim}| \le 0.002$  was tallied, and the MLE of k was determined by  $L(k|\Delta S) = (M_{\delta}/n)$ , where n = 100,000replicates.

Suppression of Recombination in  $X^{D}/X^{ST}$  Females. We used X-linked visible markers to test directly for suppressed recombination in heterozygous  $X^{ST}/X^{D}$  females. Recombination between *y* and *b* on an  $X^{ST}$  background was determined by using offspring of heterozygous *y b*/++ females, and recombination on the heterozygous  $X^{ST}/X^{D}$  background was determined by using the offspring of heterozygous *y b*/X<sup>D</sup> females. The rate of recombination and distance in cM between *y* and *b* were determined by scoring the offspring of these heterozygous females that had been mated to *y b* males. To estimate the recombination distances between *y*, *b*, and drive, sons of *y b*/X<sup>D</sup> females were

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crossed individually to virgin females, the offspring sex ratio was scored, and the male was genotyped for  $X^D$  as described above.

**Identification of X<sup>D</sup> Inversions.** To identify chromosomal inversions we used standard cytological techniques to prepare orceinstained polytene chromosome squashes of third-instar larvae. The X chromosome was identified from male *y b* larvae because it consistently did not show regions of nonpairing, which were common among the autosomes, and it was paler in appearance than the autosomes. We crossed X<sup>D</sup> males to virgin X<sup>ST</sup> *y b* females, which produced the X<sup>ST</sup>/X<sup>D</sup> females that we then used to identify inversions associated with the X<sup>D</sup>.

Allelism of the X<sup>D</sup> Female Sterility Factor. All of the X<sup>D</sup>s from this study that we have maintained in the laboratory harbor a recessive female sterility factor  $[n = 7 X^{D}s$  from this study and 1 from Jaenike (20)]. We conducted complementation tests to determine whether this sterility factor was allelic in the various X<sup>D</sup> chromosomes. Because females that carry two copies of the *same* X<sup>D</sup> are sterile, to test whether two different X<sup>D</sup> chromosomes, e.g., X<sup>D</sup><sub>i</sub> and X<sup>D</sup><sub>j</sub>, are allelic, we crossed X<sup>D</sup><sub>i</sub>/y *b* females to X<sup>D</sup><sub>i</sub> males. Because the resulting F<sub>1</sub> daughters were either X<sup>D</sup>/X<sup>D</sup><sub>j</sub> or X<sup>D</sup><sub>i</sub>/y *b*, both of which appear to be wild type, we determined the genotype of each daughter by mating them to X<sup>ST</sup> males and scoring their offspring for the presence of *y b* males. F<sub>1</sub> daughters that produced *y b* sons were inferred to be X<sup>D</sup><sub>i</sub>/y *b*, and those that produced only wild-type offspring were inferred to be X<sup>D</sup><sub>i</sub>/X<sup>D</sup><sub>j</sub>, but with sterility factors that complemented each other. If the sterility factors on the two different X<sup>D</sup> chromosomes were allelic and did not complement, then the female produced no offspring.

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