The Genome Sequence of *Saccharomyces eubayanus* and the Domestication of Lager-Brewing Yeasts

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Abstract

The dramatic phenotypic changes that occur in organisms during domestication leave indelible imprints on their genomes. Although many domesticated plants and animals have been systematically compared with their wild genetic stocks, the molecular and genomic processes underlying fungal domestication have received less attention. Here, we present a nearly complete genome assembly for the recently described yeast species *Saccharomyces eubayanus* and compare it to the genomes of multiple domesticated alloplloid hybrids of *S. eubayanus* × *S. cerevisiae* (*S. pastorianus* syn. *S. carlsbergensis*), which are used to brew lager-style beers. We find that the *S. eubayanus* subgenomes of lager-brewing yeasts have experienced increased rates of evolution since hybridization, and that certain genes involved in metabolism may have been particularly affected. Interestingly, the *S. eubayanus* subgenome underwent an especially strong shift in selection regimes, consistent with more extensive domestication of the *S. cerevisiae* parent prior to hybridization. In contrast to recent proposals that lager-brewing yeasts were domesticated following a single hybridization event, the radically different neutral site divergences between the subgenomes of the two major lager yeast lineages strongly favor at least two independent origins for the *S. cerevisiae* × *S. eubayanus* hybrids that brew lager beers. Our findings demonstrate how this industrially important hybrid has been domesticated along similar evolutionary trajectories on multiple occasions.

Key words: domestication, hybridization, *Saccharomyces eubayanus*, lager brewing, genome assembly.

Introduction

The molecular evolutionary processes of domestication have been extensively studied in plants and animals (Doebley et al. 2006; Lu et al. 2006; Cruz et al. 2008; Wang et al. 2014), but relatively few examples have been investigated in fungi (Rokas 2009; Borneman et al. 2011). Although domesticated microbes achieve tremendous population sizes, lineages can adaptively lose the ability to reproduce sexually when passed vegetatively (Lang et al. 2009), while other lineages are derived from sterile interspecies hybrids (Querol and Bond 2009; Borneman et al. 2012; Gibson and Liti 2015). The loss of sexual reproduction and potentially extreme bottlenecks could lead to especially dramatic elevations in the fixation of deleterious alleles through Muller’s Ratchet (Muller 1964; Felsenstein 1974), with each lineage of domesticated microbe potentially following its own domestication trajectory.

The yeasts used to ferment lager-style beers are examples of highly successful, domesticated interspecies hybrids. Although *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has been used for millennia to brew ale-style beers and other alcoholic beverages, lager brewing originated more recently in the 15th century central Europe (Meussdoerffer 2009). Distinguished by their low fermentation temperatures and the settling of yeasts during fermentation, lagers are characterized as having a crisp taste that is distinctive from ale-style beers, which are often associated with relatively pure strains of *S. cerevisiae*. Although ale strains of *S. cerevisiae* are the prototypical brewing yeasts, hybrid lager strains account for 94% of the world market (Riese and Eßlinger 2009).

Historically, lager yeasts have been referred to as *S. pastorianus* syn. *S. carlsbergensis*, but, in the early 1980s, they were shown to be interspecies hybrids of *S. cerevisiae* and a second parental species (Nilsson-Tillgren et al. 1981; Martini and Kurtzman 1985; Martini AV and Martini A 1987). Although the phylogenetic placement of this missing parent had been hypothesized since the early 2000s (Casaregola et al. 2001; Naumova et al. 2005; Nguyen and Gaillard 2005; Rainieri et al. 2006; Nakao et al. 2009; Nguyen et al. 2011), *S. eubayanus* was first described as an independent species in 2011 when nonhybrid strains were found in association with *Nothofagus* trees in Patagonia (Libkind et al. 2011). Since then, rare isolates have also been isolated in North America (Peris et al. 2014)
and China (Bing et al. 2014). However, the only evidence of *S. eubayanus* in Europe remains the hybrid lager-brewing strains of *S. cerevisiae* × *S. eubayanus* and other genetically complex interspecies hybrids (Almeida et al. 2014; Gibson and Liti 2015). *Saccharomyces eubayanus* has not been definitively associated with human-controlled fermentations, except as interspecies hybrids (Rodríguez et al. 2014; Gibson and Liti 2015).

Lager yeasts consist of two distinct lineages, both of which were isolated in the late 19th century and form the basis of lager brewing today (Gibson et al. 2013; Gibson and Liti 2015). These lineages, Saaz and Frohberg, were named for the areas in which they were isolated, and are also known as Group I and Group II strains, respectively (Dunn and Sherlock 2008). Other authors distinguish Saaz/Group I strains taxonomically as *S. carlsbergensis* (Wendland 2014) and Frohberg/Group II strains as *S. pastorianus*. Each lineage has unique flavor and brewing profiles, as well as genetic compositions, but both lineages are *S. cerevisiae* × *S. eubayanus* alloplloid hybrids (Dunn and Sherlock 2008; Gibson et al. 2013; Walther et al. 2014). Saaz strains have a slightly greater capacity to grow at low temperatures than Frohberg strains, and the two lineages also produce differing amounts of various esters important to the taste of the final product (Gibson et al. 2013; Walther et al. 2014). Saaz strains also have relatively poor fermentation performance compared with Frohberg strains, at least partly due to their poor utilization of maltose and maltotriose, which comprise 45–65% and 16–26% of all available sugars, respectively (Boulton and Quain 2007). This deficiency likely contributes to the predominance of Frohberg strains in modern industrial-scale brewing (Gibson et al. 2013).

Greater tolerance of lower temperatures and poor utilization of maltose and maltotriose make Saaz strains more physiologically similar to their *S. eubayanus* parent than Frohberg strains (Gibson et al. 2013). Perhaps not surprisingly, Saaz strains contain a higher proportion of *S. eubayanus* DNA in their genome, approximately one full diploid *S. eubayanus* genome and a haploid *S. cerevisiae* genome (i.e., allotriploids) (Walther et al. 2014). In comparison, Frohberg strains have a more equitable composition of parental genomes so that Frohberg genomes comprise approximately one full diploid *S. eubayanus* genome and one full diploid *S. cerevisiae* genome, making them approximately allotriploid hybrids (Nakao et al. 2009; Walther et al. 2014).

The origin of these lineages is still contentious. One hypothesis proposes that the Saaz and Frohberg lineages resulted from independent hybridization events (Liti et al. 2005; Dunn and Sherlock 2008; Bond 2009). The most extensive study to date (Dunn and Sherlock 2008) examined the genome composition of multiple lager yeast strains using aCGH (array comparative genomic hybridization) with probes from *S. cerevisiae* S288c and *S. uvarum* CBS 7001 (previously *S. bayanus* var. *uvarum*), the sister species of *S. eubayanus*, as well as limited sequence data. However, concerns have remained about the use of *S. uvarum* as a proxy for *S. eubayanus* and the low resolution of aCGH, and subsequent findings have cast doubt on the multiple origin hypothesis. Specifically, three translocations between the *S. eubayanus* and *S. cerevisiae* chromosomes of lager yeasts share identical breakpoints between the Saaz and Frohberg lineages (Hewitt et al. 2014; Walther et al. 2014). This led Jürgen Wendland et al. to propose that both lineages were derived ultimately from a single hybridization event between a diploid *S. eubayanus* parent and a diploid *S. cerevisiae* parent (or two haploids followed by endoreduplication) (Walther et al. 2014; Wendland 2014). Under this hypothesis, the Frohberg strains represent the ancestral state of all lager-brewing yeast lineages, while Saaz strains were derived later from a rare viable alloplloid meiotic spore that subsequently mated with a haploid *S. eubayanus* spore to form an allopolloid lineage. Other groups, however, have argued on the basis of experimental evidence and limited gene sequence data from lager strains that identical breakpoints could have resulted from independent events at recombination hotspots or fragile sites in *Saccharomyces* chromosomes (Hewitt et al. 2014; Monerawela et al. 2015). Consequently, it is still unclear which hypothesis best explains the origins of lager-brewing yeasts.

Understanding the origins and evolution of lager yeasts, as well as the genetics of what makes them such successful industrial strains compared with their nonhybrid parents, is still an active area of research. Although a draft assembly of *S. eubayanus* has been available since 2011, this initial assembly has a number of drawbacks (Libkind et al. 2011). Most critically, it was assembled with a relatively low coverage of 36-bp single-end reads using the *S. uvarum* genome as a reference. Although *S. uvarum* is the sister species to *S. eubayanus*, they are, nevertheless, approximately 7% diverged at the sequence level (Libkind et al. 2011), roughly the same distance as between humans and macaques (Gibbs et al. 2007). This reference-based assembly cannot account for any translocations in the *S. eubayanus* genome relative to the *S. uvarum* genome and lacks crucial information on *S. eubayanus* subtelomeric sequences. Complete and accurate assembly of the subtelomeric regions is of special interest because they often harbor novel and highly polymorphic genes, such as many of those important for brewing (Brown et al. 2010), but these regions have been traditionally difficult to assemble (Brown et al. 2010; Ellegren 2014). Recently, an improved genome assembly for *S. eubayanus* was published by Hebly et al. (2015), but this assembly still lacks critical coverage of the *S. eubayanus* subtelomeric sequences and fails to provide scaffolded *S. eubayanus* chromosomes.

In the absence of a high-quality reference genome, putative *S. eubayanus* genes within lager-brewing yeasts have been described based on the apparent absence of close homologs within *S. cerevisiae* and, when their genomic location is known, their physical proximity to non-*S. cerevisiae* portions of lager yeast genomes (Dietvorst et al. 2005; Nakao et al. 2009; Vidgren et al. 2010; Cousseau et al. 2013). With our assembly of the *S. eubayanus* genome, it is now possible to study lager yeasts in the context of the complete genomes of both parental species. Not only does our *S. eubayanus* assembly fill this important information gap, its quality and coverage, both in terms of depth and completeness, exceeds that of any *Saccharomyces* genome outside of *S. cerevisiae*. In
addition to setting a new benchmark for genome assembly quality, the *S. eubayanus* genome also demonstrates what is possible with current Illumina sequencing technology and assembly algorithms. Here, we analyze the genome evolution of *S. eubayanus* and its domesticated hybrids to begin to infer how these genomes have changed during domestication, yielding unprecedented insights into the complex origins and evolution of these industrially important hybrids.

**Results/Discussion**

**A High-Quality Annotated De Novo Genome Assembly of *Saccharomyces eubayanus***

To study the evolution of the genome sequence and structure of *S. eubayanus* and its hybrid descendants, we assembled de novo the genome sequence of FM1318—a monophasic derivative of the species type strain (CRUB 1568 = PYCC 6148 = CBS 12357). To enable the use of the ALLPATHS-LG genome assembler, we built two specialized Illumina libraries: A "fragment library" with paired-end 300-bp reads (i.e., 2 × 300 bp) and a "jumping library" with mate-pair reads with an average insert size of approximately 6.5 kb. Briefly, ALLPATHS-LG first joins paired-end reads from the fragment library that overlap to create longer reads, from which it builds a de Bruijn graph to construct contigs; the longer insert jumping library is then incorporated into the de Bruijn graph to scaffold the contigs, resolve repeats, and flatten the graph (Ribeiro et al. 2012). Because all *Saccharomyces* genomes contain Ty retrotransposons that are approximately 6 kb, duplicate gene families, and several other large repeats, a long-read or long-insert scaffolding strategy is critical to providing physical evidence that spans gaps to order and orient contigs. ALLPATHS-LG performed well on the nuclear genome but poorly on the two-micron plasmid and the mitochondrial genome, both of which are circular and present at higher copy numbers. Instead, we assembled these genomes using SPAdes (Bankevich et al. 2012) which produced complete contigs that we manually circularized. We performed several additional procedures and quality checks to combine and improve the final assembly (see Materials and Methods).

This assembly strategy resulted in a genome assembly of higher quality than any published for a *Saccharomyces* species other than *S. cerevisiae* (Liti et al. 2009, 2013; Scannell et al. 2011; Engel et al. 2014). Specifically, the 11.66-Mb nuclear genome was found on 22 scaffolds, and the scaffold N50 was 896 kb. These scaffolds were built from 144 contigs, with a contig N50 of 198 kb. Manual inspection of gaps suggested that most were due to Ty elements or other repetitive sequences. With the exception of six scaffolds ranging from 2 to 13 kb in length, all scaffolds were placed onto chromosomes. Only chromosome XII had an internal gap, which corresponded to the ribosomal DNA (rDNA) repeats and is conserved with *S. cerevisiae*. Indeed, the genome of *S. eubayanus* is nearly syntenic with *S. cerevisiae* with the exception of a handful of small inversions and two previously documented reciprocal translocations that it shares with its sister species, *S. uvarum* (fig. 1) (Fischer et al. 2000; Scannell et al. 2011). One assembled chromosome (chromosome VIII) contained telomeric repeats, and several contained well-resolved multicopy subtelomeric gene families.

We adapted the Yeast Genome Annotation Pipeline (YGAP) to annotate our high-quality de novo assembly of the *S. eubayanus* genome (see Materials and Methods). This pipeline resulted in 5,515 predicted protein-coding genes for *S. eubayanus*, which is similar to the current draft genomes of other *Saccharomyces* species (Liti et al. 2009, 2013; Scannell et al. 2011). Of the predicted protein-coding genes, 4,993 were unambiguous 1:1:1 orthologs among *S. cerevisiae*, *S. uvarum*, and *S. eubayanus*. Because the Saaz and Frohberg lineages of lager-brewing yeasts contain largely complete but sometimes nonoverlapping copies of both the *S. cerevisiae* and *S. eubayanus* genomes (Walther et al. 2014), we separately considered 1:1:1:1 orthologs for each lineage. Specifically, the *S. cerevisiae*: *S. cerevisiae* (Frohberg): *S. uvarum*: *S. eubayanus*: *S. eubayanus* (Frohberg) set had 3,649 orthologs, while the *S. cerevisiae*: *S. cerevisiae* (Saaz): *S. uvarum*: *S. eubayanus*: *S. eubayanus* (Saaz) set had only 3,102 orthologs due to the loss of more *S. cerevisiae* genes, principally through the loss of chromosomes (Dunn and Sherlock 2008). A total of 2,268 orthologs were common between the Saaz 1:1:1:1 ortholog set and the Frohberg 1:1:1:1 ortholog set. For phylogenetic analyses, we also included *S. paradoxus* sequences (1:1:1:1:1 ortholog sets), as an outgroup for *S. cerevisiae* lager and nonlager sequences, leaving 2,194 orthologs.

Based on the shared set of 1:1:1:1:1 orthologs (coding sequences [CDSs]) between the Saaz and Frohberg genomes, the *S. cerevisiae* subgenome of the Saaz lineage is 99.57% identical to S288c, while in the Frohberg lineage, the *S. cerevisiae* subgenome is 99.60% identical. The *S. eubayanus* subgenomes of both lager strains are 99.55% identical to FM1318 (supplementary table S1, Supplementary Material online), similar to a previous estimate of 99.56% (Libkind et al. 2011).

**The *Saccharomyces eubayanus* Mitochondrial Genome**

The *S. eubayanus* mitochondrial genome (mtDNA) is 64 kb, which is 6.6 kb smaller than the mtDNA of Frohberg lager-brewing yeast (Nakao et al. 2009) and 21.8 kb smaller than the mtDNA of *S. cerevisiae* (S288c). *Saccharomyces eubayanus* mtDNA has a similar gene order to the Frohberg representative, but it differs in the number of introns in COB and the locations of COX1 introns (fig. 2). Both *S. eubayanus* and Frohberg mtDNA show two rearrangements relative to *S. cerevisiae* (S288c), one involving 15S rRNA and tRNA-Trp loci and a second involving the tRNA-Glu and COB loci (supplementary fig. S1, Supplementary Material online). These sequence and sequence similarities establish *S. eubayanus* as the main donor of mtDNA for lager yeasts of the Frohberg lineage. In addition, our analyses also revealed a dynamic history of selfish elements and possible localized introgression with other *Saccharomyces* species. Overall, the Frohberg mtDNA CDSs are approximately 98.56% identical to the *S. eubayanus* mtDNA (supplementary results S1 and supplementary figs. S1 and S2, Supplementary Material online).
FIG. 1. Dot plot comparing the location of genes in the *Saccharomyces eubayanus* (FM1318) genome assembly with their location in *S. cerevisiae* (S288c). Lines circled in the same color indicate reciprocal translocations.

FIG. 2. Schematic representation of *Saccharomyces eubayanus* (FM1318) and lager-brewing yeast (Frohberg strain W34/70) annotated mitochondrial genomes. Mitochondrial genes, rRNAs, tRNAs, and noncoding RNAs are represented in green, red, pink, and brown, respectively. Genes with asterisks are elements or gene sequences not shared by both *S. eubayanus* and the lager yeast mitochondrial genomes. Underlined names are intronic regions located in different positions between *S. eubayanus* and Frohberg lager yeast.
Characterization of the Maltose (MAL) Utilization Genes of Saccharomyces eubayanus

The MAL genes allow the sugars maltose, maltotriose, and related sugars to be utilized as carbon sources. They are typically subtelomeric and often found in clusters consisting of genes encoding a maltose permease (MALT), a maltase (MALS), and a transcriptional regulator of the pathway (MALR) (Needleman 1991). Saccharomyces cerevisiae also contains additional maltose utilization genes, including genes encoding the isomaltases IMA1–IMAS (Teste et al. 2010) and the maltose and maltotriose transporters MPH2 and MPH3 (Day et al. 2002). These genes are also subtelomeric but are not necessarily found in close association with other maltose utilization genes. For simplicity, we refer to genes related to maltose utilization collectively as MAL genes. The industrial importance of understanding maltose utilization, particularly the S. eubayanus versions of MAL genes in lager-brewing yeasts, and the historic difficulty of assembling the subtelomeric regions, makes these genes excellent candidates to test the quality and completeness of our S. eubayanus assembly.

An extensive search of the S. eubayanus genome revealed 14 genes related to maltose utilization spread across four chromosomes (fig. 3 and supplementary table S2, Supplementary Material online), as well as two putatively pseudogenized MAL genes on an unplaced scaffold (supplementary results S2, Supplementary Material online). For comparison, in the most recent assembly of the S. eubayanus genome, which was based entirely on Illumina paired-end reads, only three of these MAL genes could be identified, and none could be placed on chromosomes (Hebly et al. 2015). In our analysis, all MAL genes were found in subtelomeric clusters (fig. 3) and, in most cases, were the last genes before the end of the assembled chromosome sequence. The MAL genes were often found in association with other genes known to be related to fermentation and brewing, such as genes encoding hexose transporters and alcohol dehydrogenases, consistent with the tendency of subtelomeric regions to harbor brewing-related genes (Brown et al. 2010).

The Origins of the MAL Genes of Lager-Brewing Yeasts

To infer the origins of MAL genes in lager yeasts, we extracted homologs from the publicly available genome assemblies of the two lager yeast lineages, Saaz and Frohberg (Walther et al. 2014), by using both the S. cerevisiae (S288c) (Cherry et al. 2012; Engel et al. 2014) and S. eubayanus sequences as BLAST queries. Because ale strains are the most likely S. cerevisiae parent of lager-brewing yeasts (Dunn and Sherlock 2008; Querol and Bond 2009; Monerawela et al. 2015), MAL genes were also extracted from the publicly available genomes of the ale strains Foster’s O and Foster’s B (Borneman et al. 2011). Many ale MAL genes were incomplete or, in some cases, completely missing from previously published assemblies, so we relied primarily on the MAL gene sequences from S288c for our comparisons. Where possible, lager MAL genes were assigned as either of S. cerevisiae or S. eubayanus origin based on sequence similarity (supplementary table S2, Supplementary Material online).

**S. eubayanus (FM1318)**

![Genome regions in Saccharomyces eubayanus (FM1318) with clusters of genes related to maltose (MAL) utilization. Regions are represented from chromosome ends to the first gene that is syntenic with S. cerevisiae (S288c). Gene sizes and distances are approximately to scale. Arrows show the direction of transcription and direction to the centromeres. Gray boxes represent sequence gaps. MAL genes are colored: Orange genes encode maltases and isomaltases, green genes encode maltose transporters (permeases), and red genes encode transcription factors that regulate other MAL genes. MAL genes are named for their closest S. cerevisiae homolog in S288c and prefixed with “Seub.” S. eubayanus MAL genes that are most similar to the same S. cerevisiae MAL gene are distinguished by letters (SeubIMA-A, SeubIMA-B, etc.). Double lines before or after a gene represent incomplete sequence due to poor sequence resolution in those areas and their names are marked with a “t” for truncated. All non-MAL genes in S. eubayanus are named for their closest gene family in S. cerevisiae using standard names with the exception of genes that are the first gene syntenic with S. cerevisiae (S288c). The first S. eubayanus genes syntenic with S288c are named using the standard names of their S. cerevisiae syntenic homologs, where available, along with their systematic names.**

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Although many lager MAL genes had very high sequence identity with either S. cerevisiae (S288c) or S. eubayanus (FM1318) genes, in a number of cases, the identity was insufficient to identify them as being of S. eubayanus or S. cerevisiae origin. In most cases, the similarity between the ale strain MAL genes and their lager homologs was about the same as for S288c. In several cases, however, the ale strain MAL genes were much more similar to the lager yeast genes than the sequences from S288c. Several ale MAL genes had over 98% nucleotide identity to their lager yeast counterparts, whereas the closest S288c homolog had less than 85% identity; in one case, the nearest homolog had even been identified as a S. eubayanus gene. Because many of the MAL genes extracted from the ale genomes were incomplete, were of poor sequence quality, or had frameshifts that were likely 454 sequencing artifacts, these results are probably an underestimate of the true similarity of ale strains to the S. cerevisiae genomes of lager-brewing yeasts. In some cases, the percent identity of a lager MAL gene to its closest S. cerevisiae or S. eubayanus homolog was low enough that its true origin remained ambiguous. Despite relatively low sequence identities, synteny sometimes supported the S. eubayanus origin of lager yeast genes where sequence identity was ambiguous (fig. 4A and supplementary table S2, Supplementary Material online). For example, the gene order within MAL clusters from S. eubayanus, S. cerevisiae, and the Saaz and Frohberg lager yeast lineages revealed one cluster in both lager yeast lineages that is largely syntenic with the S. eubayanus MAL cluster on chromosome V and another MAL cluster in the Saaz lineage that is syntenic with the cluster on chromosome X of S288c (fig. 4A). The common origin of many genes within these clusters is further supported by phylogenetic analysis (fig. 4B). Although we could establish the parent species for a number of lager yeast MAL genes, the origin of many MAL genes remains ambiguous, including the previously identified lager-brewing yeast-specific genes, MTT1 and Lager-AGT1 (supplementary results S3 and supplementary tables S2 and S3, Supplementary Material online) (Dietvorst et al. 2005; Nakao et al. 2009; Vidgren et al. 2010;ousseau et al. 2013). To improve identification of the source of MAL genes and other brewing-related genes in lager yeasts, it will be necessary to identify strains more closely related to the parental strains, both in S. cerevisiae and S. eubayanus.

A Genome-Wide Signature of Domestication in Lager-Brewing Yeasts

To test for the genome-wide consequences of domestication, we compared the genome-wide distributions of the ratio of nonsynonymous substitutions to total substitutions per gene between different lineages of Saccharomyces and the subgenomes of lager-brewing yeast hybrids. Specifically, we considered genes with homologs in S. cerevisiae, S. paradoxus, S. eubayanus, S. uvarum, and where both the S. cerevisiae and S. eubayanus homologs had been retained in both the lager-brewing yeast lineages (1:1:1:1:1 ortholog sets). Using PAML (Yang 2007), the rate of synonymous substitution (dS) and the rate of nonsynonymous substitution (dN) were computed for each gene along each lineage, from which we estimated the number of substitutions. Saaz and Frohberg were considered separately as the lager yeast representative (supplementary data S1, Supplementary Material online).

Consistent with domestication having had a genome-wide impact, we found that the proportion of nonsynonymous changes out of all substitutions per gene was significantly greater (P < 10^-21 for both Frohberg and Saaz) in the S. eubayanus subgenome of lager lineages than in the wild Patagonian isolate (fig. 5). For all comparisons, the results were not dependent on whether the Saaz or Frohberg lineage was used as the lager yeast representative, and the Saaz and Frohberg lineages themselves did not differ from one another (P > 0.05). These results strongly suggest that purifying selection has played a much more limited role in the evolution of the S. eubayanus subgenome of lager yeasts than in the genome of its nondomesticated relative. Although the polyploid state of lager yeast could also have contributed, relaxation of purifying selection under domestication conditions was probably the primary cause of the increase in the fixation of nonsynonymous substitutions.

Demographic factors outside of domestication, such as a hypothesized population bottleneck in the lineage leading to the S. eubayanus strains of the Northern Hemisphere (Almeida et al. 2014; Peris et al. 2014), could also have contributed to the observed increase in nonsynonymous substitutions. Prior to their hybridization with S. cerevisiae, these strains were likely part of a European subpopulation of S. eubayanus with very low genetic diversity. By comparing the number of substitutions since the divergence of these lineages from each other (supplementary data S2, Supplementary Material online) with the number of substitutions since their divergence with FM1318, we estimate that at least 3% of the observed divergence can be attributed to processes that occurred after the S. eubayanus parents of the two lager yeast lineages diverged from one another. Importantly, this subset of substitutions appears to show an even stronger bias toward nonsynonymous changes than the rest of the genome (nonsynonymous changes represent 55% of substitutions from the common ancestor of Saaz and Frohberg versus 36% from their ancestor with FM1318). Thus, the S. eubayanus subgenomes in these interspecies hybrids seem to have experienced a substantial relaxation of purifying selection beyond any demographic factors that may have occurred within wild S. eubayanus during the divergence of the relevant Patagonian and Northern Hemisphere subpopulations.

We have likely underestimated the impact of domestication on the evolution of the S. eubayanus subgenomes in lager yeasts because our estimate assumes that domestication began only after the divergence of the S. eubayanus strains that would give rise to the Saaz and Frohberg lineages. The population of S. eubayanus that gave rise to lager hybrids could have already begun to adapt to brewing prior to the divergence of those two lineages. Nonetheless, it is unlikely that S. eubayanus strains were as strongly associated with brewing as ale strains of S. cerevisiae prior to hybridization. Consistent with the hypothesis that S. eubayanus
subgenomes were more affected by domestication, the S. cerevisiae subgenomes of lager hybrids do not show the same degree of an increase in nonsynonymous changes after the divergence of the two lager lineages (fig. 5).

**Some Metabolism Genes May Have Been Shaped by Domestication to Brewing**

Genes that have experienced elevated rates of protein sequence evolution in both the Saaz and Frohberg lineages but that acquired different nonsynonymous changes are of special interest because they may indicate independent responses to the same environmental and domestication pressures. The S. eubayanus alleles of NOT3 have experienced an independent elevation of the relative rate of nonsynonymous substitution (Saaz $\omega = 2.10$, Frohberg $\omega = 1.57$) ($\omega =$ rate of nonsynonymous substitution ($d_n$)/rate of synonymous substitution ($d_s$)). This global regulator of transcription (Collart et al. 2013) has further acquired a large number of changes along both S. cerevisiae lager branches, including five unshared nonsynonymous differences between the Saaz and Frohberg alleles. Similarly, ADR1 encodes a transcription factor required for the expression of the alcohol dehydrogenase specialized for ethanol oxidation (ADH2), rather than fermentation, as well as the regulation of other genes related to the utilization of ethanol (Young et al. 2003). In the Saaz lineage, the ADR1 allele derived from S. cerevisiae appears to have undergone rapid evolution ($\omega = 2.23$), while the
S. eubayanus allele also appears to have an elevated rate of evolution ($\omega = 0.94$). In the Frohberg lineage, the estimated rates of evolution for both the S. cerevisiae allele ($\omega = 0.87$) and the S. eubayanus allele ($\omega = 1.45$) are moderately elevated. Finally, REG2, an important regulator of glucose-repressed genes (Frederick and Tatchell 1996), especially the MAL genes (Jiang et al. 2000), experienced five nonsynonymous substitutions along the S. eubayanus Frohberg branch. Many caused radical amino acid changes that may have reduced the function of the protein, allowing it to adjust to the needs of the new glucose-poor but maltose-rich environment.

Multiple Independent Origins of Lager-Brewing Yeasts

The single origin (Walther et al. 2014; Wendland 2014) and multiple origin (Liti et al. 2005; Dunn and Sherlock 2008; Bond 2009) hypotheses for the origins of lager yeasts make distinct predictions about the divergences that would be expected between the S. eubayanus and S. cerevisiae subgenomes of the Saaz and Frohberg lineages (fig. 6A). In the case of a single origin, both the S. eubayanus and S. cerevisiae subgenomes would have begun with identical sequences in the two lineages. Once the S. eubayanus and S. cerevisiae subgenomes were present in the same hybrid nucleus, they would be expected to have accumulated neutral substitutions at the same rate. As a result, the single origin hypothesis predicts that the neutral divergence between the S. cerevisiae subgenome of the Saaz lineage and the S. cerevisiae subgenome of the Frohberg lineage should be equivalent to the divergence of the S. eubayanus subgenomes of the Saaz and Frohberg lineages. In contrast, the multiple origin hypothesis predicts that the parental genomes could have already begun to diverge from each other before hybridizing, leading to potentially different levels of neutral divergence.

Consistent with the multiple origin hypothesis, the rate of synonymous substitution ($d_S$) and the estimated number of synonymous substitutions ($S \times d_S$) were over ten times higher for the S. cerevisiae subgenome than for the S. eubayanus subgenome (supplementary data S2 and supplementary table S4, Supplementary Material online). This pattern was not driven by a few genes but was rather distributed across the entire genome (fig. 6B $[P < 10^{-206}]$ and C $[P < 10^{-64}]$). The relatively even distribution of divergence was also
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Conclusions

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The finding that multiple hybridization events gave rise to alloplaid lager-brewing yeasts is in concert with previous observations that suggested complex reticulate evolutionary events for many Saccharomyces strains used in human-controlled fermentations, including multiple origins of S. cerevisiae × S. kudriavzevi hybrids and the existence of manifold S. uvarum strains with introgressions from multiple species (Le Jeune et al. 2007; Peris, Belloch, et al. 2012; Peris, Lopes, Arias et al. 2012; Peris, Lopes, Belloch et al. 2012). Monerawela et al. (2015) recently made a similar argument that the amount of diversity seen between the S. cerevisiae portions of the Saaz and Frohberg lineages cannot be accounted for by 500 years of divergence from a single hybridization event at the historical start of lager brewing. Although fungal molecular clocks and the historical record of brewing are open to interpretation, no plausible molecular mechanism is available to explain how the S. cerevisiae and S. eubayanus subgenomes could have evolved at such different rates at nearly neutral sites once they were present in the same nucleus. Although both the Saaz and Frohberg lineages show similar patterns of relaxed purifying selection, the difference in the amount of neutral divergences between their subgenomes is incompatible with the hypothesis that the lineages arose from a common origin as the result of a single hybridization event.

The existence of shared translocations between the two lineages must still be reconciled with the multiple origins of the lager-brewing yeast lineages. A variety of plausible models have been proposed to explain how shared translocations could have arisen between independent lineages. Mitotic recombination hotspots or fragile sites have been observed in experiments involving pure and hybrid strains, including lager-brewing yeasts (Dunham et al. 2002; Bond et al. 2004; James et al. 2008; Dunn et al. 2013; Hewitt et al. 2014; Monerawela et al. 2015). Indeed, one of the three shared translocations is near the MAT locus, a known target of the Ho endonuclease. Alternatively, shared translocations might have occurred in one of the parental strains prior to the hybridizations that produced the modern lager-brewing yeast lineages. Hybridization and introgression between different Saccharomyces species is common in strains associated with human-controlled fermentation (Le Jeune et al. 2007; Novo et al. 2009; Libkind et al. 2011; Dunn et al. 2012; Peris, Belloch, et al. 2012; Peris, Lopes, Arias et al. 2012; Peris, Lopes, Belloch et al. 2012; Almeida et al. 2014), so a partially domesticated lineage of S. eubayanus could have acquired S. cerevisiae genetic material or vice versa. Although the precise mechanism, or mechanisms, for the independent formation of identical translocations remain unknown, the balance of evidence strongly favors multiple origins for lager-brewing yeasts over a single origin.

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S. cerevisiae and S. eubayanus subgenomes could reflect the fact that the S. cerevisiae parental strains had more previous exposure to brewing environments.

Domestication may have led to a particularly striking relaxation of selection in the case of lager yeasts because hybridization likely prevented the new lineages from mating and recombining with their parental species through conventional meiotic means. During selective sweeps and passing bottlenecks, the lineages would have been exposed to Muller’s Ratchet (Muller 1964; Felsenstein 1974), increasing the average $\omega$ for the entire genome. Clonal interference is also known to occur in experimentally evolved populations of yeasts (Kao and Sherlock 2008; Lang et al. 2013) and the meiotic counterpart, the Hill–Robertson effect (or interference), is often seen in plant and animal domestication along with elevated evolutionary rates (Hill and Robertson 1966; Doebley et al. 2006; Lu et al. 2006; Cruz et al. 2008; Wang et al. 2014). Many questions remain about the genetic process of domesticating lager yeasts, but the analysis of the near-complete genome sequence of S. eubayanus has substantially clarified the origins of the major lineages of the interspecies S. eubayanus × S. cerevisiae hybrids used to brew lagers and provided a roadmap for future research.

Materials and Methods

Strains and Genomes

The genome for S. cerevisiae strain S288c was accessed through Saccharomyces Genome Database (SGD) (Cherry et al. 2012; Engel et al. 2014, last accessed May 21, 2014). The ale strain genomes, Foster’s O and Foster’s B, which were deposited by Borneman et al. (2011), were also accessed through SGD. The lager-brewing yeast genomes CBS 1513 (Saaz lineage) and Weinstephan34/70 (WS34/70, W34/70; Frohberg lineage) deposited by Walther et al. (2014) were accessed from DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank (accessions AZCJ01000000 and AZAA01000000, respectively). The assemblies for S. uvarum strain CBS 7001 and S. paradoxus strain CBS 432 were accessed through www.saccharomycescensus-tricto.org (Liti et al. 2009; Scannell et al. 2011, last accessed May 21, 2014). Mitochondrial sequences for S. cerevisiae, S. paradoxus, and the Frohberg lineage of lager yeast were accessed through GenBank (accessions NC_001224, YP_006460229, and NC001245, respectively) (Foury et al. 1998; Nakao et al. 2009; Procházka et al. 2012). It is unlikely that using a monosporic derivative of the type strain of S. eubayanus (FM1318), thereby removing any heterozygosity in the type strain of S. eubayanus (CRUB 1568 = PYCC 6148 = CBS 12357), had a significant impact on our analyses because the type strain itself has very low heterozygosity (0.0021%) (Hebly et al. 2015).

Genome Sequencing

The fragment library was prepared according to our previously published Illumina genomic DNA library preparation protocol (Hittinger et al. 2010), with the exception that Illumina paired-end adapters and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) primers were used. From this paired-end library, 35,394,604 Illumina MiSeq 300-bp reads were obtained with an insert size of 380 ± 100 bp. The jumping library was prepared from genomic DNA using Illumina’s Nextera Mate Pair Sample Preparation Guide (Illumina Part # 15035209, Rev. C, January 2013) and Nextera Mate Pair Sample Preparation Kit (Illumina, Inc., San Diego, CA) with the following modifications. For each sample, 4.5 µg of high molecular weight DNA was introduced to 12 µL of tagmentation enzyme and incubated at 55°C for 27 min. After tagmentation, strand displacement and cleanup were performed as described in the protocol, and the DNA was loaded on a 0.6% agarose gel impregnated with GelGreen Nucleic Acid Stain (Biotium, Inc., Hayward, CA). The DNA was excised from the gel between 6 and 8 kb. Gel cleanup and size selection were verified using an Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity Chip (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA). Purified samples were circularized, and the remaining linear DNA was digested as described in the manufacturer’s protocol. After circularization, the DNA was sheared to an average size of 400 bp using a Diagenode Bioruptor (Diagenode, Inc., Denville, NJ) for 33 min, with cycles of 30 s on, 30 s off, on high power. Samples were end-repaired, a 3’-A was added to each fragment, Illumina adapters were ligated, and PCR was performed as described in the protocol. The final products were purified using Agencourt AMPure XP beads. The quality and quantity of the finished library were assessed using an Agilent DNA1000 series chip assay (Agilent Technologies) and Invitrogen Qubit HS Kit (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA), respectively, and the library was standardized to 2 µM. The library was sequenced using an Illumina HiSeq 2000, and images were analyzed using CASAVA version 1.8.2. From this jumping library, 14,144,070 100-bp mate-pair reads were obtained with an apparent insert size of 6593 ± 914 bp.

Nuclear Genome Assembly

The Illumina mate-pair and paired-end libraries were both trimmed with CUTADAPT v. 1.3 (Martin 2011). Reads below 20 bp were discarded. Reads whose mates were discarded were retained as single-end reads. These processed reads were assembled using ALLPATHS-LG v. r44837 with the following options: frag_size = 500, frag_stdev = 100, insert_size = 3000, insert_stdev = 300, and PLOIDY = 1. Insert sizes were estimated by ALLPATHS-LG from the data during the assembly process. The ALLPATHS-LG assembly used 79.3% of reads from the fragment library, including 3,251,698 valid pairs, while it used 81.5% of reads from the fragment library, including 81.5% of reads from the fragment library, including 5,542,587 valid pairs. We also attempted an assembly by adding an additional jumping library that underwent no size selection, but the scaffold N50 declined from 896 to 764 kb, and several misassembles were introduced. For these discrepancies, the validity of the original assembly scaffolding was verified by PCR (supplementary fig. S4, Supplementary Material online). In one case, the alternative assembly completely closed a gap, which was verified by PCR; this 2.8-kb segment was the only portion of the second assembly retained in the final assembly. Two adapter
sequence contaminants at the edges of contigs were replaced with Ns.

Because there were so few unplaced scaffolds greater than 1 kb in the initial ALLPATHS-LG assembly, we considered each individually. We deleted four scaffolds that were completely contained elsewhere in the final genome, including two ALLPATHS-LG scaffolds that contained partial mitochondrial genomes redundant with the complete mitochondrial assembly generated by SPAdes (see below). BLAST searches against the genomes of S. cerevisiae and our S. eubayanus assembly suggested that three scaffolds likely belonged in gaps at the GAL2, PPH22, and PEP1 loci. To evaluate these possible placements, we mapped the mate-pair reads using BOWTIE2 with the default settings and compared how many paired mates supported joining all possible pairs of contigs. By ignoring joins supported by fewer than 100 paired mates, strong support was found to place each of these scaffolds (supplementary tables S5 and S6, Supplementary Material online). Based on this evidence, the PPH22 scaffold was fully placed into a gap, creating two smaller gaps. The GAL2 scaffold was placed across and fully closed two small gaps—an assembly challenge caused by a recent tandem duplication shared with S. uvarum (Hittinger et al. 2004). Partial genes encoding PEP1/YBL017C appeared at the edges of two different contigs in the middle of large scaffolds, an apparent segmental duplication of a small portion of chromosome II onto chromosome XIV. The BOWTIE2 mapping provided similar support for placing the unplaced PEP1 scaffold in both places. Because the BLAST overlap with chromosome II was stronger, we placed the unplaced PEP1 scaffold there, although the sequence likely is present in both places. Two unplaced scaffolds contain interesting gene clusters (one with MAL pseudogenes and one with FRE genes involved in iron metabolism), but the BOWTIE2 mapping supported a handful of alternative placement scenarios that we did not investigate further. The remaining four unplaced scaffolds were short (less than 3,500 kb) and only had homology to uncharacterized or dubious open reading frames (ORFs).

**Nuclear Genome Annotation**

We annotated the high-quality de novo genome assembly of S. eubayanus with a pipeline based on the YGAP (Proux-Wéra et al. 2012). After obtaining a draft annotation from YGAP, we imposed several criteria to do the following: 1) Remove predicted protein-coding genes that did not encode complete ORFs, 2) to enforce GenBank-compatible annotations, and 3) to make orthology assignments explicit when the evidence was unambiguous. YGAP is designed to annotate yeast species that are closely related to S. cerevisiae and were similarly derived from a whole-genome duplication event about 100 Ma, as well as more distant relatives that were not subject to this whole-genome duplication. Consequently, YGAP produces a Yeast Gene Order Browser (Proux-Wéra et al. 2012) “pillar” file that does not explicitly assign orthology, but rather lists both ohnologs (paralogs created by the whole-genome duplication) that are present in S. cerevisiae as possible annotations. We assigned orthology by imposing a strict synteny requirement: Orthology was assigned only when the gene with two pillar annotations was adjacent to a gene whose orthology had already been assigned and when synteny was conserved between S. cerevisiae and S. eubayanus. Only three genes could not be annotated unambiguously by this procedure, all of which are adjacent to translocations or inversions.

We also corrected some annotations to conform to GenBank conventions and standards. Specifically, if a CDS was predicted to continue into a gap, it was marked as partial to exclude the gap from the CDS region. If a CDS had an internal stop codon, its annotation was deleted. Transfer RNA (tRNA) annotations whose cognate amino acid could not be identified were deleted. If a predicted CDS did not begin with a start codon, we scanned upstream until we found a start codon, encountered a stop codon, or reached a gap; the longest possible ORF was then annotated; in some cases, the frame was corrected. For a CDS that did not end in a stop codon, we simply scanned downstream until we reached the nearest in-frame stop codon. We also deleted annotations for all CDS with fewer than ten amino acid residues, duplicate annotations, and annotations for which at least half of the sequence was a gap or ambiguous sequence. We modified three predicted introns to match splice donor and acceptor consensus sites and deleted one predicted intron where no splice donor and acceptor consensus sites could be found. We also deleted two predicted novel genes that completely overlapped with S. cerevisiae homologs.

To make the dot plot figure showing the synteny between S. eubayanus and S. cerevisiae (fig. 1), we concatenated every chromosome sequence together to make one continuous sequence and generated an index file to indicate where each chromosome started and ended. We then used the program LASTZ (Harris 2007) with the default settings to perform the genome alignment and generate a tab-delimited file. We filtered out any alignment less than 1 kb and used “R” to make the dot plot.

**Mitochondrial Genome Assembly and Annotation**

To recover the mitochondrial genome, the trimmed paired-end reads were assembled with SPAdes 3.1.1 (Bankevich et al. 2012). Because mtDNA has a higher adenine and thymine (AT) content than nuclear DNA and has multiple copies per cell, we analyzed the distribution of guanine and cytosine (GC) content and the coverage among the resulting contigs with lengths > 5 kb. One contig of about 64 kb was detected with a GC content of 17.5% and 14.6-fold higher coverage than most other contigs, all of which had > 35% GC content (supplementary fig. S5, Supplementary Material online). Because this contig matched the expected size and characteristics of S. eubayanus mitochondrial genome, inferred from the Frohberg lager yeast mitochondrial genome (Nakao et al. 2009), the contig was selected as the putative mitochondrial genome. We found evidence of 41 S. cerevisiae mitochondrial genes using BLASTN (Altschul et al. 1997), including 25 tRNAs and 2 rRNAs. Location of ribosomal RNA (rRNA) genes were confirmed with RNammer1.2 (Lagesen et al. 2007). Additional
searches using BLASTX-Q3 were performed using \textit{Saccharomyces paradoxus} protein sequences as queries. The genome arrangement of the genes were plotted and compared with \textit{S. cerevisiae} and Frohberg lineage lager-brewing yeast mitochondrial genomes (fig. 2 and supplementary figs. S1 and S2 and supplementary results S1, Supplementary Material online).

**Analysis of Genome Evolution**

The sequences used to analyze both nonsynonymous and synonymous changes during genome evolution (fig. 5) were the 1:1:1:1:1 ortholog sets produced using YGAP and the procedure described above, while those used to analyze the rate of synonymous change between the lager lineages (fig. 6) were the 1:1:1:1:1 ortholog sets. To prepare sequences for evolutionary analysis, the translated amino acid sequences of orthologs were first aligned by MUSCLE v.3.8.31 (Edgar 2004). Alignments with PRANK (Löytynoja 2014) produced nearly identical results for the genes \textit{ADR1}, \textit{ERT1}, \textit{FET3}, and \textit{NOT3}. Indels between orthologs were then removed from the original untranslated sequences using PAL2NALv.14 (Suyama et al. 2006). The evolutionary analysis for each set of orthologs was performed using the CODEML package of PAMLv.4.7 (Yang 2007) assuming the F3x4 codon frequency model, and implementing the free ratio branch model. The free ratio branch model assumes an independent \( \omega \) for each branch and does not assume a molecular clock. The number of synonymous and nonsynonymous substitutions was estimated for each gene by multiplying \( d_s \) by the number of nonsynonymous sites in the gene (N) and \( d_n \) by the number of synonymous sites in the gene (S). We treated each gene as an independent event in order to make the data parametric, and for each gene, we calculated the proportion of nonsynonymous changes out of all substitutions (\( N \times d_n / (S \times d_s + N \times d_n) \)). The distributions of these values were compared between genomes and subgenomes by logistic regression as implemented in R version 3.1.0. Ninety-nine percent binomial confidence intervals were calculated in the \texttt{MSTATv.6.1.1} statistical package (http://mcardle.wisc.edu/mstat/) to establish the statistical difference in the quantity of synonymous changes between the \textit{S. eubayanus} and \textit{S. cerevisiae} subgenomes of the lager-brewing yeasts (supplementary table S4, Supplementary Material online) and to construct error bars in figure 5. MSTAT was also used to perform Wilcoxon rank-sum tests on the data in figure 6.

**Gene Analyses**

For sequences from ale strains and \textit{S. eubayanus}, genome locations were found by BLAST using S288c and, where applicable, known lager yeast gene sequences as queries. The sequences of interest were then extracted manually with custom scripts. BLAST searches were also performed on over 100 publicly available \textit{S. cerevisiae} genomes (Bergström et al. 2014; Strope et al. 2015), but searches of these genomes failed to further clarify the origins of any lager \textit{MAL} genes. The percent identity between gene sequences, either amino acid or nucleotide as applicable, was calculated from MUSCLE alignments using Clustal2.1 accessed from the MUSCLE server (http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/muscle/). Gene trees were made in MEGA 6.06 (http://www.megasoftware.net/) (Tamura et al. 2013). The parameters to construct each tree were determined by the “Find Best-Fit Substitution Model (ML)” package within MEGA for nucleotide sequences using default parameters. Trees were constructed using the indicated best fitting model and parameters; robustness was assessed using 1,000 bootstrap replicates.

**Supplementary Material**

Supplementary results S1–S3, data S1 and S2, figures S1–S5, and tables S1–S6 are available at Molecular Biology and Evolution online (http://www.mbe.oxfordjournals.org/).

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