# Genomic and Transcriptomic Associations Identify a **New Insecticide Resistance Phenotype for the** Selective Sweep at the Cyp6g1 Locus of Drosophila melanogaster

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ABSTRACT Scans of the *Drosophila melanogaster* genome have identified organophosphate resistance loci among those with the most pronounced signature of positive selection. In this study the molecular basis of resistance to the organophosphate insecticide azinphos-methyl was investigated using the Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel and genome-wide association. Recently released full transcriptome data was used to extend the utility of the Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel resource beyond traditional genomewide association studies to allow systems genetics analyses of phenotypes. We found that both genomic and transcriptomic associations independently identified Cyp6g1, a gene involved in resistance to DDT and neonicotinoid insecticides, as the top candidate for azinphos-methyl resistance. This was verified by transgenically overexpressing Cyp6g1 using natural regulatory elements from a resistant allele, resulting in a 6.5-fold increase in resistance. We also identified four novel candidate genes associated with azinphos-methyl resistance, all of which are involved in either regulation of fat storage or nervous system development. In Cyp6q1, we find a demonstrable resistance locus, a verification that transcriptome data can be used to identify variants associated with insecticide resistance, and an overlap between peaks of a genome-wide association study and a genome-wide selective sweep analysis.

#### **KEYWORDS**

azinphos-methyl; D. melanogaster; Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel; systems genetics; Cyp6g1

Genome-wide scans for positive selection have become possible over recent years and reveal fascinating insights into recent evolution, with a global perspective afforded by whole genome analyses. These scans are becoming increasingly sophisticated as methods advance from a focus on hard sweeps to partial sweeps and soft sweeps. Whereas a locus with a hard sweep has a single haplotype surrounding a single adaptive variant, a locus with a soft sweep has multiple haplotypes containing one or more selected variants. Partial sweeps occur when adaptive variants have not reached fixation. Studies such as these lead to candidates of selection in a completely unbiased way; however it is not always easy to deduce

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what selective force is driving the selection on identified genes, and the lack of phenotypic validation of candidates has been a major criticism of these approaches (Jensen et al. 2016). Resistance to insecticides is a compelling evolutionary model, due to the relatively recent introduction of these toxins and the specific selective pressures they are capable of imparting. This model has, however, tended to focus on genes of major effect. The Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP), a set of inbred Drosophila melanogaster lines with sequenced genomes and transcriptomes (Mackay et al. 2012; Huang et al. 2015), allows for the identification of both major and minor effect alleles contributing to resistance phenotypes, in the context of recent selection.

In 2013, Garud et al. identified regions of the D. melanogaster genome under strong, recent selection by interrogating the sequences of DGRP lines for signatures of selective sweeps. The top three regions identified in this screen, Cyp6g1, Ace and CHKov1

had all been previously associated with resistance to insecticides (Daborn *et al.* 2001; Pralavorio and Fournier 1992; Aminetzach *et al.* 2005), and two of them to a particular insecticide; the organophosphate (OP) azinphos-methyl.

Resistance to OPs is arguably the best understood of any resistance to an insecticide class. Widespread use of OPs for more than half a century on a range of pests has resulted in many well-studied cases of resistance to members of this class of toxin (Siegfried and Scharf 2001). Acetylcholinesterase (Ace) is the molecular target of OPs. Bound in the postsynaptic membrane, it hydrolyses the ester bond in acetylcholine following neurotransmission, ending the signal. OPs bind irreversibly to Ace, causing a build-up of acetylcholine in the synapse and continuous stimulation of the postsynaptic neuron. This results in paralysing seizures and the eventual death of the insect. Four substitutions in D. melanogaster Ace cause insensitivity of the enzyme to OPs. These mutations occur together in some alleles, in many cases acting cooperatively to increase resistance, with differing combinations maximising resistance to different insecticides by either restricting access or affecting the position of key catalytic residues (Mutero et al. 1994; Menozzi et al. 2004). Additionally, duplications of Ace exhibit extreme population differentiation (Kolaczkowski et al. 2011), providing further evidence that selection is acting at this locus in *D*. melanogaster.

Another of Garud *et al.*'s (2013) top three candidate genes is *CHKov1*, originally identified in a screen of *D. melanogaster* transposable element polymorphisms under recent, positive selection (Aminetzach *et al.* 2005). The same study then linked the *CHKov1-DOC* allele (containing the insertion of *doc1420* into the coding region of this uncharacterized gene) with resistance to the OP azinphos-methyl by comparing two strains differing by a single introgressed region. In 2011, Magwire *et al.* published that resistance to the sigma virus Rhabdoviridae mapped to a region containing *CHKov1*, a result that was supported using a GWAS in the DGRP population.

A cytochrome P450 gene, *Cyp6g1*, is also one of Garud *et al.*'s (2013) top three candidates for positive selection. Naturally occurring alleles causing the overexpression of *Cyp6g1* result in resistance to DDT and neonicotinoids (Daborn *et al.* 2001), which is attributable to *Cyp6g1*-limited metabolism of these toxins (Joussen *et al.* 2008; Hoi *et al.* 2014). Resistance to the OP diazinon in Australian populations was mapped to a region containing *Cyp6g1* (Pyke *et al.* 2004). Daborn *et al.* (2007) subsequently reported, however, that transgenic *Cyp6g1* overexpression was incapable of conferring resistance to diazinon.

Here we describe a systems genetics approach (Ayroles *et al.* 2009), which incorporates into a single model associations of phenotypic, genomic and transcriptomic variation, to investigate resistance to azinphos-methyl using the DGRP population. This study aims to characterize resistance to this insecticide from a polygenic framework, with the added advantage of being able to assess the involvement of the peaks identified by selective sweep analysis in azinphos-methyl resistance, using the DGRP population in which they were detected.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

## Fly lines

The DGRP lines examined in this study were generated by Mackay *et al.* (2012) and were obtained from the Bloomington Drosophila stock center in Indiana. *6g1*HR-GAL4, UAS-*Cyp6g1* and Phi86 lines were generated by Chung *et al.* (2007). All fly stocks were maintained at 25°C on rich media, containing, maltose (46g/L), dextrose

(75g/L), yeast (35g/L), soy flour (20g/L), maize meal (73g/L), agar (6g/L), acid mix (14mL/L) and tegosept (16mL/L). The acid mix solution was made up of orthophosphoric acid (42ml/L) and propionic acid (412ml/L) while the tegosept solution was 50g tegosept dissolved in 950ml of 95% EtOH. Applicable quantities of azinphosmethyl was mixed into rich media once it had cooled below  $60^{\circ}$ C, to produce insecticide media.

## Insect bioassays

First-instar larvae (<24 hours old) were collected from laying plates and transferred onto insecticide media at a density of 20 larvae per vial. Controls were performed using media containing no insecticide. The number of fully-formed pupae were scored after seven days. Three biological replicates were performed for each dose.

#### Calculation of LD<sub>50</sub>

For each DGRP line, dose data was corrected for control mortality using Abbott's correction, and linear models were fitted to dose-mortality data on a log-probit scale using 'glm' in the R statistical package (R Core Team 2015) and scripts from (Johnson *et al.* 2013). 50% lethal dose (LD<sub>50</sub> values and 95% confidence intervals were calculated using Fieller's method from fitted linear models (Finney 1971).

#### Genome-wide association studies

Phenotypes for 178 lines at each of the four common doses, and the  $LD_{50}$ , were submitted to the Mackay Lab DGRP2 pipeline as five separate GWAS (fig.1A; http://dgrp.gnets.ncsu.edu/; Huang et al. 2014).

## In silico genotyping

y; cn bw sp; assembled reference genome sequence version 5.33 was recovered from FlyBase (Millburn et al. 2016). DGRP line sequences from Illumina platforms were obtained from the Baylor College of Medicine website (https://www.hgsc.bcm.edu/content/dgrplines; Mackay et al. 2012). Reads were aligned to the y; cn bw sp; reference genome using Burrows-Wheeler Aligner (Li and Durbin 2009). Alignments of Illumina paired end reads to the y; cn bw sp; genome in regions containing CHKov1 and Cyp6g1 loci were analysed with IGV 2.0 software (Robinson et al. 2011) to score structural variation and transposable element presence in each line. Alignments were used to identify and plot DGRP variation at each base in exons III and IV of Ace.

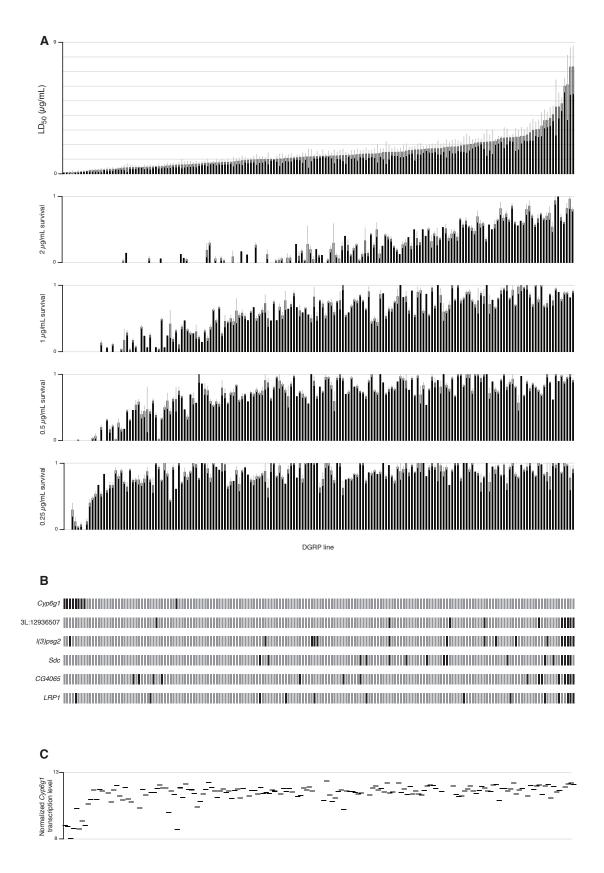
#### Preparation of transcriptome data

Transcriptome data for 1-3 day old adult flies from 185 DGRP lines was recovered from the DGRP website (http://dgrp.gnets.ncsu.edu/data.html; Huang *et al.* 2015). Mean transcription level was calculated for each gene from two biological replicates, for each of the 18,140 transcripts measured by Huang *et al.* (2015) for each sex and in each DGRP line.

## Structural equation modeling

The 'sem' package (Fox et al. 2014) in R (R Core Team 2015) was used to generate a structural equation model incorporating factors associated below bonferroni significance with azinphos-methyl resistance:

 the six significantly associated SNPs from the LD<sub>50</sub> GWAS as fixed variables



**Figure 1** (A) Azinphos-methyl LD $_{50}$  phenotype (error bars represent 95% CI) and four mean azinphos-methyl survival phenotypes at single doses (error bars represent SEM) for 178 DGRP lines, ordered by LD $_{50}$  phenotype. (B) Lines carrying minor allele (black) of GWAS candidates. (C) Mean of male and female normalized Cyp6g1 transcription level as measured by (Huang  $et\ al.\ 2015$ ), data missing for some lines.

- the Cyp6g1-M allele identified by significantly associated SNPs from the .25 and .5  $\mu$ g/mL survival phenotype GWAS as a fixed variable
- expression of Cyp6g1 and Cyp6g2 (mean of male and female values) as random variables
- the azinphos-methyl LD<sub>50</sub> phenotype as a random variable

## Cyp6g1 overexpression

Cyp6g1 overexpression using the GAL4/UAS system (Brand and Perrimon 1993) was originally described by Chung et al. (2007). 6g1HR-GAL4 females, in which GAL4 is regulated by Cyp6g1 upstream sequence originating from Hikone-R line flies, were crossed to UAS-Cyp6g1 males, which carry an additional copy of Cyp6g1 coding region under control of a UAS promoter. In the control cross Phi86 line males were used, which contain the UAS promoter but lack the additional Cyp6g1 coding region downstream.

## **Data Availability**

Strains are available upon request. File S1 contains detailed descriptions of all supplemental files. File S2 contains phenotypes for all five GWAS. Fig. S1 contains plots of Cyp6g1 transcription level against  $LD_{50}$  phenotype. Fig. S2 contains details of DGRP Ace variation in exons III and IV.

## **RESULTS**

#### GWAS of resistance to azinphos-methyl

178 DGRP lines were assayed for survival to pupation on rich media containing azinphos-methyl at 0, 0.25, 0.5, 1 and  $2\mu g/mL$ , with additional doses (ranging from 0.0625 to  $8\mu g/mL$ ) used to quantify the LD<sub>50</sub> of lines with extreme phenotypes. LD<sub>50</sub>s were calculated from probit models fit to survival data (corrected for control mortality using Abbott's correction) from each line at each dose, and ranged from 0.083 $\mu g/mL$  to 7.33 $\mu g/mL$ . Phenotypes for 178 lines at each of the four common doses, and the LD<sub>50</sub>, were submitted to the Mackay Lab DGRP2 pipeline as five separate GWAS (fig.1A; http://dgrp.gnets.ncsu.edu/; Huang *et al.* 2014).

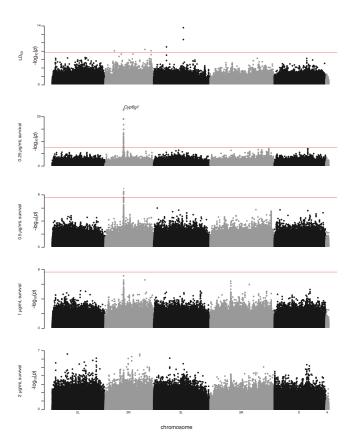
Three of the five GWAS were able to identify phenotype-associated SNPs with p-values below the Bonferroni threshold for genome-wide significance ( $2.28 \times 10^{-8}$ ; fig.2). Considering results from all five GWAS, the strongest association (p=6.6×10-24) is from the  $0.25 \mu g/mL$  survival phenotype, and is located in an intron of Cyp6g1. All significant SNPs (below the Bonferroni threshold) in GWAS for both  $0.25 \mu g/mL$  survival and  $0.5 \mu g/mL$  survival phenotypes are in this same ~70kb region centred around Cyp6g1 (table 1; fig.2). The three most significant Cyp6g1 SNPs are present in nine DGRP lines, eight of which are extremely susceptible to azinphos-methyl (fig.1B). *In silico* genotyping methods reveal these nine lines to be the only DGRP lines which are homozygous for Cyp6g1-M, the ancestral allele of Cyp6g1, and the most susceptible to DDT (Schmidt *et al.* 2010).

SNPs in and around *Cyp6g1* were not detected by the LD<sub>50</sub> GWAS, which identified instead six other Bonferroni-significant SNPs (table 1).

## Phenotype to transcriptome associations

A linear model was fit between azinphos-methyl LD $_{50}$  values from 159 DGRP lines and mean transcription level of each gene measured by Huang *et al.* (2015). Of the 18,140 transcripts in this dataset, a single transcript for each sex was found to be associated with the phenotype with a p-value below the Bonferroni threshold for transcriptome-wide significance (2.76×10<sup>-6</sup>). In the case of both

male and female associations, this transcript mapped to Cyp6g1 (p=1.93×10<sup>-6</sup>, p=2.75×10<sup>-7</sup> respectively; fig. 1C; fig. S1). Transcriptome associations with the four single-dose phenotypes yielded similar results (data not shown). This supports the finding from our GWAS that alleles of Cyp6g1, which have been demonstrated to increase transcription level and hence resistance to DDT, imidacloprid and nitenpyram (Daborn *et al.* 2001, 2002, 2007; Schmidt *et al.* 2010), are associated with resistance to azinphos-methyl in DGRP lines.



**Figure 2** Manhattan plots for GWAS of LD<sub>50</sub>, 0.25µg/mL survival, 0.5µg/mL survival, 1µg/mL survival and 2µg/mL survival azinphos-methyl phenotypes. x-axis shows genomic location of variant, y-axis shows -log<sub>10</sub>(p-value of association with phenotype). Bonferroni threshold for genome-wide significance (2.28×10<sup>-8</sup>) is shown.

#### Structural equation model

Structural equation modelling was used to test the involvement of bonferroni-significant factors from GWAS and transcriptome-phenotype associations in the azinphos-methyl LD $_{50}$  phenotype (Cyp6g2 expression) level was included due to its correlation with Cyp6g1 expression), and the model explained the data significantly well ( $\chi^2$ =6.83, Df=10, p=0.74; fig.3). The model did not show a significant influence by two SNPs (3L:12936507 and 3L:12936514), but supported the influence of the other four bonferroni-significant SNPs on the phenotype, and showed their involvement was independent of Cyp6g1, as no systematically significant path was found connecting these SNPs to the phenotype indirectly, through Cyp6g1 expression. Systematically significant paths were found connecting the Cyp6g1-M allele to expression of both Cyp6g1 and

■ **Table 1** Variants with p-values below the Bonferroni threshold for genome-wide significance (2.28×10<sup>-8</sup>) from GWAS of five azinphos-methyl phenotypes. Multiple variants indicating a single region are grouped together.

Phenotype	Candidate	Site class	No. variants	Location	Minimum p-value
0.25μg/mL survival	Сур6g1	various	45	2R:12131954- 2R:12202171	6.579×10 <sup>-24</sup>
0.5µg/mL survival	Сур6g1	various	8	2R:12185332- 2R:12202171	1.02×10 <sup>-9</sup>
$LD_{50}$	unannotated	intergenic	2	3L:12936507- 3L:12936514	2.62×10 <sup>-14</sup>
LD <sub>50</sub>	l(3)psg2	non-synonymous	1	3L:5586237	9.93×10 <sup>-10</sup>
LD <sub>50</sub>	Sdc	intronic	1	2R:21457715	3.98×10 <sup>-9</sup>
$LD_{50}$	CG4065	synonymous	1	2R:24135649	7.80×10 <sup>-9</sup>
LD <sub>50</sub>	LRP1	intronic	1	2R:8191283	8.15×10 <sup>-9</sup>

Cyp6g2, but only Cyp6g1 expression was found to have a significant influence on the phenotype.

## Verification of Cyp6g1 as an azinphos-methyl resistance mecha-

Flies transgenically overexpressing Cyp6g1 using the GAL4-UAS system, driven by upstream elements from a DDT-resistant Cyp6g1 allele (Chung et al. 2007), were phenotyped on azinphos-methyl laced media. The LD<sub>50</sub> of these flies was significantly higher, and 6.5-fold greater, than controls that did not overexpress the enzyme (fig.4).

## Cyp6g1-AA and Cyp6g1-BA alleles

DDT-resistant Cyp6g1-AA and Cyp6g1-BA alleles are both present in the DGRP. *Cyp6g1-BA* has been shown to confer tissue-specific expression differences, and a slight increase in male DDT resistance, over Cyp6g1-AA (Schmidt et al. 2010). We find no significant difference between the mean azinphos-methyl LD50s for each of these alleles (fig.5A).

## CHKov1 alleles

It was previously reported that insertion of *doc1420* transposable element into the coding region of CHKov1 increases resistance to azinphos-methyl (Aminetzach et al. 2005). DGRP lines were genotyped for this structural variation, and the mean azinphosmethyl LD<sub>50</sub> for each class was compared. There was no significant difference identified between the groups (fig.5B).

#### Ace resistance substitutions in the DGRP

Menozzi et al. (2004) identify four common substitutions near the active groove of Ace that reduce sensitivity to various organophosphate and carbamate insecticides. Analysis of DGRP sequence data reveals that three of these four substitutions (I161V, G265A and F330Y) are polymorphic in the DGRP at moderate frequencies, while one (G368A) is entirely absent (fig. S2).

## **DISCUSSION**

#### Cvp6q1

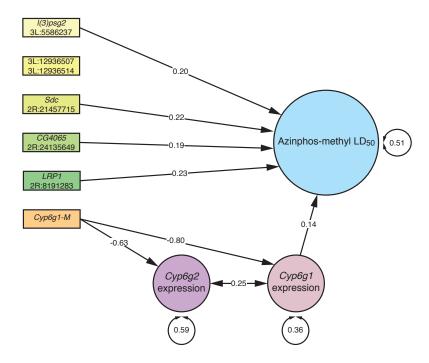
Here we have shown that the strongest genome-wide association detected out of five azinphos-methyl resistance phenotypes (four single doses and the LD<sub>50</sub>) identifies Cyp6g1, a gene previously associated with resistance to insecticides. Cyp6g1 was first described

as a DDT resistance gene by Daborn et al. (2001), who found that DDT-resistant lines of *D. melanogaster* contain an *Accord* transposable element insertion upstream of the gene (Daborn et al. 2002), which correlates with increased Cyp6g1 expression. Chung et al. (2007) showed this increased expression to be in specific tissues, important for insecticide detoxification. Cyp6g1 cross-resistance was additionally described to the neonicotinoids imidacloprid (Daborn et al. 2001) and nitenpyram (Daborn et al. 2007), and in 2008 the capacity of the enzyme to metabolize both DDT and imidacloprid was demonstrated in cell culture by Joussen et al.

Four alleles of *Cyp6g1* were described by Schmidt *et al.* in 2010; the previously identified Cyp6g1-Accord allele was found to also involve a tandem duplication of the gene (Cyp6g1-AA), and two additional resistant alleles were described, characterized by two successive transposable element insertion events (Cyp6g1-BA and Cyp6g1-BP). The most derived of these, Cyp6g1-BP, is also the most DDT-resistant, however it is absent from the DGRP. Both Cyp6g1-AA and Cyp6g1-BA confer resistance to DDT relative to the ancestral *Cyp6g1-M* allele, but the work of Schmidt *et al.* (2010) suggests this to be the smallest step, phenotypically, of the allelic series. Significant differences between Cyp6g1-AA and Cyp6g1-BA alleles were shown in DDT LD50 for males but not females, and in expression in the midgut but not the fat body. We found no difference between the mean azinphos-methyl LD<sub>50</sub>s of Cyp6g1-AA and Cyp6g1-BA alleles in the DGRP (fig.5A), which, given the subtleties in the phenotypes identified by Schmidt et al. (2010), is not surprising.

Cyp6g1 was also associated with resistance to azinphos-methyl by comparing LD<sub>50</sub> phenotype to transcriptome data from 185 DGRP lines gathered by Huang et al. (2015). While this is consistent with our findings that alleles increasing Cyp6g1 expression are associated with resistance, it also provides further evidence that candidate genes may be identified by associations between phenotype and transcriptome. This supports the work of Ayroles et al. (2009), who found, using the original 40 DGRP transcriptomes, that verifiable associations can be detected between phenotype and transcription level. This additional dimension to the analysis of the molecular basis of phenotypic variation in the DGRP should prove more powerful when the phenotype used matches Huang et al.'s (2015) transcriptome data, specifically by sex and lifestage.

Comparing transcription level directly with a phenotype is powerful, as it relies on the measurement of a functionally relevant attribute. Thus evolutionary unrelated variants can be pooled



**Figure 3** Structural equation model showing the influence of bonferroni-significant factors from GWAS and transcriptome-phenotype associations in the azinphos-methyl LD $_{50}$  phenotype. Standardized coefficients are shown on paths, only statistically significant (p<0.05) paths are shown. Standardized coefficients account for substitution of homozygous major allele by homozygous minor allele. The involvement of 3L:12936507 and 3L:12936514 SNPs was rejected by the model.

together based on transcription level, thereby alleviating the issue of allelic heterogeneity that can confound GWAS. This may be especially significant when the variants that are pooled are too rare to be picked up by GWAS.

Validation that increased Cyp6g1 expression confers increases in azinphos-methyl resistance comes from our finding that transgenic overexpression of Cyp6g1, using the GAL4-UAS system and regulatory elements from the Cyp6g1-AA allele, is sufficient to confer an 6.5-fold increase in  $LD_{50}$ . While we may speculate that this is due to improved metabolism of the insecticide by increased Cyp6g1 enzyme concentration in metabolic tissues, Cyp6g1's ability to metabolize azinphos-methyl remains to be demonstrated as it has been with DDT and imidacloprid (Joussen  $et\ al.\ 2008$ ; Hoi  $et\ al.\ 2014$ ).

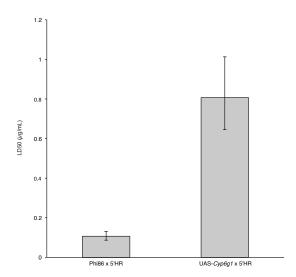
OP resistance has previously been linked to the chromosomal region containing Cyp6g1. In 1958, Ogita et al. described dominant cross-resistance between DDT and parathion. Kikkawa (1961) then mapped parathion resistance in the Hikone-R strain to a region on chromosome 2 also associated with DDT resistance, and also described cross-resistance to malathion. Pyke et al. (2004) mapped diazinon resistance to this same region, and found evidence of what Schmidt et al. (2010) would later describe as Cyp6g1-AA and Cyp6g1-BP alleles among resistant individuals. Pyke et al.'s (2004) findings were seemingly contradicted, however, by Daborn et al. (2007), who found transgenic overexpression of *Cyp6g2*, but not Cyp6g1, sufficient to confer diazinon resistance. The DGRP transcriptome data (Huang et al. 2015) demonstrates that expression of Cyp6g1 is correlated with that of its tandem paralog Cyp6g2  $(R^2=0.52 \text{ and } 0.44 \text{ for male and female adults respectively})$ . So one tentative hypothesis is that diazinon resistance was mapped to *Cyp6g1* in a natural population due to the collateral upregulation of

Cyp6g2 in natural resistance alleles, which explains why transgenic overexpression of Cyp6g1 alone failed to confer resistance. Our findings of azinphos-methyl resistance in this study differ from those with diazinon, as we were able to verify that Cyp6g1 alone is capable of conferring high levels of resistance when transgenically overexpressed. While we do not know the capacity of overexpressed Cyp6g2 to confer resistance to azinphos-methyl, structural equation model analysis suggests that Cyp6g2 expression does not independently influence  $LD_{50}$  in DGRP lines (fig.3).

## LD<sub>50</sub> GWAS candidates

Although a verifiable azinphos-methyl resistance mechanism, Cyp6g1 was identified by only two of the four single-dose GWAS, and not the  $LD_{50}$  GWAS. This demonstrates that the genetic architecture of related phenotypes, like a range of doses of the same insecticide, may vary significantly. In contrast to Cyp6g1, the the six SNPs identified by the  $LD_{50}$  GWAS with p-values below the Bonferroni threshold (table 1) are all low frequency variants enriched among resistant individuals (fig.1B). Although integrated haplotype scores give no indication that these variants are under recent selection (data not shown), their identification may be informative of the biology of azinphos-methyl toxicity. Structural equation modelling supports the influence of four of these six SNPs on the  $LD_{50}$  phenotype, as factors independent of Cyp6g1 expression (fig.3).

A nonsynonymous SNP in the second exon of *lethal* (3) *persistant in salivary gland* 2 (*l*(3)*psg*2) is predicted to cause a serine to threonine substitution at amino acid 726 of the protein. *l*(3)*psg*2 is expressed in response to ecdysone, and involved in regulation of programmed cell death in the salivary glands during metamorphosis (Wang *et al.* 2008; Ihry and Bashirullah 2014). Although its



**Figure 4** Azinphos-methyl LD $_{50}$  of *Cyp6g1*-overexpression flies (UAS-*Cyp6g1* x 5'HR) compared with the relevant control (Phi86 x 5'HR). Error bars represent 95% CI.

role in the salivary gland has been specifically studied, *l*(3)*psg*2 is expressed in a range of tissues, most highly, in larvae, in the central nervous system (Celniker *et al.* 2009; Chintapalli *et al.* 2007).

Syndecan (Sdc) is a herapin sulphate proteoglycan that is involved in axon guidance in central nervous system development by facilitating Slit-Robo binding (Chanana et al. 2009), and also in neuromuscular junction morphogenesis (Johnson et al. 2006). These functions of Sdc are reflected in its high expression in the larval central nervous system (Celniker et al. 2009; Chintapalli et al. 2007). However, Sdc is expressed in larvae at higher levels in the fat body (Chintapalli et al. 2007), where natural Sdc alleles have been found to affect variation in fat storage (De Luca et al. 2010). Given azinphos-methyl binds its target in the neuromuscular junction and exerts its effect through the nervous system, the development of these systems could certainly be involved in differences in sensitivity to the insecticide. Also intriguing in relation to insecticide resistance is Sdc's involvement in fat storage, as the fat body is a key metabolic tissue, and in fact one of the tissues in which *Cyp6g1* is upregulated in resistant alleles (Chung *et al.* 2007). Fat storage is also relevant given the ultimate cause of death due to azinphos-methyl toxicity is likely to be a depletion of energy supplies.

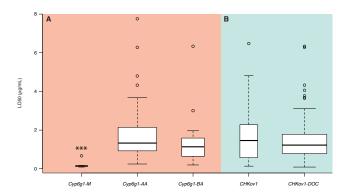
Little is known about the function of CG4065 in *D. melanogaster*. It contains a region homologous with the Mak10 subunit of the NatC complex, shown in Zebrafish to be developmentally controlled and required for cell proliferation and vessel formation in early development (Wenzlau *et al.* 2006). It is expressed in a range of larval tissues, but most highly in the central nervous system (Chintapalli *et al.* 2007).

LDL receptor protein 1 (LRP1) is expressed in most cell types, but is highest in hepatocyte-like cells and neurons (Herz and Bock 2002). Its role in hepatocytes has been characterized in its mouse homologue, where it functions as a receptor for lipoproteins that

carry lipids from the gut to the liver (Rohlmann *et al.* 1998). In the *D. melanogaster* brain it has been demonstrated to facilitate transport across the blood-brain barrier of lipoprotein LTP, in order to regulate insulin-like peptide production in response to dietary lipid intake (Brankatschk *et al.* 2014). The role of LRP1 as a blood-brain barrier transporter is of particular interest in reference to azinphos-methyl, given the insecticide must enter the central nervous system to exert its effect. LRP1 was also identified in a previous DGRP GWAS of a food intake phenotype (Garlapow *et al.* 2015), with RNAi verification demonstrating *LRP1* knockdown significantly increases food uptake in males.

#### CHKov1

Insertion of a doc1420 transposable element into the coding region of CHKov1 has previously been associated with resistance to azinphos-methyl in a single, introgressed D. melanogaster line (Aminetzach et al. 2005). More recently, Magwire et al. (2011) found, through linkage mapping and a subsequent DGRP GWAS, that the CHKov1-DOC allele was associated with resistance to the Sigma virus. Given that Magwire et al. (2011) were able to detect CHKov1-DOC in their GWAS from a haplotype of SNPs in linkage disequilibrium with the insertion, we may have expected to find the same haplotype significantly associated in any of our azinphos-methyl GWAS. To verify that CHKov1-DOC is not associated with this phenotype, we genotyped DGRP lines for the insertion and found no significant difference between LD<sub>50</sub>s of lines carrying ancestral or CHKov1-DOC alleles (fig.5B). In this study we found no evidence to support the involvement of CHKov1 in resistance to azinphosmethyl, although we cannot rule out its effect on resistance in the adult life stage, where Aminetzach et al. (2005)'s toxicology was performed.



**Figure 5** Mean azinphos-methyl LD<sub>50</sub> phenotypes for structural variants at (A) Cyp6g1, and (B) CHKov1. No there is significant difference in mean LD<sub>50</sub> between Cyp6g1-AA and Cyp6g1-BA alleles, or between CHKov1 and CHKov1-DOC alleles (student's t-test; p>0.05).

#### Ace

Another expected resistance mechanism, absent from our GWAS results, is variation in the target site of OP insecticides, Ace. Four substitutions in Ace have been demonstrated, *in vitro*, to affect binding of azinphos-methyl and other insecticides to the enzyme (Menozzi *et al.* 2004). In their genotyping of the four insensitivity substitutions in Ace alleles worldwide, Karasov *et al.* (2010)

identified three substitutions at moderate frequencies, but found the fourth, G368A, absent. We found a similar pattern in DGRP genotypes, with G368A likewise absent (fig. S2). According to Menozzi *et al.*'s (2004) binding kinetics analysis, G368A is required for high levels of Ace insensitivity to azinphos-methyl, and although combinations of substitutions present in the DGRP are capable of reducing Ace sensitivity by as much us 4.3-fold, we do not see significant differences in mean LD $_{50}$ s of lines grouped by substitution haplotype (data not shown). The insensitivity to azinphos-methyl by Ace in the DGRP is relatively small given the spectrum of insensitivities achieved by 'resistant' Ace substitution haplotypes containing G368A, which are as high as 77-fold for azinphos-methyl Menozzi *et al.* (2004).

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

In this study we have utilized a systems genetics approach to uncover the molecular basis of resistance to azinphos-methyl, a strong candidate for a selective agent in the DGRP population according to a recent selective sweep scan. We find no evidence to support the involvement of CHKov1-DOC in resistance to azinphosmethyl, and we find that although insecticide-resistant Ace alleles are present in the DGRP, alleles conferring high levels of insensitivity to azinphos-methyl are absent. However, we detect strong associations between our azinphos-methyl phenotype and both genomic and transcriptomic DGRP data indicating alleles of Cyp6g1, which confer resistance to DDT and neonicotinoids, also confer resistance to azinphos-methyl. This finding is validated by transgenic overexpression of the gene in key metabolic tissues. While we cannot directly implicate azinphos-methyl as a selective agent in the DGRP population, we find that Cyp6g1's range of substrates among insecticides is larger than previously thought, which may explain the strong signature of selection at this locus. This study demonstrates the utility of genomic, transcriptomic and positive selection scans in developing a more complete picture of a phenotype.

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