

for the separation of the moa, which was consistent with the estimated emu/cassowary split at 30–35 Myr. The analysis was a simple extension of a described method²⁹ to allow more than four taxa. The assumption of rate constancy among the ratites was tested using a likelihood ratio test of the molecular clock model³⁰. With a likelihood ratio of 12.68, rate constancy can be rejected ($P < 0.01$). However, Fig. 2 suggests that the ostrich may have an elevated rate of substitution, so the test was repeated with the ostrich allowed a different rate from those of other ratites. The resulting likelihood ratio of 0.449 ($P = 0.92$) shows that this two-rate model is consistent with clock-like behaviour. The two-rate model has little effect on the divergence estimates (Table 2), with ostrich dates becoming younger by 5% of the largest change.

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Wolbachia-induced incompatibility precedes other hybrid incompatibilities in *Nasonia*

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Wolbachia are cytoplasmically inherited bacteria that cause a number of reproductive alterations in insects, including cytoplasmic incompatibility^{1,2}, an incompatibility between sperm and egg that results in loss of sperm chromosomes following fertilization. *Wolbachia* are estimated to infect 15–20% of all insect species³, and also are common in arachnids, isopods and nematodes^{3,4}. Therefore, *Wolbachia*-induced cytoplasmic incompatibility could be an important factor promoting rapid speciation in invertebrates⁵, although this contention is controversial^{6,7}. Here we show that high levels of bidirectional cytoplasmic incompatibility between two closely related species of insects (the parasitic wasps *Nasonia giraulti* and *Nasonia longicornis*) preceded the evolution of other postmating reproductive barriers. The presence of *Wolbachia* severely reduces the frequency of hybrid offspring in interspecies crosses. However, antibiotic curing of the insects results in production of hybrids. Furthermore, F₁ and F₂ hybrids are completely viable and fertile, indicating the absence of F₁ and F₂ hybrid breakdown. Partial interspecific sexual isolation occurs, yet it is asymmetric and incomplete. Our results indicate that *Wolbachia*-induced reproductive isolation occurred in the early stages of speciation in this system, before the evolution of other postmating isolating mechanisms (for example, hybrid inviability and hybrid sterility).

Symbiotic microorganisms are widespread in nature and often have intimate associations with their hosts, ranging from mutualistic to parasitic relationships. It has been suggested that these associations may act as a source of evolutionary innovation for their hosts, leading to differentiation between host populations and ultimately to the evolution of new species⁸. *Wolbachia* are particularly good candidates for symbiont-induced speciation, because these bacteria can modify compatibility between eggs and sperm of hosts, and thus directly cause reproductive isolation without long-term coevolution of the host and symbiont⁵. There is some empirical evidence for a role of *Wolbachia* in speciation in mushroom-feeding *Drosophila*⁹, the flour beetle *Tribolium*¹⁰, and parasitic wasps¹¹. However, the view that *Wolbachia* are involved in invertebrate speciation is still controversial^{5–7}. Here we present evidence that *Wolbachia*-induced reproductive isolation precedes the evolution of other postmating isolating mechanisms in *Nasonia*. The finding supports the view that *Wolbachia* can play a role in reproductive isolation and speciation.

Nasonia is a complex of three closely related species of haplodiploid parasitic wasps. *Nasonia vitripennis* is found worldwide, and is a generalist that parasitizes a variety of fly species. *Nasonia giraulti* occurs in eastern North America and *N. longicornis* in western North America, where they parasitize the pupae of blowflies in birds' nests¹². Genetic and molecular evidence shows that *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis* are more closely related sister species. Estimates place the divergence of these two species at around 0.250 Myr ago and their divergence from *N. vitripennis* at around 0.800 Myr¹³.

All three species are infected with *Wolbachia*, and individuals of each species are typically infected with two different bacterial types, each belonging to the two major subgroups of arthropod *Wolbachia* (A and B)¹⁴. Furthermore, phylogenetic analysis (data not shown) indicates that the A group bacteria of each species are not closely

related to each other, and therefore have been independently acquired by horizontal transmission. Thus, the *Nasonia* system appears to be prone to the acquisition of *Wolbachia*, and is a promising system for studying the role of these bacteria in reproductive isolation.

Previous studies have shown *Wolbachia*-induced bidirectional incompatibility between two diverged species, *N. vitripennis* and *N. giraulti*¹¹. F₁ hybrids are not formed unless *Wolbachia* are removed by antibiotic curing. However, several other isolating barriers exist between these species, including high levels of F₂ hybrid lethality, abnormal courtship behaviours in F₂ hybrid males (behavioural sterility), and partial premating (sexual) isolation (refs 15, 16, and F.P.O'H., A.C. Chawla and J.H.W., manuscript in preparation). It is therefore unclear whether *Wolbachia*-induced cytoplasmic incompatibility (CI) evolved before the evolution of other isolating barriers or after the divergence of the species. If *Wolbachia* play a causal role in speciation, cases where *Wolbachia*-induced CI evolved before other mechanisms of reproductive isolation should exist.

Here we investigate the role of *Wolbachia* in reproductive incompatibility in a younger species pair, using the more closely related species *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis*. First, we screened field-collected insects to determine the frequencies of infections in natural populations of the three species. A polymerase chain reaction (PCR) method was employed using previously published specific primers¹⁷. In all three species, 100% of the individuals from various geographical areas were found to be infected (*N. giraulti*, *n* = 29; *N. longicornis*, *n* = 31; *N. vitripennis*, *n* = 31). All samples were doubly infected with A and B, except for one *N. longicornis* strain with a single A infection. Sequence analysis of PCR-amplified products of the *wsp* gene¹⁸ from a subset confirms that the species are infected with species-specific *Wolbachia*, and that the *Wolbachia* from different intraspecific strains form monophyletic groups (data not shown), with little sequence variation within a host species.

We undertook experiments to determine whether *Wolbachia* cause reproductive incompatibility between the 'young' species pair, *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis*. Wild-type infected strains and antibiotically cured strains derived from those infected strains were crossed in all pairwise combinations. Results show that bidirectional CI occurs between infected *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis* (Fig. 1). When *Wolbachia* are present, no F₁ hybrid (female) offspring are produced in the *N. giraulti* male × *N. longicornis* female cross and 29.7 ± 2.6 (mean ± s.e., and hereafter) hybrid offspring are produced in the reciprocal *N. longicornis* male × *N. giraulti* female cross. In contrast, crosses using antibiotically cured strains produce 63.9 ± 4.1 hybrid offspring and 82.9 ± 5.1 hybrid offspring, respectively. Thus, presence of *Wolbachia* causes a 100% reduction in F₁ hybrids in one direction and 62.8% reduction in the other direction. In *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis*, CI results in both a paternal genome loss¹⁹ and offspring lethality (data not shown). These results show that *Wolbachia*-induced CI is a significant component of reproductive incompatibility between *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis*.

To assess whether *Wolbachia*-induced incompatibility between *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis* is one of the first incompatibilities to evolve in the divergence of these species, we tested for several other hybrid incompatibilities. Specifically, we investigated (1) interspecific sperm-egg compatibility, (2) inviability and sterility among F₁ hybrid females and (3) inviability and sterility of F₂ hybrid males. Both spermatogenic and behavioural sterility of F₂ males was examined. All the experiments described below were performed with uninfected individuals to exclude the effects of *Wolbachia* on compatibility and viability.

To investigate viability of F₁ females, we compared the number of progeny produced by females mated to intra- and interspecific males. Crosses with uninfected females show that they produce the same number of F₁ progeny whether they mate with males of

their own species or males of the other species (*N. giraulti* female × *N. giraulti* male, 100.2 ± 5.6 versus *N. giraulti* female × *N. longicornis* male, 99.0 ± 4.0; and *N. longicornis* female × *N. longicornis* male, 68.5 ± 4.1 versus *N. longicornis* female × *N. giraulti* male, 78.5 ± 4.8). As only females are hybrids in a haplodiploid insect, we also compared the number of female offspring produced in intra- and interspecific crosses (Fig. 1). There was no reduction in the number of F₁ hybrid females relative to intraspecific controls. Finally, we compared the number of eggs laid during a 6-h oviposition period to the number of adult offspring emerging in hybrid crosses. No significant differences were found (*N. giraulti* female × *N. longicornis* male, 22.5 ± 6.4 eggs versus 20.7 ± 7.1 adults; reciprocal cross, 25.0 ± 9.2 eggs versus 24.3 ± 3.2 adults). Therefore, results clearly indicate that there is no significant F₁ hybrid inviability. They also show that there is no reduction in fertilization of eggs based on whether the sperm came from heterospecific or homospecific males, indicating no incompatibilities in the fertilization mechanism between these species.

The level of F₁ hybrid female fertility was measured by counting eggs laid by females during a time-limited oviposition period. F₁ hybrid females did not show reduced fertility relative to non-hybrid control females (Fig. 2). In fact, hybrid females with the *N. longicornis* cytoplasm laid significantly more eggs than non-hybrid *N. longicornis* females (Mann-Whitney *U*-test (*U*), *P* < 0.001).

Sterility and/or mortality of F₂ progeny (hybrid breakdown) is one of the earlier manifestations of genetic incompatibility between recently evolved species^{20,21}. This is believed to be due to the general recessivity of genes involved in hybrid inviability and infertility²⁰⁻²². The haploidy of males in *Nasonia* offers an advantage to the study of recessive incompatibility factors, as such factors will be readily expressed in haploid males^{15,22}. We investigated inviability by comparing the number of F₂ eggs laid by F₁ virgin females to the

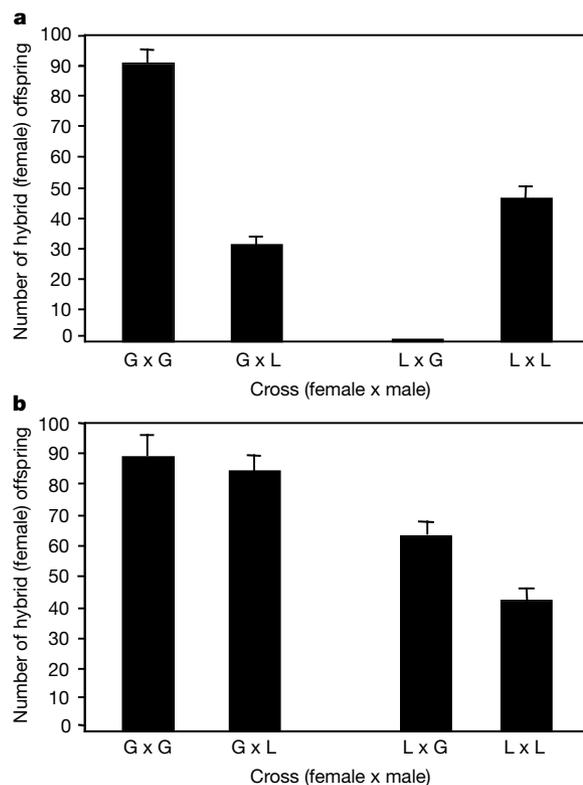


Figure 1 Number of hybrid (female) offspring produced from intra- and interspecific crosses. Results are shown for infected individuals (a) and uninfected individuals (b). Data are the mean number ± s.e. of F₁ progeny. G and L denote *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis*, respectively.

number of F₂ males that survived to adulthood. (Virgin females produce haploid male progeny from unfertilized eggs in this haplodiploid insect.) There are no significant differences in mortality levels among the F₂ hybrid males relative to the non-hybrid controls (Fig. 2). Mortality was found among F₂ males of hybrid females from the *N. longicornis* male × *N. giraulti* female cross (mean ± s.d. = 19.3 ± 0.4% (ref. 23) mortality; U, egg versus adult number, *P* = 0.002). However, a similar level of mortality was also observed among non-hybrid *N. giraulti* males (F₂ males from the *N. giraulti* male × *N. giraulti* female cross; 14.3 ± 0.3% mortality, *P* = 0.009). No significant differences were found between these crosses in the number of F₂ eggs (*U*, *P* = 0.595) or F₂ surviving adults (*U*, *P* = 0.862). Therefore, there is not elevated mortality among hybrids. This finding is quite different from what is found in the older species pair (*N. giraulti* × *N. vitripennis*), which has high levels (70–85%) of F₂ hybrid male mortality¹⁵. Such recessive genetic incompatibilities have apparently not yet evolved between *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis*.

We assessed the fertility of F₂ hybrid and non-hybrid males by dissecting testes and categorizing sperm motility into three groups: normal, reduced or absent. All males possessed some motile sperm. The percentage of males with normal quantities of motile sperm was 94.7% (*n* = 19) and 95.0% (*n* = 20) for the two hybrid genotypes and 95.0% (*n* = 20) and 100% (*n* = 19) for non-hybrids. Additionally, we tested the ability of hybrid and non-hybrid sperm to fertilize both *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis* eggs. Of 69 males that copulated, only one failed to produce female offspring, but this occurred in an intraspecific cross. Thus, hybrid sperm is completely functional. This contrasts to many studies in *Drosophila*, which indicate a prevalence of hybrid male sterility loci^{24,25} and that spermiogenic sterility evolves rapidly in the divergence between species^{20,21}.

F₂ hybrid breakdown can also affect courtship behaviour, due to a general ‘sickness’ of hybrid males or to specific negative interactions in genes involved in courtship behaviour²⁶. We assessed the ability of hybrid and non-hybrid males to (1) locate and mount females, (2) perform the ritualized courtship display, and (3) copulate with females. The type of female did not influence probabilities of initiating courtship and no differences were found among males in their ability to locate and mount females (hybrids, 93.7% (*n* = 187); *N. longicornis*, 97.8% (*n* = 46); *N. giraulti*, 95.7% (*n* = 46); $X^2 = 1.42$, 2 degrees of freedom (d.f.), *P* = 0.49). Among males who successfully mount females, there was a small and nearly significant difference in the proportion of males performing the courtship display (hybrids, 94.2% (*n* = 172); *N. longicornis*, 100% (*n* = 45); *N. giraulti*, 100% (*n* = 45); $X^2 = 5.44$, 2 d.f., *P* = 0.07). Among those males who courted *N. giraulti* females, no differences were found in the proportion of males copulating (hybrids, 91.5% (*n* = 94);

N. longicornis, 95.8% (*n* = 24); *N. giraulti*, 96.0% (*n* = 25); $X^2 = 0.97$, 2 d.f., *P* = 0.62). However, males did differ in their ability to copulate with *N. longicornis* females (hybrids, 52.9% (*n* = 68); *N. longicornis*, 95.2% (*n* = 21); *N. giraulti*, 21.2% (*n* = 19); $X^2 = 22.74$, 2 d.f., *P* < 0.001). This difference cannot be attributed to hybrid breakdown, because hybrid males with *N. longicornis* females copulate at significantly higher rates than do *N. giraulti* males ($X^2 = 6.08$, 1 d.f., *P* = 0.014).

The above results are therefore best explained as mate discrimination of *N. longicornis* females against F₂ hybrid males, rather than to F₂ hybrid ‘sickness’. In contrast, our findings with F₂ hybrid males from the older species pair (*N. giraulti* and *N. vitripennis*) indicate high levels of reproductive incompetence throughout the various stages of courtship and mating. For example in the older species cross, 27.6% of F₂ hybrid males failed to locate and mount females, and of those that did mount females, 26.8% failed to perform the ritualized courtship display. As a result, a total of 53.2% of F₂ hybrid males in the older species cross fail to successfully mount females and perform the courtship display (compared to only 13.8% who fail to do so in the younger species cross, not significantly different from controls). We conclude that the genetic incompatibilities responsible for these problems have not arisen since the more recent divergence of *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis*.

Finally, we investigated the level of premating isolation between the two species in single pair-mating situations. During a 30-min mating period, *N. giraulti* females show no mate discrimination towards *N. longicornis* males, mating at similar frequencies as they do to homospecific males (94.5% mating, *n* = 200 versus 95.6%, *n* = 159, *P* = 0.32). In contrast, *N. longicornis* females show partial mate discrimination towards *N. giraulti* males relative to homospecific males (46.9% mating, *n* = 113 versus 89.9%, *n* = 178, *P* < 0.0001).

The experiments presented here clearly indicate that the species pair *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis* do not show significant levels of F₁ or F₂ lethality, F₁ or F₂ reproductive sterility, or F₂ ‘hybrid sickness’ as manifested by competence in courtship behaviour. In contrast, high levels of *Wolbachia*-induced reproductive incompatibility are present in this species pair. Therefore, we conclude that interspecies bidirectional CI has preceded the evolution of these other isolating mechanisms in this system. In addition to *Wolbachia*-induced reproductive incompatibility, there is partial premating isolation in one direction between these species. The strength of premating isolation, at least under the conditions tested here, is weaker than the postmating reproductive incompatibilities caused by *Wolbachia*.

The role of *Wolbachia* in speciation is a matter of current debate^{5–7} and so far, there is limited empirical support for it^{9–11}. We do not claim that *Wolbachia* are currently causing reproductive isolation between *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis* in nature. Other factors, such as geographical isolation (allopatry) are likely to be more important. However, our results do show that *Wolbachia*-induced bidirectional CI has preceded the evolution of other intrinsic, postmating reproductive isolation barriers in these newly evolving species. The present work therefore provides further support for the argument that the cytoplasmic bacterium *Wolbachia* could promote host speciation. □

Methods

Crosses for assay of CI and copulation frequencies

Single pairs of male and female virgins were observed for 30 min in a 12 × 75-mm vial. We only collected data on incompatibility relationships from crosses with an observed copulation. After 24 h, the male was discarded from the vial, and each mated female was hosted with two *Sarcophaga bullata* blowfly pupal hosts for egg laying. F₁ progeny were scored for sex ratio and family size upon death. RV2, RV2R, IV7 and IV7R2 are the *N. giraulti* and *N. longicornis* infected and uninfected strains, respectively. Uninfected strains were generated from the corresponding infected strains in 1996 through antibiotic treatment of 1% Rifadin (10% sugar water) for three successive generations. Infection status of these strains was confirmed by PCR before the experiments.

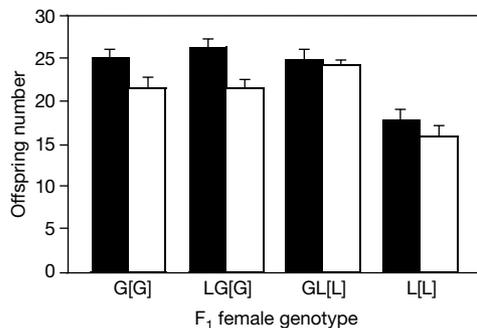


Figure 2 F₂ egg and adult offspring number produced from F₁ hybrid and non-hybrid females. Data are the mean number ± s.e. of eggs (black bar) and surviving adults (white bar). The term in brackets denotes the cytotype, while the term before the brackets denotes nuclear genotype. For instance, LG[G] hybrid females are derived from the cross, L male × G female.

F₂ hybrid viability

F₁ hybrid and non-hybrid virgin adult females (1–2-d old) were placed on four hosts for roughly 48 h for host feeding and egg laying. Females were immediately transferred to one host for a 6-h laying period, after which females were removed from the vial. We limited the ovipositioning period to prevent wasps from becoming resource-limited. Half of these replicates were immediately scored for the number of F₂ eggs laid in 6 h and the remaining half were scored later for the number of adults.

Dissections for sperm motility assay

Testes and seminal vesicles were viewed under a microscope at ×400 magnification for the presence of motile sperm. Tested males were dissected on the day they emerged in a drop of phosphate-buffered saline. At least one testis and one seminal vesicle from each male were viewed. Males were scored as fully fertile if motile sperm were observed in all testes and seminal vesicles observed. Males were scored as partially fertile if a reduced number of motile sperm were observed in any organs viewed.

F₂ hybrid male behavioural and spermiogenic fertility

Single males, aged 18–48 h, were placed in clear 12 × 75-mm vials with five virgin females, no more than four days old. Behaviour of each male was observed for 15 min. After courtship observation, males were left in the vial with females for an additional 105 min (2 h total) and then removed. Females were then given five hosts for feeding and egg laying. On death of their F₁ progeny, each vial was inspected for the presence of female offspring, indicating successful fertilization of at least one female by the tester male. Behavioural fertility data were not significantly different for F₂ hybrid males from the two reciprocal crosses (F₂ males from *N. giraulti* males × *N. longicornis* females and from *N. giraulti* females × *N. longicornis* males), and therefore the data were pooled for statistical analysis.

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Evolutionary radiations and convergences in the structural organization of mammalian brains

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The sizes of mammalian brain components seem to be mostly related to the sizes of the whole brain (and body), suggesting a one-dimensional scale of encephalization^{1–3}. Previous multivariate study of such data concludes that evolutionary selection for enlargement of any one brain part is constrained to selection for a concerted enlargement of the whole brain⁴. However, interactions between structurally related pairs of brain parts⁵ confirm reports of differential change in brain nuclei⁶, and imply mosaic rather than concerted evolution. Here we analyse a large number of variables simultaneously using multi-dimensional methods⁷. We show that the relative proportions of different systems of functionally integrated brain structures vary independently between different mammalian orders, demonstrating separate evolutionary radiations in mammalian brain organization⁸. Within each major order we identify clusters of unrelated species that occupy similar behavioural niches and have convergently evolved similar brain proportions. We conclude that within orders, mosaic brain organization is caused by selective adaptation, whereas between orders it suggests an interplay between selection and constraints.

We use data from the same source^{9,10} as the previous studies^{4,5}. In ref. 4 a small subset of these data was analysed multivariately to study species separations, but in a context where size outweighed most other information; an even smaller subset of the same data was used to study bivariate relationships between pairs of brain parts in ref. 5. Here we examine the complete set of specimen measurements underlying these data by relating the various brain structures in proportion to two reference structures. We explore the detailed structure of the resulting 19-dimensional data space in two stages, and combine the strategies of the previous studies^{4,5} by looking for species relationships as well as associations between variables.

The first stage in this study explores species separations in the subspace spanned by the first three principal components (85% of the information). Figures 1 and 2 show that all orders are clearly differentiated; this shows that they differ uniquely in their internal brain proportions. The three large orders—primates, insectivores and bats—are especially different, being dispersed in nearly orthogonal directions (although not along the orthogonal principal components of the analysis). The primate and insectivore dispersions are separate, but are linked together via some bats. The two