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Multiple forms of selection shape reproductive isolation in a primate hybrid zone

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Abstract

Speciation occurs when populations diverge and become reproductively isolated from each other. Natural selection is commonly accepted to play a large role in this process, and it has been widely assumed that reproductive isolation often results as a by-product of divergence driven by adaptation in allopatry. When such populations come into secondary contact, reinforcement can act to strengthen reproductive isolation, but the frequency and importance of this process are still unknown. Here, we explored genomic signatures of selection in allopatry and sympatry for loci associated with reproductive isolation using a natural primate hybrid zone. By analysing reduced-representation sequencing data, we quantified admixture and population structure across a howler monkey hybrid zone and examined the relationship between locus-specific differentiation and introgression. We detected extensive admixture that was mostly limited to the narrow contact zone. Loci with reduced introgression into the heterospecific genomic background (the pattern expected for loci associated with reproductive isolation due to selection against hybrids) were significantly more differentiated between allopatric parental populations than loci with neutral and increased introgression, supporting the hypothesis that reproductive isolation is a by-product of divergence in allopatry. Further, loci with reduced introgression showed greater differentiation in sympatry than in allopatry, suggesting a role for reinforcement. Thus, our results reflect multiple forms of selection that have shaped reproductive isolation in this system. We conclude that reproductive isolation may have initially been driven by divergence in allopatry, but later reinforced by divergent selection in sympatry.

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admixture, *Alouatta*, genomic clines, introgression, population genomics, speciation

1 | INTRODUCTION

Natural selection is considered to play an important role in driving speciation (Funk, Nosil, & Etges, 2006; Sobel, Chen, Watt, & Schemske, 2010). Divergent selection can contribute to speciation when allopatric populations encounter different habitats with different selective pressures (Schluter, 2001, 2009). Under such circumstances, it is expected that loci that underlie local adaptation will show allele frequency differences in populations under different environments (Schluter, 2009). Similarly, if allopatric populations encounter environments with similar selection pressures (i.e., uniform selection), different adaptive mutations may be selected for (Schluter, 2001, 2009) because different mutations may result in similar optimal phenotypes. If populations that are experiencing either divergent or uniform selection maintain geographic isolation, thus restricting gene flow between them, divergence will

proceed and the populations can become reproductively isolated over time. In either case, the rate of divergence will be contingent upon the rate of migration, the strength of selection and the initial allele frequencies. It is widely assumed that reproductive isolation can result as a by-product of such divergence in allopatry (Schluter, 2001; Sobel et al., 2010; Wu, 2001). This idea has rarely been tested empirically (Payseur & Rieseberg, 2016, but see Kilias, Alahiotis, & Pelecanos, 1980, Dodd, 1989, Nosil, Parchman, Feder, & Gompert, 2012, Gompert, Lucas, et al., 2012, Parchman et al., 2013, Janoušek, Munclinger, Wang, Teeter, & Tucker, 2015, Schield et al., 2017).

In sympatric populations, selection can directly favour reproductive isolation. This can occur in hybrid zones when hybrids are less fit than parental types and as a consequence, individuals who mate with conspecifics have greater reproductive success than individuals who mate with heterospecifics (Butlin, 1987). This process, called reinforcement, has traditionally been considered to result in a strengthening of prezygotic barriers that prevent the formation of unfit hybrids (Butlin, 1987; Servedio & Noor, 2003). However, it has recently been extended to include the evolution of any additional barrier effect in sympatry, including postzygotic isolation, as a form of adaptive coupling of reproductive barriers (Butlin & Smadja, 2018). The frequency at which reinforcement occurs and its importance in shaping species diversity are open questions (Servedio, 2004; Servedio & Noor, 2003).

Hybrid zones offer a unique opportunity to test hypotheses about the contribution of different forms of selection that shape reproductive isolation over the course of the speciation process (e.g., Nosil, Gompert, et al., 2012). They are particularly suited to empirical investigation of the genetic basis of reproductive isolation as population genetic data can be used to infer differential patterns of introgression. Barrier loci (i.e., loci associated with reproductive isolation) should have a signature of reduced introgression relative to the neutral expectation, which is caused by limited gene flow as a consequence of selection against hybrids (Barton & Hewitt, 1985; Gompert & Buerkle, 2011a). If the genetic differences that contribute to reproductive isolation in the hybrid zone involve loci under

selection in allopatric parental populations, we should expect to see higher differentiation in allopatric populations for barrier loci compared to neutral markers (Payseur & Rieseberg, 2016). If reinforcing selection shaped barrier loci in the hybrid zone, we should expect to see greater differentiation in sympatry than in allopatry for these markers (e.g., Nosil, Gompert, et al., 2012, Wang, Abbott, Ingvarsson, & Liu, 2014).

Here, we examined locus-specific differentiation and introgression using reduced-representation sequencing data from a bimodal howler monkey hybrid zone (*Alouatta palliata* × *Alouatta pigra*) (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2015) and from allopatric parental populations to test predictions about the forms of selection acting on loci associated with reproductive isolation. The parental species diverged ~3 Ma (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2003) and have many important differences in their morphology (Kelaita, Dias, Aguilar-Cucurachi, Canales-Espinosa, & Cortés-Ortiz, 2011; Smith, 1970), cytogenetics (Steinberg et al., 2008), social systems (Chapman & Balcomb, 1998; Ho et al., 2014) and loud vocalizations (Bergman et al., 2016). Throughout most of their ranges, *A. palliata* and *A. pigra* are allopatric, but their ranges overlap in a narrow contact zone (~20 km, Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2007, Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2018) in Tabasco, Mexico (Figure 1). It is likely that the contact zone in Tabasco is the result of secondary contact between the parental species after periods of isolation and range expansion (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2003; Ellsworth & Hoelzer, 2006; Ford, 2006). Despite the relatively large degree of divergence between *A. palliata* and *A. pigra*, reproductive isolation is incomplete, as hybridization has been confirmed in the contact zone using molecular markers. Initial surveys showed that multigenerational backcrossed hybrids into each parental species are nearly equally abundant, there are few intermediate hybrids, and no putative F1s (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2007; Kelaita & Cortés-Ortiz, 2013). We have previously shown that there is a lack of introgression for *SRY* (the Y-linked sex determination gene), suggesting that F1 males may be infertile or inviable (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2018). Consistent with this, anecdotal evidence suggests that there may be a cost to hybridization as a

FIGURE 1 Sampling localities for individuals of the parental and hybrid populations. The range for *Alouatta palliata* is shown in yellow and the range for *Alouatta pigra* is in gray. Ver = Veracruz, Mexico, Tab = Tabasco, Mexico, Cam = Campeche, Mexico, DG = Dolores, Guatemala, QR = Quintana Roo, Mexico [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]
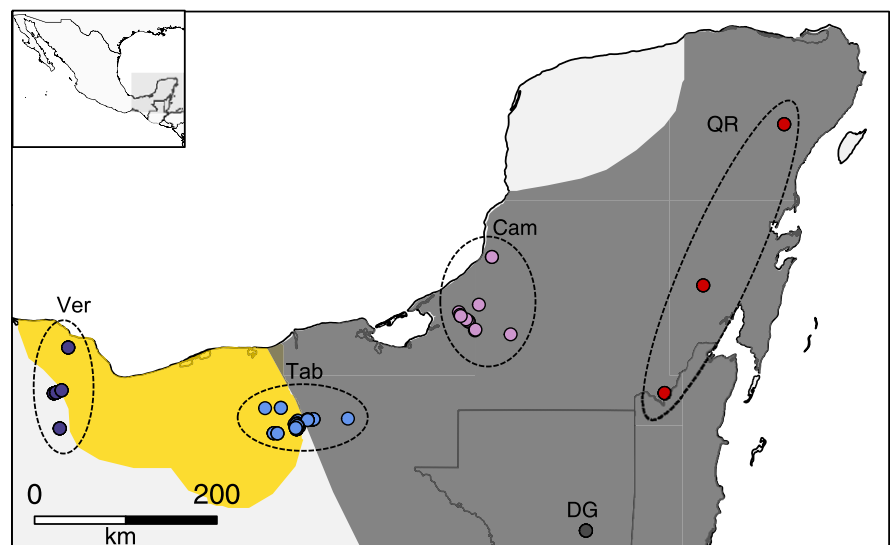
previously identified intermediate hybrid male did not produce offspring despite living as the only adult male in a group with two reproductively mature females for a period of 7 years (L. Cortés-Ortiz pers. obs.). We also found reduced introgression for X-linked markers (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2018), consistent with the "large X effect," which suggests the X chromosome plays a disproportionate role in speciation (Coyne & Orr, 1989).

For this study, we used ddRADseq data to assess the extent of genomic admixture and the distribution of admixed genotypes across the *Alouatta* contact zone and identified loci that show a pattern of reduced introgression (the pattern expected for loci associated with reproductive isolation) relative to the genomic background, which is assumed to be mostly neutral. By exploring the relationship between locus-specific differentiation and introgression in the hybrid zone, we tested the hypothesis that reproductive isolation results as a by-product of divergence in allopatry and that reinforcing selection in sympatry shapes reproductive barriers. We also performed functional annotation for loci that showed the strongest evidence for divergent selection in sympatry to associate these regions with putative phenotypes under reinforcement and evaluated the pattern of introgression for putatively X-linked markers to test for a large X effect. Our results are consistent with signatures of divergence in allopatry and reinforcement in sympatry, indicating that multiple forms of selection have shaped the evolution of reproductive isolation in this system.

2 | MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 | Sampling

Our sampling included 181 wild individuals captured between 1998 and 2012 following procedures described in Kelaita et al. (2011); Kelaita and Cortés-Ortiz (2013) and adhered to the University of Michigan's Institutional Animal Care and Use Program standards (UCUCA permit #09319). Individuals were chosen from a larger pool of previously collected samples to maximize the geographic distribution of *Alouatta* in Mexico, as well as the representation of admixed genotypes present in the hybrid zone (i.e., individuals backcrossed into *A. palliata*, intermediate hybrids, and individuals backcrossed into *A. pigra*) as determined by hybrid index measured from 24 microsatellite markers (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2018). Thus, our samples included 99 individuals from the hybrid zone in Tabasco, Mexico (Tab); 38 allopatric *A. palliata* from Veracruz, Mexico (Ver); and 44 allopatric *A. pigra* including 24 from Campeche, Mexico (Cam); 12 from Quintana Roo, Mexico (QR); and eight from Dolores, Guatemala (DG) (Figure 1).

Samples were kept on ice in the field and stored at −20°C upon arrival in the laboratory. Genomic DNA was extracted with the Qiagen DNeasy tissue kit (Qiagen Inc., Valencia, CA) following the manufacturer's protocol for animal tissue extractions with the following modifications: (a) We added 100 μl of whole blood in lysis buffer solution (1:5 concentration) to 100 μl buffer of ATL, and (b) we eluted DNA in 70 μl of water at 55°C twice (re-using the same spin column) to maximize DNA yields, after incubating for 5 min at room temperature.

2.2 | ddRADseq and genotyping

We prepared and sequenced four ddRAD libraries, following the Peterson, Weber, Kay, Fisher, and Hoekstra (2012) protocol, each library containing DNA from 48 individuals (two libraries also included individuals sequenced for use in other projects). Briefly, we used the restriction enzymes SphI and MluCI to digest 200–300 ng DNA per sample, size-selected fragments between 150 and 350 bp using a 2% Pippen Prep gel (Sage Science, Beverly, MA) and sequenced libraries on an Illumina HiSeq 4000 machine at the University of Michigan Sequencing Core to obtain 150-bp paired-end reads.

We demultiplexed our data using *pyRAD* (Eaton, 2014), merged read pairs that overlapped using *FLASH* (Magoč & Salzberg, 2011) and aligned both successfully merged reads and unmerged reads (which were expected due to our size selection window) to the draft *A. palliata* genome assembly (accession ID PVKV00000000) with *BWA-MEM* (Li, 2013) using default settings. The *A. palliata* genome was sequenced at the Broad Institute (Cambridge, MA, USA) from a sample from a female individual from the San Diego Zoo. The genome was sequenced from a single PCR-free library and assembled using the DISCOVAR de novo assembly pipeline (https://software.broadinstitute.org/software/discovar/). We then called variants and generated a VCF file using *samtools mpileup* (including options -u -g -t DP, DPR) and *bcftools call* (options -v -m -O v) (Li et al., 2009). After removing single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) within 5 bp of an indel and retaining variants with a minimum quality score of 20, we obtained 6,415,368 loci (including SNPs and indels) that were subsequently filtered in further analyses (Supporting Information Table S1).

2.3 | Admixture and population structure

We first used *fastStructure* (Raj, Stephens, & Pritchard, 2014) to quantify admixture proportions and to assign admixed (hybrid) or nonadmixed status to individuals. Because we were interested in detecting hybrid individuals, we ran 10 replicates using the simple prior to infer admixture proportions (Q) with the number of clusters (K) equal to two, reflecting the parental species. Here, admixture proportions are an estimate of the proportion of the genome inherited from each parental species (i.e., where Q_1 is the proportion from parental species 1 and Q_2 is the proportion from parental species 2 and $Q_1 + Q_2 = 1$). For simplicity, we only report Q_1 as the proportion of the genome inherited from *A. pigra*.

Because our sampling sites are geographically widespread and there may be some within-population structuring, we ran an additional ten replicates for each K between 3 and 8 to ensure that imposing $K = 2$ on this system did not affect our ability to detect hybrids. We used the *fastStructure* script "chooseK.py" to detect the number of clusters that best fit our data. We also examined the correlation between admixture proportion Q_1 and hybrid index as calculated by *bgc* (see below) for hybrid zone individuals using the Pearson method in *R*.

We limited our *fastStructure* analysis to biallelic loci (those with inter- or intraspecific polymorphism) with low missing data across individuals. To do this, we used *bcftools* and *vcftools* (Danecek et al., 2011) to filter loci by removing indels, nonbiallelic sites, sites with a minor allele frequency of ≤0.01 and sites with a minimum mean depth across individuals of less than 10. Because we did not apply a depth-per-read threshold for calling genotypes, we discarded sites with missing genotypes in more than 50% of individuals to only include sites with high read depth. To reduce effects of linkage and comply with assumptions of the *fastStructure* model-based approach, we also thinned sites within 200 bp of each other and discarded sites out of Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium in either of the allopatric parental populations. This resulted in 74,448 SNPs, which we included in the *fastStructure* analysis (Supporting Information Table S1). Using this data set, we dropped 23 individuals from further analyses due to a high frequency (>80%) of missing genotype data, which can affect confidence in *fastStructure* results. In further analyses, we identified hybrids as individuals with $0.05 < Q_1 > 0.95$, nonadmixed *A. palliata* individuals as $Q_1 < 0.05$ and nonadmixed *A. pigra* individuals as individuals with $Q_1 > 0.95$. With this data set, we also visualized structure among sampling sites using principle component analysis (PCA) implemented in *SNPRelate* (Zheng et al., 2012).

Since our fastStructure analyses identified individuals in allopatric populations with some level of admixture (*N* = 11, Supporting Information Table S2), we dropped these individuals from further analyses to avoid complications from including admixed individuals outside the hybrid zone in differentiation and introgression analyses. This reduced our data set to include 81 individuals from the hybrid zone (Tabasco), 32 allopatric *A. pigra* individuals and 34 allopatric *A. palliata* individuals (Supporting Information Table S1). All further analyses only included these individuals.

2.4 | Genomic cline analysis

For our analyses of genomic clines and genetic differentiation, we filtered loci to increase confidence in genotype calls and to maximize information about ancestry. To do this, we retained biallelic loci with a minimum mean depth across individuals of 30, loci with a minor allele frequency of ≥0.05 and loci that were present in at least 80% of individuals in either parental population. This resulted in 5,763 loci (Supporting Information Table S1) distributed on 2,883 contigs between 80.2 kb and 1.28 Mb in size (representing 18.8% of the total reference assembly).

To quantify introgression across loci and identify candidate variants with evidence for an association with reproductive isolation (i.e., reduced introgression compared to neutral expectations), we used genomic cline analysis implemented in *bgc* (Gompert & Buerkle, 2011a, 2012). Genomic cline analysis uses differential introgression to identify loci that are more or less likely than the genome-wide average (assumed to be neutral) to introgress between populations. For each locus, *bgc* uses the cline parameter β to quantify the amount of introgression, with $\beta < 0$ indicating greater than expected

introgression and $\beta > 0$ indicating reduced introgression with respect to the genome-wide average. Loci showing evidence for an association with reproductive isolation (barrier loci) are expected to have reduced introgression ($\beta > 0$) due to selection against hybrids.

We ran genomic cline analyses under the genotype uncertainty model (appropriate for next-generation sequence data, Gompert, Lucas, et al., 2012) in *bgc* for five independent chains, each with a burn-in of 30,000 for 50,000 steps, and thinned samples by 20. We then merged outputs and identified β outliers from MCMC output as loci with a 95% credible interval that does not overlap zero.

2.5 | Identifying putative X chromosome markers

To allow us to test for restricted introgression of the X chromosome, we used NCBI BLASTN (Altschul, Gish, Miller, Myers, & Lipman, 1990) to associate *Alouatta* contigs with genes on the X chromosome in humans. We expect genes on the human X to be X-linked in *Alouatta* since gene content and order is highly conserved across mammals (Delgado, Waters, Gilbert, Robinson, & Graves, 2009), and the *Alouatta* X appears to be highly similar to the human X (Steinberg, Nieves, & Mudry, 2014). We downloaded unique, unspliced human X chromosome genes (GRCh38.p12) from Ensembl (Zerbino et al., 2017) using the online BioMart tool. We assumed any locus to be putatively X-linked if any of the human X gene sequences had a BLASTN best hit (–max_hsps 1 –max_target_seqs 1, otherwise default settings) to the same *Alouatta* contig and the identity of the aligned sequence was >85%. Using these criteria, we identified 191 putatively X-linked loci on 90 contigs in our data set. To determine the pattern of introgression for the X chromosome, we visually inspected the pattern of introgression for this subset of putatively X-linked loci.

2.6 | Genetic differentiation

Loci influenced by divergent selection are expected to show elevated differentiation (Beaumont & Balding, 2004; Gompert & Buerkle, 2011b). We measured locus-specific differentiation with the method of Weir and Cockerham (1984) implemented in *vcftools* (Danecek et al., 2011) using the same data set as for our cline analysis. For allopatric parental populations, we tested for differences in the distribution of F_{ST} values between loci that showed reduced introgression in the hybrid zone, those with neutral introgression, and those with increased introgression using ANOVA and detected pairwise differences between each category using the Tukey honest significant difference method, both implemented in base R v3.4.1 (R Core Team, 2017). For analyses of differentiation in sympatry, we calculated F_{ST} between *A. palliata*-like (mean $Q_1 < 0.5$, *N* = 54) and *A. pigra*-like individuals (mean $Q_1 > 0.5$, *N* = 27) in the hybrid zone. We included the same set of loci for each comparison, but when we separated the samples into allopatric and sympatric populations, some loci were no longer polymorphic. Thus, for comparisons where sites were monomorphic and at sites where there was more variation within than between populations ($F_{ST} < 0$), we report $F_{ST} = 0$. We compared the

distribution means of F_{ST} in sympatry and F_{ST} in allopatry for loci with reduced and neutral introgression using a Wilcoxon rank-sum test and by fitting a linear model to the relationship between these two variables in *R*. If reinforcing selection contributed to reproductive isolation in sympatry, we would expect loci to have higher F_{ST} in sympatry than in allopatry and to see a relationship between the two variables that differs from a 1:1 linear relationship, which would be assumed if divergence in sympatry is equal to divergence in allopatry (i.e., no reinforcement).

2.7 | Genomic basis of reinforcement

To explore potential functions of loci with reduced introgression that showed strong evidence for divergent selection in sympatry, we identified homologous human protein-coding genes near these loci. We first identified the set of loci with reduced introgression ($\beta > 0$) that had greater F_{ST} in sympatry than in allopatry ($F_{STsympatry} - F_{STallopatry} > 0$, $N = 104$), that is, those with a signature of reinforcement. To focus our search on regions showing only evidence for reinforcement and not divergence in allopatry or adaptive introgression, we excluded contigs that also contained $\beta > 0$ loci with greater F_{ST} in allopatry than in sympatry and contigs that also contained $\beta < 0$ outliers. This resulted in 93 loci on 79 contigs. We then ranked loci by the difference in $F_{STsympatry} - F_{STallopatry}$ and took the top 10% of loci with the greatest difference as candidate loci showing strong evidence for selection in sympatry. For each locus, we extracted the entire contig from the *Alouatta* genome assembly and used the UCSC genome browser online BLAT tool (Kent, 2002) to identify its position in the human genome (version GRCh38/hg38). We BLAT searched the first and last 25 kb of sequence separately for each *Alouatta* contig and took the outermost coordinates from each alignment so that we could identify human genes that occur between regions for each contig (Supporting Information Table S3). For each region, we ensured that alignment orientation, length and span of human genomic positions were consistent with each *Alouatta* contig,

suggesting that the human genomic regions are collinear and we can assume these genes are also present on the *Alouatta* contigs. We then used biomaRt (Durnick et al., 2005; Durinck, Spellman, Birney, & Huber, 2009) to obtain all human protein-coding genes within each region. Finally, we identified mammalian phenotypes (MPs) associated with each gene using the Mouse Genome Informatics (MGI) batch query tool online (URL: http://www.informatics.jax.org, accessed May 2018).

3 | RESULTS

3.1 | Structure and admixture

Across 10 replicate *fastStructure* runs for each *K* between 2 and 8, maximum-likelihood scores were highest for *K* = 2 (Supporting Information Figure S1a). Model complexity that maximizes marginal likelihood was equal to two in each replicate, and the number of model components used to explain structure in the data was equal to two in four replicates and equal to three in six replicates (Supporting Information Figure S1b). Admixture proportions using *K* = 2 and *K* = 3 were very similar due to extremely low assignment values for each individual to the third cluster (each $Q_3 < 0.0001$) in nine of 10 *K* = 3 replicates (Supporting Information Figure S2). Further, hybrid index scores inferred from *bgc* were closely correlated with *fastStructure*'s Q_1 at *K* = 2 ($r = 0.996$, $p < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$) (Figure 2b). Together, these results indicate that *K* = 2 best describes our data and that our use of admixture proportion Q_1 was appropriate in assigning hybrid status to individuals. Thus, we report mean Q_1 scores across our 10 *K* = 2 replicates (Figure 2, Supporting Information Table S4).

Concordant with our previous analyses using microsatellite markers (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2018), our *fastStructure* analysis at *K* = 2 shows that most individuals in the contact zone are multigenerational backcrosses to either parental species and there are few intermediate hybrids (Figure 2). Out of 81 individuals, we identified five with an intermediate admixture proportion ($0.4 > Q_1 < 0.6$). Although
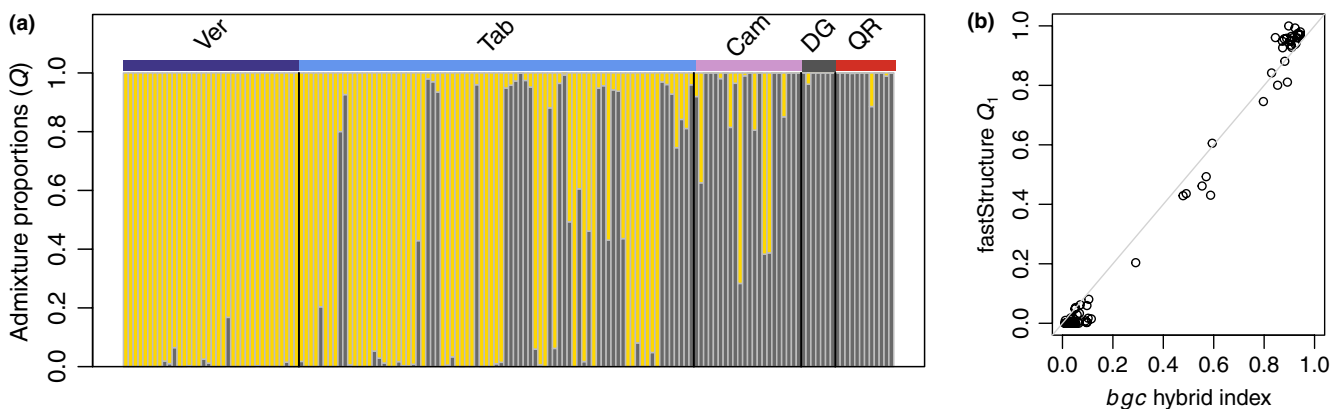

FIGURE 2 Admixture proportions of sampled individuals. (a) *fastStructure* plot at *K* = 2 showing the geographical distribution of nonadmixed individuals and hybrids. Individuals are arranged from West (left) to East (right). *Alouatta palliata* ancestry is shown in yellow and *Alouatta pigra* ancestry is shown in gray. (b) Admixture proportion Q_1 is closely correlated with *bgc* hybrid index for individuals in the hybrid zone (Tabasco, only representing individuals under the blue bar in the *fastStructure* plot) [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]

admixture is mainly restricted to the contact zone, several individuals in Campeche also appear to be admixed, along with a single individual in Quintana Roo and two individuals in Veracruz (Figure 2, Supporting Information Table S4). In Campeche and Quintana Roo, most admixed individuals are *A. pigra*-like ($Q_1 > 0.6$), concordant with the geographic range of the parental species that inhabits those locations. Similarly, the admixed individuals in Veracruz have predominantly *A. palliata* ancestry ($Q_1 < 0.2$).

The PCA results are largely concordant with the *fastStructure K* = 2 analysis, suggesting that the set of variants used to detect hybrids robustly discriminates the parental species from each other and from hybrids (Figure 3a). PC 1 explains 55% of the genetic variation among individuals and clearly separates allopatric populations (with the exception of admixed individuals detected outside the contact zone). Thus, not surprisingly, PC 1 is strongly correlated with the *fastStructure* admixture proportion Q_1 ($r = 0.98$, $p < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$, Figure 3b). PC 2 explains 2.4% of the genetic variation among individuals and seems to primarily be associated with population structure among sampling sites within *A. pigra*.

3.2 | Differential introgression across loci

We found a small percentage of loci that were *β* outliers (Figure 4) consistent with non-neutral introgression. There were 255 loci (4.4%) that showed reduced introgression ($β > 0$) distributed on 206 contigs (1.2 loci/contig) and 319 loci (5.5%) with increased introgression ($β < 0$) distributed on 248 contigs (1.3 loci/contig). Only six contigs had loci with both reduced and increased introgression. The remaining 5,189 loci (90%) were consistent with neutral introgression ($β = 0$). Of the 191 putatively X-linked loci, 183 (96%) had neutral introgression (Supporting Information Figure S3). Five loci showed reduced introgression, three of which were tightly linked on the same contig (within 12 bp). Three loci showed increased introgression, all of which were on different contigs.

3.3 | Genetic differentiation and its relationship with introgression

Locus-specific genetic differentiation between allopatric parental species was high overall (mean $F_{ST} = 0.65$) and ranged from 0 to 1

with a seemingly bimodal distribution with peaks near $F_{ST} = 0$ and $F_{ST} = 0.9$ (Figure 5a). Of the 5,763 loci analysed, 117 had fixed differences ($F_{ST} = 1$) between allopatric parental species. Overall, differentiation was positively correlated with the amount of introgression ($β$) in the hybrid zone, but the relationship was weak ($r = 0.08$, $p = 6.21 \times 10^{-10}$).

Mean F_{ST} for allopatric parental populations was not equal among $β$ categories ($F = 85.93$, $p < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$). Post hoc comparisons indicated that the distributions of F_{ST} within each $β$ category were significantly different from each other (Figure 5b, Supporting Information Table S5), with $β > 0$ loci having the highest F_{ST} (mean = 0.85, range = 0.31–1) and loci with $β = 0$ having the lowest F_{ST} (mean = 0.63, range = 0–1). $β < 0$ loci had an intermediate F_{ST} (mean = 0.78, range = 0–1).

3.4 | Comparison of differentiation in sympatry and allopatry

Genetic differentiation across loci was lower in sympatry (mean $F_{ST \text{sympatry}} = 0.55$) than in allopatry (mean $F_{ST \text{allopatry}} = 0.65$). When loci are partitioned across $β$ categories, F_{ST} was significantly higher in allopatry than in sympatry for markers with neutral and increased introgression ($β = 0$: mean $F_{ST \text{sympatry}} = 0.544$, mean $F_{ST \text{allopatry}} = 0.628$, $p < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$, $β < 0$: mean $F_{ST \text{sympatry}} = 0.373$, mean $F_{ST \text{allopatry}} = 0.778$, $p < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$). However, we found that for loci with reduced introgression ($β > 0$) F_{ST} was significantly higher in sympatry than in allopatry (mean $F_{ST \text{sympatry}} = 0.852$, mean $F_{ST \text{allopatry}} = 0.850$, $p = 6.37 \times 10^{-6}$). Although the magnitude of the difference is small, this pattern seems to be driven by loci with intermediate differentiation in allopatry having higher differentiation in sympatry, while loci with high differentiation in allopatry tended to also have high differentiation in sympatry (Figure 6a). The fit of linear models to the data in each beta category showed that confidence intervals for the slope of the line did not encompass one (Table 1), but was closer to one for loci with neutral introgression (Figure 6b).

Nine loci were included in the top 10% of $β > 0$ loci that showed the greatest difference in F_{ST} between sympatry and allopatry

FIGURE 3 Results of the principle component analysis. (a) PCA summarizing population structure among sampling sites. PC1 explains 55%, and PC2 explains 2.4% of the genetic variation among individuals. Open circles are nonadmixed individuals and triangles are hybrid individuals as determined by their admixture proportion (Q1) in *fastStructure*. (b) Admixture proportion Q_1 is closely correlated with PC1. The gray line is a linear model fit to the data [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]
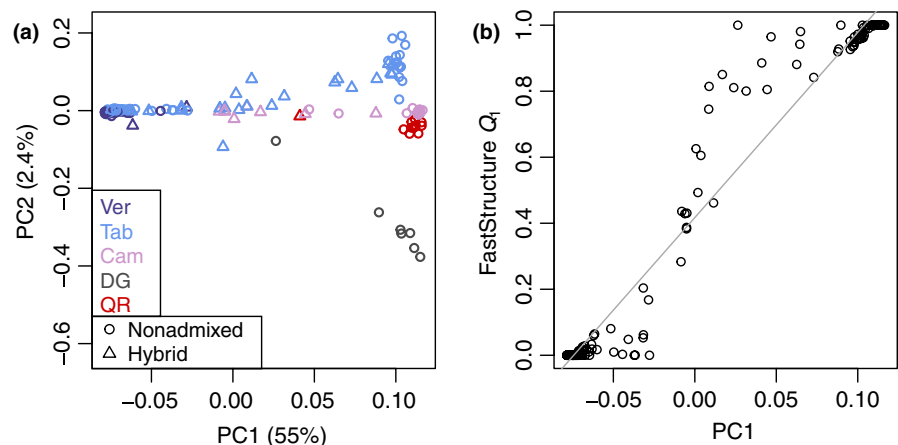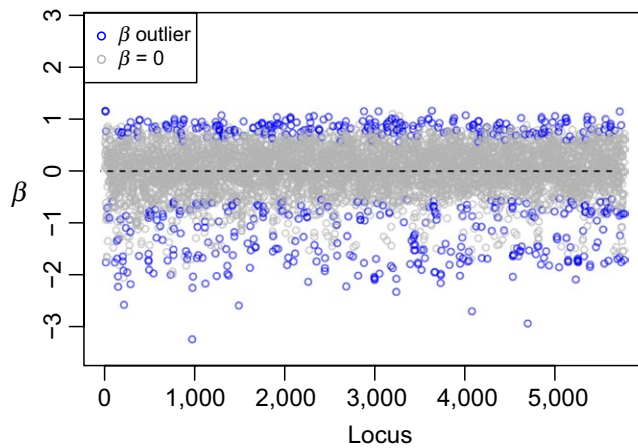
FIGURE 4 Locus-specific point estimates for the genomic cline parameter β (amount of introgression) with β outliers in blue. $\beta > 0$ indicates reduced introgression, $\beta < 0$ indicates increased introgression. $\beta = 0$ indicates neutral introgression [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]
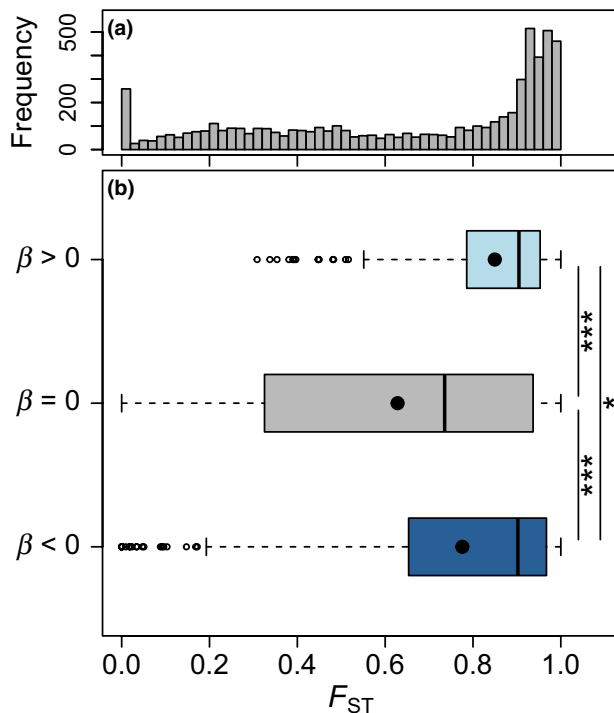

FIGURE 5 Genetic differentiation between allopatric parental species. (a) Distribution of FST for all loci. (b) Boxplot showing FST for loci in each β category. Within each box, distribution medians are denoted by the vertical line and means are denoted with a black circle. Box height is equal to the 1st–3rd interquartile range. *$p < 0.05$; ***$p < 0.001$ [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]

with 420 MPs in the MGI database (Supportig Information Table S6). Notably, several genes were associated with behaviour (*SCARB2*, *BRPF1*, *SLC5A2*, *KMT2A*), abnormal embryonic/fetal development or lethality (*SHROOM3*, *BRPF1*, *CRELD1*, *TADA3*, *ARL13B*, *PROS1*, *KMT2A*), hair texture (*ARPC4*, *KMT2A*), facial morphology (*SHROOM3*, *CRELD1*, *KMT2A*) and the immune system (*ITGAD*, *ITGAX*, *CD3C*, *CD3E*, *CD3G*, *KMT2A*).

4 | DISCUSSION

We used reduced-representation sequencing to examine admixture, population structure, introgression and its relationship with locus-specific differentiation in a natural primate hybrid zone system. Our results are consistent with the hypothesis that reproductive isolation results as a by-product of divergence in allopatry and we detected a genomic signature of reinforcement in sympatry, indicating that multiple forms of selection have shaped speciation in this system.

4.1 | Admixture and population structure

We found a bimodal distribution of admixture proportions in the hybrid zone. Early generation hybrids are rare and multi-generational backcrosses dominate. This pattern is largely consistent with our previous analyses using a small set of microsatellite markers (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2018). However, we detected admixture in areas where the parental species are thought to be allopatric. We detected a few admixed individuals east of the contact zone in Campeche and Quintana Roo and west of the contact zone in Veracruz. In addition to autosomal markers, we previously amplified a Y-linked (*SRY*) locus, X-linked loci including the microsatellite locus HAM80, as well as the mitochondrial control region for most individuals sequenced in this study (Supporting Information Table S2). Considering the sex-linked genotypes for these individuals together with the admixture proportions calculated in this study, it is clear that these individuals are not F1 hybrids. Due to the apparent absence of nonadmixed individuals of the opposite species in these areas, and their distance from the contact zone (~200 km or greater), we suspect that the presence of admixed individuals in these regions is likely due to either long-distance migration from the contact zone, movement of animals by humans or to past introgression during a period when the contact zone occurred in a different location than in present day and has since shifted. It will be possible to test the hypothesis that the hybrid zone has moved by looking at linkage disequilibrium (LD) in a geographic transect across the hybrid zone, with the expectation that LD will increase in the direction of movement due to decay over time as a result of recombination (e.g., Wang et al., 2011).

4.2 | Introgression in the hybrid zone

We found evidence for differential introgression in the hybrid zone. The majority of loci exhibited neutral introgression, but a small percentage of markers showed extreme introgression (Figure 4). We
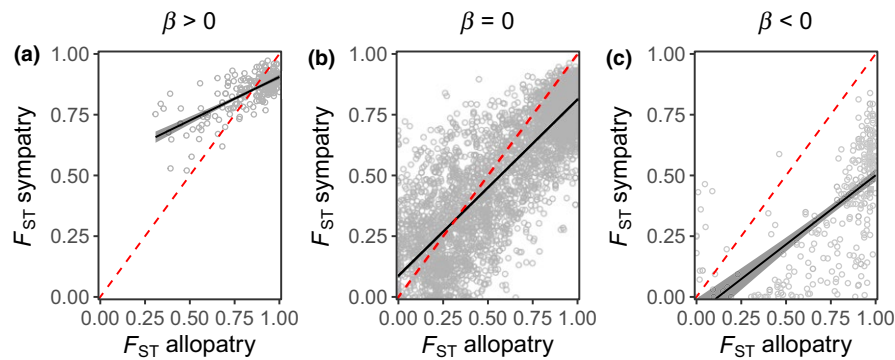
(Supporting Information Table S6). We identified regions of human chromosomes 3, 4, 7, 8, 11 and 16 that seem to be homologous with the *Alouatta* contigs containing these loci. The human regions contained 42 protein-coding genes, of which 28 could be associated

FIGURE 6 The relationship between locus-specific differentiation in allopatry and sympatry for (a) loci with reduced introgression ($\beta > 0$) ($r^2 = 0.53$, $p < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$), (b) loci with neutral introgression ($\beta = 0$) ($r^2 = 0.76$, $p < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$), and (c) loci with increased introgression ($\beta < 0$) ($r^2 = 0.57$, $p < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$). In each case, the linear model fit to the data is represented by a solid black line with gray shading showing the 95% confidence interval of the slope, and the dashed red line indicates a 1:1 relationship [Colour figure can be viewed at wileyonlinelibrary.com]

TABLE 1 Summary of linear models fit to the relationship between F_{ST} in sympatry and F_{ST} in allopatry for loci with reduced introgression ($\beta > 0$), neutral introgression ($\beta = 0$) and increased introgression ($\beta < 0$)

Pattern of introgression	Adjusted r^2	Slope	Confidence interval 2.5%	Confidence interval 97.5%	p
$\beta > 0$	0.53	0.36	0.32	0.40	2.2×10^{-16}
$\beta = 0$	0.76	0.73	0.71	0.74	2.2×10^{-16}
$\beta < 0$	0.40	0.57	0.49	0.65	2.2×10^{-16}

were particularly interested in loci with reduced introgression ($\beta > 0$) as this pattern is expected of loci associated with reproductive isolation. We identified 255 such loci. These loci were distributed on 206 contigs, which may support the hypothesis that reproductive isolation has a genome-wide basis (Parchman et al., 2013; Scordato et al., 2017). However, because the *A. palliata* genome is not assembled to chromosome level, it is possible that these contigs may be physically linked.

Point estimates of β were much less variable for loci with a pattern of reduced introgression ($\beta > 0$) than for loci with a pattern of increased introgression ($\beta < 0$), particularly for β outliers (Figure 4). These coincident $\beta > 0$ clines may be a reflection of the coupling of multiple barrier effects in the hybrid zone (Butlin & Smadja, 2018). Recent admixture between divergent populations causes correlations between linked loci that persist over many generations (Stephens, Briscoe, & O'Brien, 1994; Verardi, Lucchini, & Randi, 2006), so the effects of indirect selection on loci near barrier loci can be strong in hybrid zones. The *Alouatta* hybrid zone is bimodal (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2018) and differentiation is high between the parental species (Figure 5a), so admixture LD is likely high. Thus, strong barrier effects may influence the whole genome via indirect selection (e.g., Szymura & Barton, 1991), making it difficult to identify loci underlying individual barrier effects (Butlin & Smadja, 2018).

In a previous analysis, we found a complete lack of introgression for a Y-linked marker and limited to no introgression for three X-linked markers (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2018), consistent with other studies suggesting the sex chromosomes may play an important role in reproductive isolation (Masly & Presgraves, 2007; Tucker, Sage, Warner, Wilson, & Eicher, 1992). We expanded upon these results by

identifying putatively X-linked markers in our reduced-representation data set based on sequence homology to known X-linked human genes. Of 90 putatively X-linked contigs, three had loci that showed reduced introgression and three had loci that showed increased introgression, while the remaining contigs had loci with neutral introgression (Supporting Information Figure S3). These results may indicate that few regions of the X chromosome underlie reproductive isolation in this system, although our interpretation may have limitations. First, we may have excluded many loci as putatively X-linked due to divergence between the *Alouatta* assembly and human gene sequences. However, the mammalian X chromosome is known to be highly conserved across mammals (Delgado et al., 2009; Mueller et al., 2013), only 146 of 2,367 human X genes did not have a match in the *Alouatta* genome assembly, and per cent identity was generally high across BLASTN hits (mean = 89.5%). Second, although the X is highly conserved, New World primates are known to have a high rate of chromosomal rearrangements (de Oliveira, Neusser, & Müller, 2012) including autosome-to-sex chromosome translocations in *A. pigra* and *A. palliata* (Solari & Rahn, 2005; Steinberg et al., 2014, 2008). Thus, many loci we considered to be autosomal may be on regions translocated to the X. Validation of chromosome linkage for assembly contigs and high-density genotype data across the genome will be desirable to overcome these limitations.

4.3 | Loci with reduced introgression are highly differentiated in allopatry

We found that, compared to neutral loci and loci with increased introgression, loci with reduced introgression were more highly

differentiated in allopatric parental populations (Figure 5b), suggesting a role for selection in driving reproductive isolation as a by-product of divergence in allopatry. As such, it seems likely that in this system, some level of reproductive isolation was already present upon secondary contact.

Because allele frequency differences are a prerequisite for testing introgression, the amount of locus-specific introgression and differentiation may be nonindependent. Simulations have shown that when overall differentiation is low (F_{ST} < 0.1), spurious correlations between F_{ST} and genomic cline parameters can occur in the absence of selection (Gompert, Lucas, et al., 2012). However, this should not be much of an issue here since mean differentiation is relatively high (Figure 5a). Further, such an effect should shape the relationship between F_{ST} and β similarly for loci across β categories and thus would not explain why F_{ST} is greater for loci with non-neutral introgression.

Our results mirror the few studies that have examined the relationship between locus-specific differentiation and introgression in animals. In manakins (Parchman et al., 2013) and lycaenid butterflies (Gompert, Lucas, et al., 2012), loci with non-neutral introgression also showed elevated differentiation in parental populations compared to neutral markers. In the house mouse hybrid zone, Janoušek et al. (2015) also observed higher differentiation for markers with reduced introgression, but contrary to our findings, loci with increased introgression showed lower differentiation compared to neutral markers. These results are consistent with the hypothesis that reproductive isolation arises as a by-product of selection in allopatry, although we recognize that locus-specific differentiation and introgression are determined by the complex interaction of many factors and that disentangling the effects of selection from other processes can be challenging (Beaumont & Balding, 2004; Gompert, Parchman, & Buerkle, 2012c). For instance, high differentiation can occur in regions of reduced recombination due to low levels of within-species diversity possibly confounding any signals of divergent selection (Cruickshank & Hahn, 2014). Therefore, elucidating the cause of elevated differentiation for loci with reduced introgression will provide key insight on the genetics of reproductive isolation.

Although differentiation between allopatric parental populations was greatest for loci with reduced introgression, it was not extremely high for all markers with reduced introgression (Figure 5b). Similarly, we observed neutral and increased introgression for markers with very high, moderate and no differentiation (i.e., from F_{ST} = 0 to F_{ST} = 1) (Figure 5b). These observations are similar to those in other hybrid zones (e.g., Janoušek et al., 2015, Schield et al., 2017) and are likely a reflection of the complexity of the interaction between selection, drift and recombination and suggest that these forces vary across the genome. Despite the mechanism of divergence, this also demonstrates that high differentiation in allopatry is not a perfect predictor for reproductive isolation.

With the data presented here, it is not possible to quantify the contribution of drift to the divergence of loci associated with reproductive isolation. However, if the majority of loci associated with reproductive isolation in this system diverged via genetic drift, we might expect to see a similar distribution of locus-specific F_{ST} for loci with reduced introgression and those with neutral introgression. Instead, we observed a significantly greater mean F_{ST} for loci with reduced introgression (Figure 5b, Supporting Information Table S5). Further, it has been recognized that although it is theoretically possible, drift alone is unlikely to result in reproductive isolation (Sobel et al., 2010; Turelli, Barton, & Coyne, 2001). Phenotypes with the potential to be associated with reproductive isolation (e.g., sterility/fertility phenotypes) are likely to be subject to selection within species and are thus not likely to be driven to fixation by drift.

Distinguishing the effects of divergent ecological selection from drift may be useful in understanding the role the environment played in shaping these species' evolutionary history. Some have concluded, however, that ecology is rarely, if ever, divorced from speciation and that multiple mechanisms likely contribute to and interact during the speciation process (Sobel et al., 2010; Templeton, 2008), and, consequently, the idea that speciation occurs by either ecological divergence or drift is a false dichotomy (Sobel et al., 2010). Regardless, for this system, it will be necessary to take into consideration the possibility that any potential environmental differences encountered during divergence may differ from those currently encountered considering the estimated divergence time of 3 Ma for these species (Cortés-Ortiz et al., 2003).

4.4 | Evidence for a role of reinforcement

Reinforcement enhances barriers to reproduction between species and can act to complete the speciation process when partially isolated species come into contact after experiencing some divergence in allopatry (Butlin & Smadja, 2018; Servedio, 2004). We tested for a signature of reinforcement by comparing locus-specific differentiation between allopatric parental populations of *A. palliata* and *A. pigra* to the differentiation between backcrossed hybrids of each parental type (i.e., *A. palliata*-like and *A. pigra*-like backcrosses) in the hybrid zone for loci with reduced introgression. If reinforcing selection shaped loci with reduced introgression and thus contributed to reproductive isolation, we would expect to see greater differentiation in sympatry than in allopatry for these markers. Our results are consistent with this prediction.

There are at least two other mechanisms that may result in greater differentiation between sympatric than allopatric populations of the same species (e.g., Wang et al., 2014). First, strong genetic drift after independent range expansions of the parental species may result in greater differentiation in sympatry than in allopatry. However, effects of drift would be expected to have a genome-wide impact (e.g., Li et al., 2008), and we only observed a pattern of overall elevated differentiation in sympatry for loci with reduced introgression, which are expected to be associated with reproductive isolation. Second, it is plausible that greater differentiation in sympatry could result indirectly from independent local adaptation within each species to sites within their allopatric and sympatric ranges (i.e., mutation-order effects, Schluter, 2009). However, the divergent alleles that underlie local adaptation in the hybrid zone may be expected to have neutral or increased introgression because such alleles should

be advantageous on either species' genomic background (barring any involvement in hybrid incompatibilities). Thus, it seems likely our results reflect selection to increase reproductive isolation in sympatry under the extended view of reinforcement (Butlin & Smadja, 2018). However, we still need to investigate whether the loci driving this pattern underlie phenotypes under reinforcing selection.

We investigated MPs associated with genes occurring on contigs of the *Alouatta* genome containing loci with reduced introgression that represented the top 10% of those with the greatest difference between F_{ST} in sympatry and F_{ST} in allopatry. We found that some genes in these regions have been linked to MPs that could conceivably be under selection for prezygotic or postzygotic isolation in the hybrid zone (Supporting Information Table S6), thus contributing to the extended view of reinforcement (Butlin & Smadja, 2018). For example, several genes are associated with the phenotype "abnormal behavior" (MP:0004924). In mice, one of these genes, the histone methyltransferase *KMT2A*, is known to play a role in complex behaviours in mice (e.g., nest-building) and is associated with anxiety, spatial working memory and learning (Gupta et al., 2010; Jakovcevski et al., 2015). In several taxa, learning is known to play a role in mate choice (e.g., sexual imprinting and learned avoidance of heterospecific mates) and thus can potentially be linked to prezygotic isolation (Dukas, 2013; Servedio, Sæther, & Sætre, 2009; Verzijden et al., 2012). Learning and memory have also been linked to postzygotic isolation since deficiencies in these traits can be selected against in hybrids (Rice & McQuillan, 2018). Recently, McQuillan, Roth, Huynh, and Rice (2018) found that hybrid chickadees scored lower than parental chickadees in associative spatial learning and problem-solving tasks. Learning and memory have been implicated in goal-oriented foraging behaviour in Neotropical primates (Garber, 1989; Janson, 1998), traits presumably important for howler monkeys, which maintain a predominantly folivorous–frugivorous diet in highly diverse tropical forests where they adjust their dietary intake on seasonal availability of preferred foods (Raño, Kowalewski, Cerezo, & Garber, 2016). Thus, learning and memory deficiencies in hybrids, possibly mediated by *KMT2A*, may hinder foraging efforts potentially contributing to lower viability or fitness of howler monkey hybrids in their environment.

Many genes are also associated with abnormal embryonic/fetal development or lethality phenotypes (e.g., MP:0001672, MP:0011092, MP:0010865 and MP:0011101). It is possible that incompatible alleles between the parental species in these genes contribute to postzygotic isolation in this system. The contig with the greatest difference in F_{ST} between sympatry and allopatry annotated using our framework contains *SHROOM3*, a gene that encodes a PDZ domain-containing protein. In mice, *SHROOM3* mutant embryos suffer severe neural tube defects resulting in perinatal death (Hildebrand & Soriano, 1999). Although our functional annotation results offer some plausible genetic mechanisms that could be involved in reinforcement, they should be interpreted with caution. First, it is not known how mutations in any of these genes affect phenotypes in howler monkeys or what role these genes may play in reproductive isolation in the *Alouatta* hybrid zone. Further, it is not known whether incompatibilities associated with the genes identified here are directly driving reduced introgression of our loci or are physically linked to causal variants not sequenced in our reduced-representation library. Similar analyses using whole-genome sequence data (e.g., Rafati et al., 2018) will be a valuable step to better associate loci driving reduced introgression of genomic regions with potential functions and phenotypes under selection for pre- and postzygotic reproductive isolation in this system.

Although we did not measure prezygotic isolation with respect to any phenotype, we suspect that there are many traits beyond the phenotypes identified above that reinforcement could potentially be acting upon in this system. Specifically, traits known to be associated with mating behaviour in howler monkeys (and thus may have potential involvement with prezygotic isolation) include olfactory cues in urine and other scent markings that males likely use to detect female sexual receptivity (Glander, 1980; Horwich, 1983) and behavioural displays of sexual solicitation and mate guarding (Glander, 1980; Horwich, 1983; Van Belle, Estrada, Ziegler, & Strier, 2009). Colour traits are known to be used in mate discrimination in other animal species (Hill, 1991; Jiggins, Naisbit, Coe, & Mallet, 2001; Seehausen & van Alphen, 1998; Waitt et al., 2003) and some have hypothesized that sexual selection on coat colour has shaped female choice of mates in howler monkeys, as it may signal a male's competitive ability, health status, maturity, etc. (Bicca-Marques & Calegaro-Marques, 1998; Crockett, 1987). Similarly, traits that might influence the outcome of competition between males for access to females may shape the dynamics of heterospecific copulation in the hybrid zone (and thus prezygotic isolation). Such traits include body size, canine length and testis volume (Kelaita et al., 2011), as well as the loud roaring vocalizations for which howler monkeys are known (Van Belle, Estrada, & Garber, 2014; Holzmann, Agostini, & Bitetti, 2012; Kitchen, Cunha, Holzmann, & Oliveira, 2015; Kowalewski & Garber, 2010). In order to test any of these hypotheses, it will be necessary to quantify these traits and compare the characteristics of sympatric and allopatric individuals with the prediction that if reinforcement has occurred, trait differences between the species will be more pronounced in sympatry than in allopatry (i.e., reproductive character displacement; although reinforcement does not always produce a signature of reproductive character displacement, Servedio, 2004). In this study, we did not directly measure selection against hybridization or prezygotic isolation, let alone any potential phenotypes under reinforcing selection. More research will be necessary in order to connect the pattern we observed here, greater divergence in sympatry than in allopatry for loci associated with reproductive isolation, with conclusive evidence for reinforcing selection on any mating discrimination trait. Regardless, in the genomic era, scans similar to the one employed in this study may enhance efforts to understand the frequency and importance of reinforcement in the speciation process by providing a means to detect the signature of reinforcement in the genome.

5 | CONCLUSIONS

We identified a subset of genomic markers with reduced introgression in a natural primate hybrid zone, suggesting an association with reproductive isolation. These markers were more differentiated between allopatric parental populations than neutral loci and loci with increased introgression, consistent with the idea that reproductive isolation is a by-product of divergence in allopatry. These markers also showed a signature of reinforcement, suggesting that reproductive isolation may have initially been driven by divergence in allopatry, but reinforced by divergent selection in sympatry. These results reflect the contribution of different selective processes that have shaped the evolution of reproductive isolation in this system.

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