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49 **Abstract**

50 We studied the population genetic structure of the freshwater snail *Galba schirazensis*, a  
51 potential vector of infectious diseases such as fascioliasis. *Galba schirazensis* has now a  
52 worldwide distribution but a poorly known origin because this species has been distinguished  
53 only recently from the morphologically similar and cosmopolitan *Galba truncatula*. We  
54 developed specific microsatellite markers and sequenced a mitochondrial gene (cytochrome  
55 oxidase subunit I) to study individuals of *G. schirazensis* from the Old World and New World.  
56 We found very low genetic diversity within populations, no heterozygotes, and marked  
57 population structure—a pattern observed in other highly selfing lymnaeid species with recently  
58 enlarged distributions as a result of biological invasions. The total lack of observed  
59 heterozygosity in the few populations of *G. schirazensis* that displayed some allelic diversity  
60 suggests high selfing rates. We also found that the center of diversity, and by extension the  
61 origin area of this species, should be found in the New World, while Old World populations  
62 should rather result from a recent introduction of a genetically uniform population. The  
63 microsatellite markers developed here will help to clarify the history of expansion of *G.*  
64 *schirazensis* and might help understanding its role as a potential vector of infectious diseases.

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67 selfing.

## 68 1. Introduction

69 During the last century, human activities and climatic change have considerably increased the  
70 spread of species across their natural barriers and modified their areas of distribution (Kolar and  
71 Lodge 2001), threatening local biodiversity (Davis 2009). To better understand these threats, it is  
72 important to more fully characterize the species involved and the expansion pathways.  
73 Freshwater systems are particularly sensitive to bioinvasion risks (Beisel and Lévêque 2010).  
74 The Mollusca includes a large number of species invasive in freshwater habitats (Nunes et al.  
75 2015). We here focus on the family Lymnaeidae in which several species have shown  
76 widespread long-distance colonization (Jabbour-Zahab et al. 1997, Meunier et al. 2001, Kopp et  
77 al. 2012). Long-distance dispersal can occur as a result of human activities, such as aquarium  
78 trade (Duggan 2010). Lymnaeids has a marked resistance to desiccation that increases their  
79 survival probability (Chapuis and Ferdy 2012). If released in conducive new environments, even  
80 one individual can found a population because lymnaeids are capable of self-fertilization, which  
81 also happens to be the main reproductive mode in some species (*e.g.*, Meunier et al. 2004b,  
82 Escobar et al. 2011, Lounnas et al. 2016). Such colonization events may also spread food- and  
83 water-borne trematodes carried by lymnaeids (Meunier et al. 2001, Mas-Coma et al. 2005,  
84 Correa et al. 2010), either because dispersing snails are themselves infected or because their  
85 presence in a new location facilitates subsequent transmission that originates from nearby  
86 infected vertebrates. Importantly, the worldwide expansion of the liver fluke *Fasciola hepatica*,  
87 a parasite infecting livestock and humans, has been facilitated by the dispersal of lymnaeids  
88 (Hurtrez-Boussès et al. 2001, Mas-Coma et al. 2005).

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90 Despite their relevance to human and animal health, lymnaeids have been often misidentified  
91 (Correa et al. 2010, 2011, Lounnas et al. 2016). *Galba* species, a phylogenetically distinct group  
92 of small-shelled lymnaeids, exhibit high phenotypic plasticity in shell shape and display

93 extremely similar anatomical traits that make accurate species identification difficult in the  
94 absence of molecular data (Samadi et al. 2000, Correa et al. 2011). For instance, *Galba*  
95 *schirazensis* has only recently been distinguished from *Galba truncatula* in Europe and Asia and  
96 from *G. truncatula*, *Galba cubensis*, and *Galba viator* in the Americas (Correa et al. 2010, 2011,  
97 Bargues et al. 2011). However, *G. schirazensis* is now present in many regions of the world,  
98 probably favored by its wide habitat range and its capacity to survive outside water for extended  
99 time periods (Bargues et al. 2011). Recent molecular-based studies reported *G. schirazensis* in  
100 Iran, Egypt, Reunion Island, Spain, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela,  
101 Ecuador, and Peru (Bargues et al. 2011; Correa et al. 2010, 2011, reported as *Lymnaea* sp. and  
102 *Galba* sp. by the latter authors), but were of course unnoticed because the species was recently  
103 described. However, only highly conserved genetic markers have been used so far in species  
104 discrimination (Bargues et al. 2011; Correa et al. 2010, 2011). The population structure and  
105 genetic diversity of the invasive lymnaeid *G. schirazensis* remains therefore largely unknown.

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107 We developed microsatellite markers in *G. schirazensis* and use them to genotype 242  
108 individuals from 18 localities in Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, USA, Spain, and Reunion  
109 Island. We characterized the population structure and genetic diversity, and discuss it in light of  
110 the breeding system and recent history of expansion of this species. We also assessed the  
111 specificity of these markers by testing amplification in the morphologically similar and closely  
112 related *Galba* species, *i.e.* *G. truncatula*, *G. cubensis*, and *G. viator*. We also sequenced a  
113 mitochondrial gene (cytochrome oxidase subunit I; CO1) to further elucidate the  
114 phylogeographic relationships among these populations and the populations studied by Bargues  
115 et al. (2011) and Correa et al. (2011).

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## 117 2. Materials and methods

### 118 Development of specific microsatellite markers

119 We mixed DNA from four individuals identified by Correa et al. (2011) as *Galba* sp. These  
120 individuals were collected in Río Negro, Antioquia, Colombia (N 06°07'21" W 75°26'57").  
121 DNA was extracted from foot tissue using the DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (Qiagen) and  
122 individuals were identified to species using the nuclear genes 18S (GenBank accession numbers:  
123 JN614335, JN614339, JN614340, JN614342), ITS-1 (HQ283253, JN614429, JN614430,  
124 JN614432), ITS-2 (HQ283263, JN614455, JN614456, JN614458), and the mtDNA gene CO1  
125 (JN614370, JN614371, JN614373, JN614374). All these sequences showed 99–100% of  
126 homology with the sequences of *G. schirazensis* reported by Bargues et al. (2011).

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128 Microsatellite loci were isolated from two enriched libraries (TC10 and TG10) following  
129 protocols described in Dubois et al. (2005) and using biotin-labeled microsatellite oligoprobes  
130 and streptavidin-coated magnetic beads. The enriched molecules were cloned into the pGEMt  
131 vector used to transform XL1-Blue Supercompetent Cells. Recombinant clones were screened  
132 with TC10, TG10, and AGE1 (AAACAGCTATGACCATGATTAC) or AGE2  
133 (TTGTAAAACGACGGCCAGTG) oligonucleotides using a modified PCR method (Waldbieser  
134 1995). We screened 228 clones, 163 of which gave a positive signal and were sequenced using  
135 an ABI Prism 3100 sequencer (Applied Biosystems). Ninety seven sequences included a  
136 repeated motif and flanking regions allowing determination of PCR primers that were designed  
137 using Primer3 (Rozen and Skaletsky 1999). We retained the 25 loci that showed the largest  
138 uninterrupted stretches of repeated motifs and selected the 22 ones that amplified successfully  
139 (Table 1). We tested these 22 microsatellite loci in six individuals from five localities from the  
140 Americas: Finca Jocum Bucaramanga (Colombia), Huagrahuma (Ecuador), Manto de la Novia  
141 (Ecuador), Louisiana Bedico (USA; 2 individuals), and Bodoque (Venezuela; Table 2, Fig. 1).



142 We finally selected the 13 loci that were polymorphic in these six individuals for further  
143 population genetic analyses.

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145 To test the specificity of microsatellite markers, we also examined individuals of *G. truncatula*,  
146 *G. cubensis*, and *G. viator* identified using the molecular markers 18S, ITS-1, ITS-2, and CO1  
147 (GenBank accession numbers in Correa et al., 2011).

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#### 149 **Population genetic analyses using microsatellite markers**

150 We analyzed 238 individuals of *G. schirazensis* from 16 localities from Colombia, Ecuador,  
151 Peru, USA, and Venezuela, as well as individuals from the Old World, one from Spain and three  
152 from Reunion Island (Table 2, Fig. 1). The four latter individuals were initially identified as *G.*  
153 *truncatula*, but re-identified as *G. schirazensis* by analyzing the CO1 gene (GenBank accession  
154 numbers in Table 2) and/or specific microsatellite loci. The Spanish specimen was collected  
155 from within the geographic range of *G. truncatula*. The date of appearance of *G. schirazensis* in  
156 this region is currently unknown. The population from Reunion Island is not native and was first  
157 ascribed to the introduced species *G. truncatula* (Griffiths and Florens 2006). Despite the small  
158 sample sizes, we included these individuals because they constitute the first mention of *G.*  
159 *schirazensis* in these two areas. All samples were collected from small areas ( $< 2\text{m}^2$ ) to prevent a  
160 Wahlund effect (Meunier et al. 2004a). Snails were killed in 70 °C water and immediately stored  
161 in 70% ethanol.

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163 For each specimen, we removed the distal part of the foot, which was twice compressed between  
164 paper towels to remove excess ethanol. DNA extractions were then performed using 200 µl of  
165 5% Chelex® (Chelex Bio Rad diluted in a Tris-EDTA buffer) solution incorporating 5 µl of  
166 proteinase K (Sigma) at a concentration of 20 mg/ml. This suspension was heated at 56 °C for 6

167 hours followed by gentle vortexing and a further incubation at 95 °C for 10 min. The mixture  
168 was gently vortexed and centrifuged at 10,000 g for 10 sec. The supernatant (100 µl) was  
169 collected, diluted 1: 10 in deionized water, and stored at -20 °C.

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171 We amplified microsatellite loci in an Eppendorf Thermal Cycler, in a total volume of 10 µl  
172 containing 5 µl of Taq PCR Master Mix Kit (Qiagen), 1 µl of the primer mix, and 1 µl of DNA.  
173 PCR conditions were as follow: 15 min activation at 95 °C, 35 cycles including 30 sec of initial  
174 denaturation at 94 °C, 90 sec of annealing at 55 °C, and 60 sec of extension at 72 °C, followed  
175 by 30 min of final extension at 60 °C. For genotyping, we pooled 3 µl of diluted (1: 100) PCR  
176 products with 15 µl of Hi-Di Formamide and 0.15 µl of GeneScan-500 LIZ Size Standard and  
177 analyzed it on an ABI Prism 3100 Genetic Analyzer (Applied Biosystems). We performed  
178 multiplexed locus amplification for those PCR products characterized by different sizes and  
179 labeled with different fluorochromes. Allele sizes were estimated using GeneMapper® v.4.0  
180 software (Applied Biosystems).

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182 We used the individual genotypes of the 238 American individuals to estimate allelic richness,  
183 observed and expected heterozygosities, the  $F$ -statistic  $F_{IS}$ , and the selfing rate ( $s$ ) estimated as  $s$   
184  $= 2 F_{IS} / (1 + F_{IS})$  (Hartl and Clark 1997). The global and pairwise differentiations among  
185 populations were estimated using  $F_{ST}$  and  $R_{ST}$ . We could not use software that detect null alleles  
186 because lymnaeids are hermaphroditic. Standard Bonferroni corrections were applied in the case  
187 of multiple tests (Rice 1989). We analyzed data using Genodive (version 2.0b23; Meirmans and  
188 Van Tienderen, 2004) and FSTAT (version 2.9.3.2; Goudet, 1995) software. Individuals from  
189 Spain and Reunion Island were not included in the population genetic analysis because sample  
190 sizes were too low. However, we compared their genotypes to those of American individuals.  
191 Multilocus genotypes were clustered using a discriminant analysis of principal components

192 (DAPC) using the adegenet package of R (Jombart et al. 2010). One of the main advantages of  
193 this analysis is that it does not rely on a particular population genetic model and is thus free of  
194 assumptions about Hardy-Weinberg or linkage equilibrium. Six principal components were  
195 retained as inferred by the  $\alpha$ -score. The  $\alpha$ -score gives a number of principal components  
196 optimized in order to capture the best discrimination without overfitting.

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### 198 **Amplification and sequencing of CO1 and phylogeographic analysis**

199 We amplified and sequenced the CO1 gene in 21 snails from 11 populations (Fig. 3). Because of  
200 amplification failure, we did not sequence it in individuals from Andaracas (Ecuador), Bodoque,  
201 Zea el Amparo, La Azulita, Bailadores, and San Eusebio (Venezuela) and El Rocío (Spain). The  
202 PCR primers were LCO1490 (5'-GGTCAACAACCTCATAAAGATATTGG-3') and HCO2198  
203 (5'-TAAACTTCAGGGTGACCAAAAATCA-3') (Folmer et al. 1994). We used 2.5  $\mu$ l of  
204 DNA, 12.5  $\mu$ l of Taq PCR Master Mix Kit (Qiagen), 2.5  $\mu$ l of each primer (2  $\mu$ M), and 5  $\mu$ l of  
205 distilled water. PCR conditions were as follow: 15 min activation at 95 °C, 35 cycles including  
206 30 sec of initial denaturation at 95 °C, 1 minute of annealing at 50 °C, and 10 min of extension at  
207 72 °C, followed by 10 min of final extension at 72 °C. DNA sequencing was performed by  
208 Eurofins MWG Operon (Germany). In addition, we downloaded from GenBank 13 CO1  
209 sequences of *G. schirazensis* from Iran, Spain, Reunion Island, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia,  
210 Venezuela, and Mexico (JF272607–JF272610, Bargues et al. 2011; JN614370–JN614378,  
211 Correa et al. 2011).

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213 The number of haplotypes, the number of polymorphic sites, and the nucleotide diversity were  
214 calculated using DnaSp V5 (Librado and Rozas 2009). Divergence between haplotypes were  
215 calculated using Mega7 (Kumar et al. 2016). CO1 sequences were aligned sequences using  
216 Clustal-W and used to build a Maximum Likelihood tree with the best-fitting model of sequence

217 evolution using Mega7 (Kumar et al. 2016). Model selection was based on Bayesian Information  
218 Criterion using Mega7 (Kumar et al. 2016). Node robustness was assessed based on 500  
219 bootstraps.

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### 221 **3. Results**

222 The sequences and primers of the 22 microsatellite loci that we identified in *G. schirazensis* are  
223 available in GenBank (accession numbers in Table 1). No amplification was observed in the  
224 closely related species *G. truncatula*, *G. cubensis*, and *G. viator*, suggesting that these 22 loci are  
225 specific to *G. schirazensis*.

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*Approximate position of Table 1.*

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229 We characterized the variation at the 13 polymorphic loci in all American individuals. The  
230 number of alleles per locus was  $2.846 \pm 0.274$  SD, the observed heterozygosity was 0 at all loci,  
231 and the mean expected heterozygosity was  $0.007 \pm 0.005$  SD (Table 1). In most loci and  
232 populations, the lack of diversity prevented us from estimating  $F_{IS}$  (Table 2). Among the four  
233 loci and populations that showed allelic diversity at some loci (Table S1), the observed  
234 heterozygosity was always zero ( $F_{IS} = 1$ ,  $s = 1$ ; Table 2).

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*Approximate position of Table 2.*

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238 We found high genetic differentiation among populations (global  $F_{ST} = 0.979$ ;  $P < 0.001$ ; global  
239  $R_{ST} = 0.979$ ;  $P < 0.001$ ). All population pairs coming from different countries (except for  
240 Venezuela and Colombia) showed significant  $F_{ST}$  after Bonferroni's adjustment ( $P = 0.0004$ ;  
241 Table S2). In contrast, populations from the same country or from adjacent countries usually

242 showed no significant differentiation (Ecuador:  $F_{ST} < 0.019$ , NS; Venezuela and Colombia:  $F_{ST} <$   
243  $0.235$ , NS). An exception is the Venezuelan population from La Trampa that differs  
244 significantly from most other Venezuelan and Colombian populations with  $F_{ST}$  between 0.3 and  
245 0.45 (Table S2).

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247 Nine multilocus genotypes were found (Fig. 1). Some loci (1–8) could not be genotyped in some  
248 individuals ( $N = 65$ ). Thus, we did not ascribe these individuals with incomplete genotypes to  
249 any multilocus genotype. However, in these individuals the loci that could be genotyped were  
250 exactly the same as in the individuals where all the loci were genotyped (Table S1). To analyze  
251 the genetic structure of populations using the DAPC, we used all the individuals except for 12  
252 individual genotypes that had more than three loci that did not amplify (Table S1). Four clusters  
253 were detected by DAPC which grouped together individuals from (1) Peru, (2) Ecuador, (3)  
254 Colombia, Venezuela, Spain, and Reunion Island, and (4) USA (Fig. 2; Table S1). Each cluster  
255 consisted of a single main multilocus genotype with small within-cluster variation (Table S1).  
256 Differences between the main genotypes and variants did not exceed one repeat (two base pairs),  
257 and was of one base pair in some cases. The exception is the specimen from Spain that differed  
258 from the main type at two loci (Table S1). The main type from each cluster differed from those  
259 of other clusters at five loci or more (Table S1). The largest difference was observed between  
260 clusters from Ecuador and USA (all 13 loci fixed for different alleles).

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262 *Approximate position of Figure 1.*

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264 We obtained 21 CO1 sequences of *G. schirazensis* (Table 2). The analysis of mtDNA CO1  
265 sequences revealed 5 haplotypes (haplotype diversity:  $0.499 \pm 0.083$  SD) determined by 9  
266 polymorphic sites without indels. The best model describing the evolution of these sequences

267 and sequences retrieved from GenBank (Fig. 3) was T92+G. The Maximum Likelihood tree  
268 showed that the sequences here studied were gathered in three clades: (i) one that grouped  
269 sequences from Ecuador (cluster 2 in DAPC), (ii) one with the only sequence from USA (cluster  
270 4), (iii) and one large worldwide clade that grouped the sequences from Peru (cluster 1) and  
271 Venezuela, Colombia, and Reunion Island (cluster 3). Most CO1 sequences retrieved from  
272 GenBank—that included sequences from Iran, Spain, Venezuela, Colombia, and Reunion  
273 Island—were in the large worldwide clade (Fig. 3).

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275 The Maximum Likelihood tree was consistent with the results from the DAPC in grouping the  
276 individuals from the same cluster in the same clade (Figs. 2 and 3). However, the tree did not  
277 reflect the same genetic distances that we did observed with the DAPC, for instance the clusters  
278 1 and 3 were genetically distant from each other in the DAPC but they gathered in the same  
279 worldwide clade (Figs. 2 and 3). Also, the clusters 2 and 4 were genetically distant from each  
280 other in the DAPC (Fig. 2) but they were genetically close in the tree and the CO1 sequences  
281 diverged a little from each other (Table S3; Fig. 3). This inconsistency could be explained by a  
282 mitochondrial introgression among populations.

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*Approximate position of Figure 2.*

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#### 286 **4. Discussion**

287 We developed 13 polymorphic genetic markers to study the population structure and genetic  
288 diversity of *G. schirazensis*, an invasive freshwater snail inhabiting Asia, Europe, and the New  
289 World. These microsatellite loci were specific to *G. schirazensis* because we did not find any  
290 amplification in the morphologically similar and most closely related species *G. truncatula*, *G.*  
291 *cubensis*, and *G. viator*. Analyzing New World populations, we observed very low genetic

292 diversity within populations, a total lack of heterozygotes, and marked population structure. The  
293 lack of observed heterozygosity in those few populations that showed allelic diversity suggests  
294 that *G. schirazensis* mainly reproduces by self-fertilization. This is consistent with the fact that  
295 under laboratory conditions, individuals isolated from birth are able to self fertilize (Bargues et  
296 al. 2011). Our population genetic evidence for self-fertilization in natural population only relies  
297 on five locus-by-population combinations, all involving relatively rare alleles segregated in the  
298 populations (Tables 2, S1). In the absence of self-fertilization, rare alleles are expected to be  
299 mainly in the heterozygous state, so it would be very improbable for them to appear only as  
300 homozygotes in these five cases. Therefore, a high rate of self-fertilization is the most likely  
301 explanation for the lack of heterozygosity. In addition, related lymnaeid species exhibit selfing  
302 rates in the 80–100% range, for example *G. cubensis* (Lounnas et al. 2016), *G. truncatula*  
303 (Trouvé et al. 2000, Meunier et al. 2001, 2004a), *Omphiscola glabra* (Hurtrez-Boussès et al.  
304 2005), and *Pseudosuccinea columella* (Nicot et al. 2008) which also show very low or absent  
305 within-population allelic diversity, high  $F_{IS}$ , and large  $F_{ST}$ . In contrast, most populations of  
306 mainly outcrossing lymnaeids such as *Lymnaea stagnalis* (Puurtinen et al. 2007, Kopp et al.  
307 2012, Besnard et al. 2013) and *Radix sp.* (Pfenninger et al. 2011) have high polymorphism, low  
308  $F_{IS}$ , and moderate  $F_{ST}$ . Therefore, *G. schirazensis* shares the common characteristics of highly  
309 selfing lymnaeid species studied so far. It also shares a similar ecology with *G. cubensis*, *G.*  
310 *truncatula*, and *O. glabra*. All of them live mainly in temporary habitats that undergo frequent  
311 flooding and droughts that create strong bottlenecks (Meunier et al. 2004b). In this context, self-  
312 fertilization allows a single individual to colonize vacant habitats and to produce a new  
313 population (Meunier et al. 2004a). Finally, the recently analyzed transcriptomes of both *G.*  
314 *truncatula* and *G. schirazensis* bear molecular signatures consistent with ancient self-  
315 fertilization, dating back to their common ancestor (Burgarella et al. 2015).

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317 It is very difficult to know *a priori* where *G. schirazensis* was present before 2010, hence  
318 whether each particular population is native or invasive. *Galba schirazensis* has probably been  
319 misidentified in previous reports of small lymnaeid species from all over the world, either as *G.*  
320 *truncatula* (everywhere) or as *G. cubensis* and *G. viator* (New World; Correa et al. 2010, 2011,  
321 Bargues et al. 2011) as they all have very similar shell morphology and internal anatomy. Thus,  
322 it is impossible to trace invasion routes using reports from the literature, except for places known  
323 from historical records to be devoid of native small-shelled lymnaeids, such as Reunion Island  
324 where the *G. schirazensis* populations necessarily result from introduction(s). The geographic  
325 origin of *G. schirazensis* remains unknown. Bargues et al. (2011) assumed that this species is  
326 native to the Middle East as it was first described in Iran (Küster 1862). However, as is typical of  
327 species descriptions of that time, only a brief description of the shell of *G. schirazensis* was  
328 provided, which could in practice fit many small-shelled lymnaeids, including the very  
329 widespread *G. truncatula*. Therefore, the snail lineage studied in the present paper, re-described  
330 on the basis of molecular sequences as *G. schirazensis* by Bargues et al. (2011), as *Lymnaea* sp.  
331 by Correa et al. (2010), and as *Galba* sp. by Correa et al. (2011), may not necessarily be (i) the  
332 same snail as that named *G. schirazensis* by Küster (1862) and (ii) native from the Middle East.  
333 It current occurrence in Iran (Bargues et al. 2011) could well result from an introduction.

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335 In this confused taxonomical situation, it is important to clearly list the available evidence on the  
336 possible geographical origin of *G. schirazensis*. Any mention of this species can only be  
337 ascertained based on molecular evidence in order to avoid misidentification. This eliminates all  
338 mentions prior to 2010, including the first description by Küster (1862). As a consequence, we  
339 must rely only on genetic diversity and phylogeny to identify likely origin areas. Bargues et al.  
340 (2011; Table 1) showed that all the individuals they sampled in the Old World (Iran, Egypt, and  
341 Spain) have exactly the same haplotypes at the nuclear genes 18S, ITS-2, ITS-1 and the



342 mitochondrial genes 16S and CO1. However, they observed two to four different haplotypes for  
343 each gene in American populations (Dominican Republic, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, and  
344 Venezuela), including the Old World haplotype. Our microsatellite study corroborates this  
345 pattern, as each of the four different regions sampled in the New World forms well-defined and  
346 differentiated clusters and the few individuals from two very distant places in the Old World (La  
347 Réunion and Spain), including one from a known recent introduction (Reunion Island), are  
348 genetically related to only one of these clusters (Fig. 1). The phylogeographic tree is consistent  
349 with this pattern, since American CO1 sequences are variable while the sequences from the Old  
350 World showed no variation and belong all to the large worldwide clade (Fig. 3). All this suggests  
351 that the center of diversity, and by extension the origin area of this species, should be found in  
352 the New World, while Old World populations should rather result from a recent introduction of a  
353 genetically uniform population. In other snail species with the ability to self-fertilize, genetic  
354 uniformity over large distances and many populations is indeed the signature of recent  
355 introductions, for example in *Lymnaea stagnalis* introduced in New Zealand (Kopp et al. 2012)  
356 or *G. truncatula* introduced on the Bolivian Altiplano (Meunier et al. 2001). Finally, an  
357 American origin for *G. schirazensis* is also corroborated by the phylogeny of Correa et al.  
358 (2010), who concluded that the whole *Galba* clade likely has an American origin, as most of its  
359 species are native there (*G. cousini*, *G. viator*, *G. neotropica*, *G. cubensis*, *G. humilis*). The  
360 hypothesis posed by Barges et al. (2011) of a post-Columbian introduction of *G. schirazensis*  
361 from Europe to the New World, is not consistent with our findings: it would have been very  
362 unlikely to accumulate fixed differences at 13 distinct loci (as we observed between USA and  
363 Ecuador) in such a short time, while at the same time Venezuelan, Colombian, and Old World  
364 populations would remain nearly identical and devoid of diversity over huge geographical  
365 distances.

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367 Although our data together along with the report of Bargues et al. (2011) seem sufficient to  
368 reject the hypothesis of a single recent introduction of *G. schirazensis* in the New World, more  
369 extensive sampling is needed (i) to more fully understand the genetic variation observed among  
370 South and North America isolates and (ii) to test whether all the populations from the Old World  
371 have a single recent introduced origin, an hypothesis so far consistent with the results of  
372 conservative (Bargues et al. 2011, Correa et al. 2011, this study) and polymorphic (this study)  
373 markers. The application of the genetic markers developed here to a more extensive sample that  
374 covers a worldwide range will therefore help to clarify the geographic origin and invasion routes  
375 of *G. schirazensis*.

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377 Understanding the population structure and the genetic diversity of *G. schirazensis* can also help  
378 elucidating its role in spreading infectious diseases. However, our capacity to identify which  
379 parasites are transmitted by *G. schirazensis* has hitherto been hindered by the morphological  
380 similarity among *Galba* species (Correa et al. 2011). We need to identify by molecular means  
381 morphologically cryptic *Galba* species and to identify the role of *G. schirazensis* as an  
382 intermediate host of food- and water-borne trematodes such as *F. hepatica*.

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384 In conclusion, our analysis provides strong support to the ideas that this species is predominantly  
385 self-fertilizing, and has an American origin with recent colonization of the Old World by a  
386 genetically uniform strain related to populations from Venezuela and Colombia—a hypothesis  
387 that awaits confirmation by more extensive sampling.

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519 **Table 1.** Microsatellite loci in *Galba schirazensis*. Description of loci and genetic variation in  
 520 six individuals from five localities (polymorphic loci in bold characters). Annealing  
 521 temperature is 55 °C for all loci. Na, number of alleles detected; RAS, range of allele size  
 522 (in base pairs).

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Locus	Primer sequences (5'→3')	GenBank accession number	Repeat motif	Na	RAS
<b>Gsch_1</b>	F: TTTTGGGTCAACATTAGGTTAGG R: GAACATTTGACACAGTAGCGTTG	KT324711	(TC) <sub>13</sub>	3	213–249
Gsch_2	F: ACGTGCACACTTCTCCCTCT R: GCCTTGGTGCAGTTTTGTATT	KT324709	(CT) <sub>23</sub>	1	185
<b>Gsch_3</b>	F: TGTAGGCAAAGGCACAAAAA R: AGGGTGTAAGGGCTGAATTG	KT324702	(CT) <sub>13</sub>	4	152–178
<b>Gsch_4</b>	F: TTCATTGTCTGCTCCTGCTG R: CGCCACTGGTCGATAGACTT	KT324708	(TC) <sub>20</sub> (CT) <sub>13</sub>	2	157–160
<b>Gsch_5</b>	F: GGTCGTTTAGCAGCCTAGCA R: CGACCGTTCAAACGTTACTG	KT324710	(GT) <sub>10</sub> (AG) <sub>13</sub>	2	179–185
Gsch_7	F: AAACGACCGTTTCTAAGGTGA R: CCCTGAACCAACAGAGCATT	KT324707	(AG) <sub>23</sub>	1	244
<b>Gsch_9</b>	F: GGC GGAAACGAAGAGAGTAA R: TACGTGCACACACTCAACCA	KT324705	(TC) <sub>11</sub>	4	207–227
Gsch_10	F: AGGAGAGTCCCATTGAGCTG R: CGAAACTGTTGAAGGCATTG	KT324706	(GT) <sub>11</sub>	1	218
<b>Gsch_11</b>	F: AACACATTTCCACCCACACA R: CTTTCTTTTCGCGTGGGGTAT	KT324712	(CT) <sub>18</sub>	2	216–235
Gsch_12	F: CTGGGGCTAACCCAAGAATC R: TTTGGGGTTGAGGGCTTTAT	KT324713	(TG) <sub>10</sub>	1	151
<b>Gsch_13</b>	F: TCACGTTCTCGTGGTTCTCA R: GTCGATGGGGCTATGTGTCT	KT324714	(CA) <sub>10</sub>	5	166–173
<b>Gsch_14</b>	F: CGATGGCGCCAACTTATTTA R: TCATATCGCTACGGACATTCA	KT324715	(CA) <sub>10</sub>	2	201–222
Gsch_15	F: TGAGACGGGCAAGATTTCTC R: AGGGTTCGATTCCCATCTCT	KT324716	(CT) <sub>15</sub>	1	154
Gsch_17	F: CTTTCATCCACGCAGCAAGTA R: GGGGGCCGATATTAATTTTT	KT324717	(AC) <sub>13</sub>	1	205
Gsch_18	F: GACGGACCGTGAATTAGAGC	KT324718	(AG) <sub>11</sub>	1	210

	R: ATTGTTGCGGCGGATAACTA				
Gsch_19	F: CGGTATTAGGGTGTTCATGTGC R: CAGGGGGAACCATAAAGTTG	KT324719	(CA) <sub>12</sub>	1	171
Gsch_20	F: CAGTGAGACAGAGCCACGAA R: ATTGCCGACACGTTTGTGT	KT324720	(AG) <sub>31</sub>	1	192
<b>Gsch_21</b>	F: CGCTAGACCTTTCTTTCTGTCC R: TTACAAGCTCTTGGAACGA	KT324721	(TC) <sub>14</sub>	3	239–279
<b>Gsch_22</b>	F: TGTGTGTGTTTGTGGAGAGAGA R: GTGTTACGCATGGTGAACCT	KT324722	(AG) <sub>11</sub>	3	249–322
<b>Gsch_23</b>	F: AATGACCCAGTGGGGAAG R: TGGGGAAGGTTCAATTGTTT	KT324723	(AC) <sub>16</sub>	2	227–232
<b>Gsch_24</b>	F: GCGTGCGTGTATGTGAAAGA R: GGGGCTCTTCAAGTGTGTGT	KT324704	(AG) <sub>10</sub>	3	167–171
<b>Gsch_25</b>	F: AGCCAGACAAAGGGGGATAG R: GGGCAGGTTCACTACTCTGTTC	KT324703	(GA) <sub>19</sub>	2	188–190

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**Table 2.** Populations of *Galba schirazensis* and their genetic variability. Genetic parameters were not calculated in the samples from Spain and La Réunion Island because of too small sample size. N, sample size; Na, mean number of alleles; He, expected heterozygosity;  $F_{IS}$ , inbreeding coefficient and  $P$ -value; NA, not available. Bonferroni corrections were applied ( $P = 0.0125$ ). Observed heterozygosity was null in all populations.

Country	Location	Acronym	Coordinates	Sampling year	GenBank accession number	N	Na	He	$F_{IS}$	Estimated selfing rate
Peru	La Joya de Arequipa	LJ	16°28'56" S 71°49'07" W	2012	KY198250, KY198260	14	1.000	0.000	-	-
Ecuador	Huagrahuma	HU	02°47'32" S 79°16'31" W	2012	KT781302, KT781304	13	1.000	0.000	-	-
	Manto de la Novia	MN	01°24'03" S 78°17'49" W	2011	KT781305, KT781315	15	1.000	0.000	-	-
	Hacienda Cienaga	HC	00°46'18" S 78°37'10" W	2011	KT781301	12	1.000	0.000	-	-
	Andaracas	AN	00°26'10" S 78°32'22" W	2014	-	14	1.077	0.013	1 ( $<0.0001$ )	1
	Nono	NO	00°03'25" S 78°34'15" W	2014	KY198255, KY198256	16	1.000	0.000	-	-
Colombia	Finca Jocum Bucaramanga	FJ	07°06'25" N 73°04'60" W	2012	KY198253, KY198254	14	1.000	0.000	-	-
Venezuela	Bodoque	BO	08°16'15" N 71°48'51" W	2005	-	18	1.077	0.033	1 ( $<0.0001$ )	1
	Los Nevados	LN	08°27'41" N 71°04'28" W	2013	KT781320	18	1.000	0.000	-	-
	Zea el Amparo	ZA	08°21'40" N 71°46'01" W	2005	-	9	1.000	0.000	-	-
	La Azulita	LA	08°44'06" N 71°26'49" W	2005	-	11	1.000	0.000	-	-
	Bailadores	BA	08°14'05" N 71°50'26" W	2005	-	18	1.000	0.000	-	-
	San Eusebio	SE	08°38'39" N 71°23'42" W	2005	-	18	1.000	0.000	-	-
	Sabana Alto	SA	08°36'11" N 71°27'45" W	2013	KT781322, KT781323, KT781324	7	1.000	0.000	-	-

	La Trampa	LT	08°33'31" N 71°27'13" W	2013	KY198251, KY198252	20	1.154	0.048	$\frac{1}{(<0.0001)}$	1
USA	Louisiana Bedico	LB	30°26'11" N 90°15'01" W	NA	KT781332	21	1.077	0.015	$\frac{1}{(<0.0001)}$	1
Spain	El Rocío	ER	37°08'02" N 06°28'18" W	2010	-	1	-	-	-	-
La Reunion Island (France)	Ravine du Gol	RG	21°14'26" S 55°25'07" E	2009	KY198257, KY198258, KY198259	3	-	-	-	-

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### Figure legends

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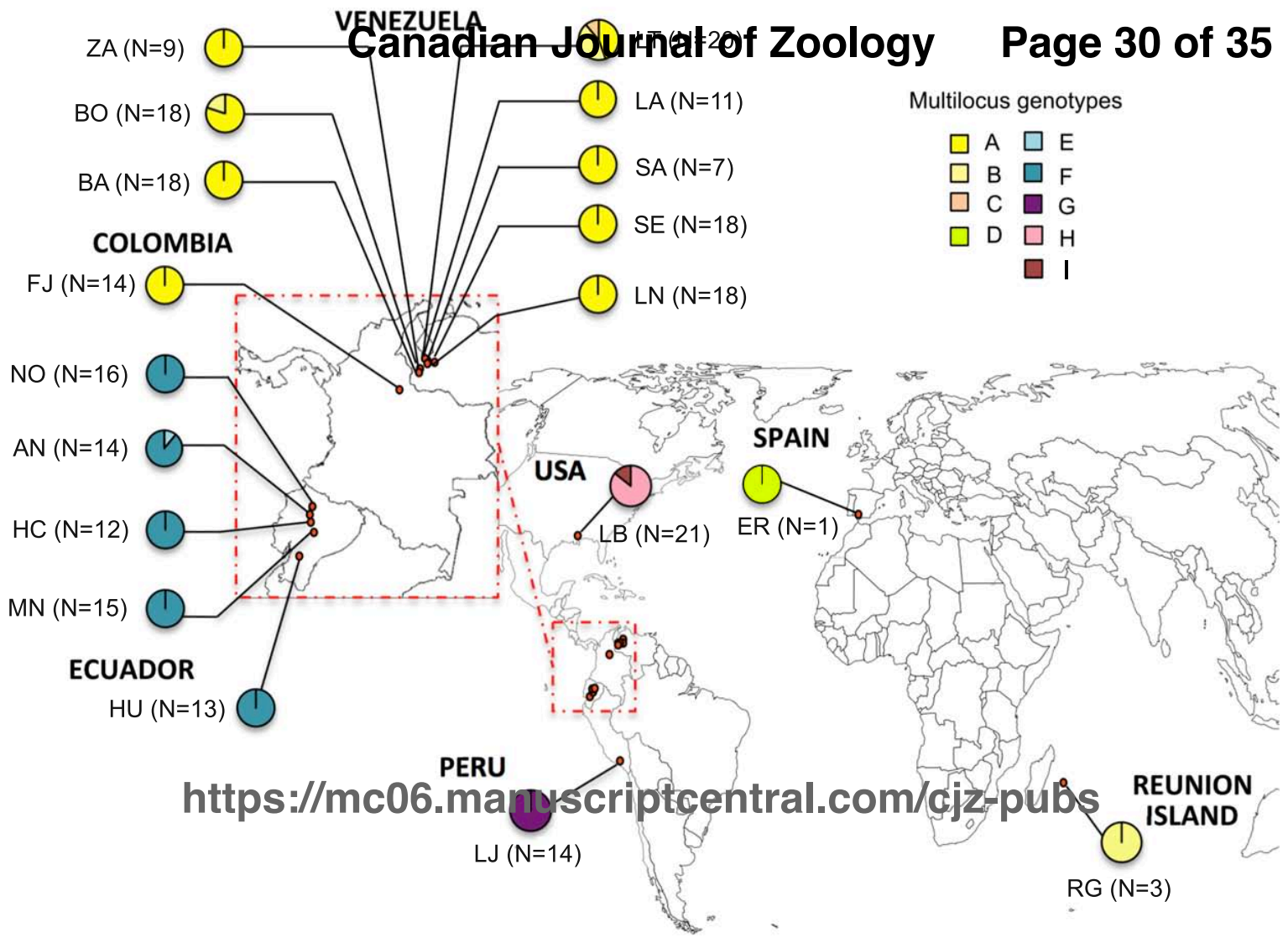
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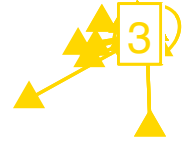
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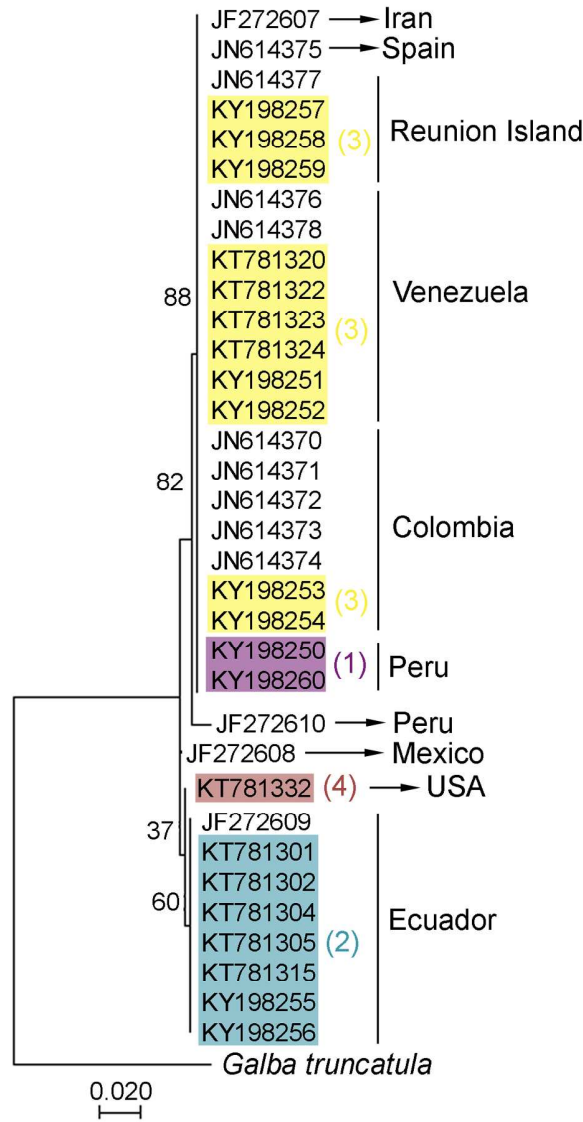


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Location	N	Multilocus genotype	Cluster	Gsch_1	Gsch_3	Gsch_4	Gsch_5	Gsch_9	Gsch_11	Gsch_13	Gsch_14	Gsch_21	Gsch_22	Gsch_23	Gsch_24	Gsch_25	
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	Colombia					Ecuador					Peru		USA		Venezuela				
	FJ	AN	HC	HU	MN	NO	LJ	LB	LA	BA	BO	LN	SA	SE	LT	ZA			
Colombia FJ	-	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	1,000	0.760	0.054	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.001	1,000			
Ecuador AN	0.992	-	0.721	0.752	0.323	0.311	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001			
HC	1,000	0.000	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001			
HU	1,000	0.000	0.000	-	1,000	1,000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001			
MN	1,000	0.013	0.000	0.000	-	1,000	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001			
NO	1,000	0.019	0.000	0.000	0.000	-	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001			
Peru LJ	1,000	0.991	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001			
USA LB	0.987	0.986	0.991	0.990	0.991	0.992	0.987	-	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001			
Venezuela LA	0.000	0.990	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.986	-	0.741	0.129	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.004	1,000			
BA	-0.012	0.985	0.992	0.993	0.993	0.993	0.987	0.982	-0.028	-	0.044	0.519	0.777	0.501	0.001	0.924			
BO	0.204	0.964	0.970	0.972	0.974	0.975	0.955	0.964	0.177	0.150	-	0.050	0.157	0.046	0.168	0.127			
LN	0.000	0.993	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.989	0.000	0.003	0.235	-	1,000	1,000	0.001	1,000			
SA	0.000	0.988	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.984	0.000	-0.052	0.142	0.000	-	1,000	0.013	1,000			
SE	0.000	0.993	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.989	0.000	0.003	0.235	0.000	0.000	-	0.001	1,000			
LT	0.400	0.951	0.956	0.959	0.962	0.963	0.936	0.952	0.368	0.354	0.053	0.435	0.330	0.435	-	0.003			
ZA	0.000	0.989	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.985	0.000	-0.043	0.155	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.344	-			

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	Haplotype 1	Haplotype 2	Haplotype 3	Haplotype 4	Haplotype 5
Haplotype 1					
Haplotype 2	0.012				
Haplotype 3	0.007	0.014			
Haplotype 4	0.009	0.016	0.002		
Haplotype 5	0.012	0.019	0.005	0.002	