

File S1: DNA barcoding identification of the studied flightless fruit flies to species level

Methods

DNA extraction, amplification, and sequencing

Flies were subjected to DNA extraction individually. After 48-72 h incubation in the ATL lysis buffer with 0.2 mg/ml Proteinase K (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany), total genomic DNA was purified from the lysate using the silica-column method. The mitochondrial (mt) cytochrome c oxidase subunit I (COI) gene fragment encompassing the DNA barcode (<https://boldsystems.org/>) was amplified using the primer set bcdF01 (CATTTTCHACTAAYCATAARGATATTGG) and bcdR04 (TATAAACYTCDGGATGNCCAAAAAA)[42]. A fragment of 18S rRNA gene was amplified using 18Sfw (CTTGTCTCAAAGATTAAGCCATGCA) and rev960 (GACGGTCCAAGAATTTTCAC) primers [42]. A fragment of 28S rRNA gene was amplified using 28SF0001 (ACCCVCYNAATTTAAGCATAT) and 28SR0990 (CCTTGGTCCGTGTTTCAAGAC) primers [44]. PCRs, sequencing and sequence analyses were carried out as previously described [43].

The COI sequences were compared to GenBank nucleotide collection (nr/nt) using blast suite and Megablast algorithm to determine tick species. Generated sequences were deposited in GenBank under accession nos.: SUB12432515 KM001_bcdF01_C06_2022-11-16_BOQ058862-71(COI), SUB12432544 KM002_18SF01 OQ058966-68 (18S), and SUB12432564 KM002_28SF001 OQ058969-71 (28S).

Results

We identified COI sequences for 10 flies, five each representing both species. All the COI sequences enabled us to classify the analysed flies into *D. melanogaster* and *D. hydei* with nearly 100% sequence identity. *Drosophila melanogaster* flies shared the same COI haplotype, while two haplotypes, differing in two nucleotide positions, were found among *D. hydei*. Sequences coding both 18S and 28S rRNA gene fragments confirmed the species identified using COI gene barcode showing 100% identities with reference sequences found in *D. melanogaster* and *D. hydei*.

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