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Centromeres are chromosomal regions responsible for the faithful segregation of chromosomes. In contrast to conserved function, the centromere protein (CenH3) and associated repetitive DNA evolve rapidly. However, our study revealed preservation of the  $\alpha$ CenH3 variant along with conserved 19-bp box sequence in rapidly evolved centromeric DNA in asexual *Meloidogyne* nematodes. A similar approach was applied to the beetle *Tribolium castaneum* and showed a metapolycentric centromere organization with extended centromere regions. Long-range Nanopore sequencing is optimized for further study of centromeric arrays in the genomes of *Meloidogyne* and *Tribolium* species.

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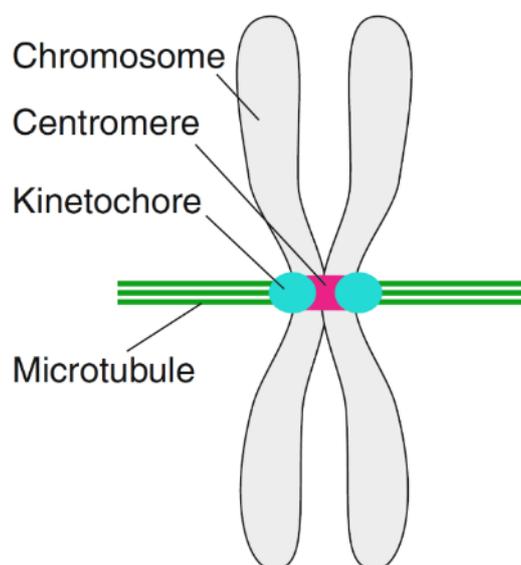
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# **1. Introduction**

## 1.1. Centromeres

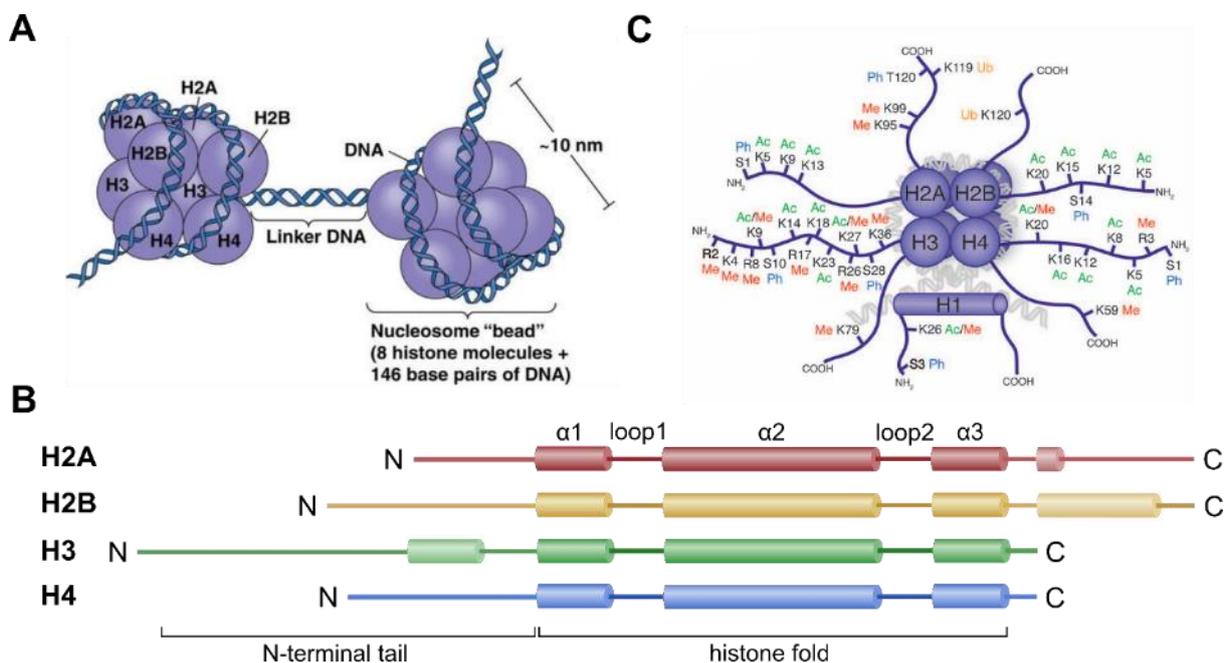
Cell divisions, mitosis and meiosis are essential processes in cell growth, development, regeneration and reproduction of all living organisms. These two types of cell divisions differ; mitosis is a division in somatic cells, while meiosis is a more complex process leading to the formation of haploid gametes that function in species reproduction and ultimately impact evolution of a population or species. These processes ensure the faithful propagation of genetic material to daughter cells and subsequent generations of cells. One of the key players in the exact process of chromosome segregation in mitosis and meiosis is centromere. Centromere generally appears as primary constriction of mitotic chromosomes, first identified cytologically by Walther Flemming in 1882. In the last 40 years, investigation of centromeres in a different eukaryote has revealed that centromeres represent specific chromosomal regions that recruit components of the kinetochore complex and enable accurate chromosome segregation during mitosis and meiosis (Figure 1). High-fidelity segregation is vital for all eukaryotic organisms and centromeric defects lead to chromosome breakage and aneuploidy.



**Figure 1. Centromere localisation.** Scheme of a typical metacentric vertebrate chromosome with centromere in pink as primary constriction site on which kinetochore (blue) assembles and attaches to microtubules ensuring proper chromosome segregation (adjusted from Hara & Fukagawa, 2017).

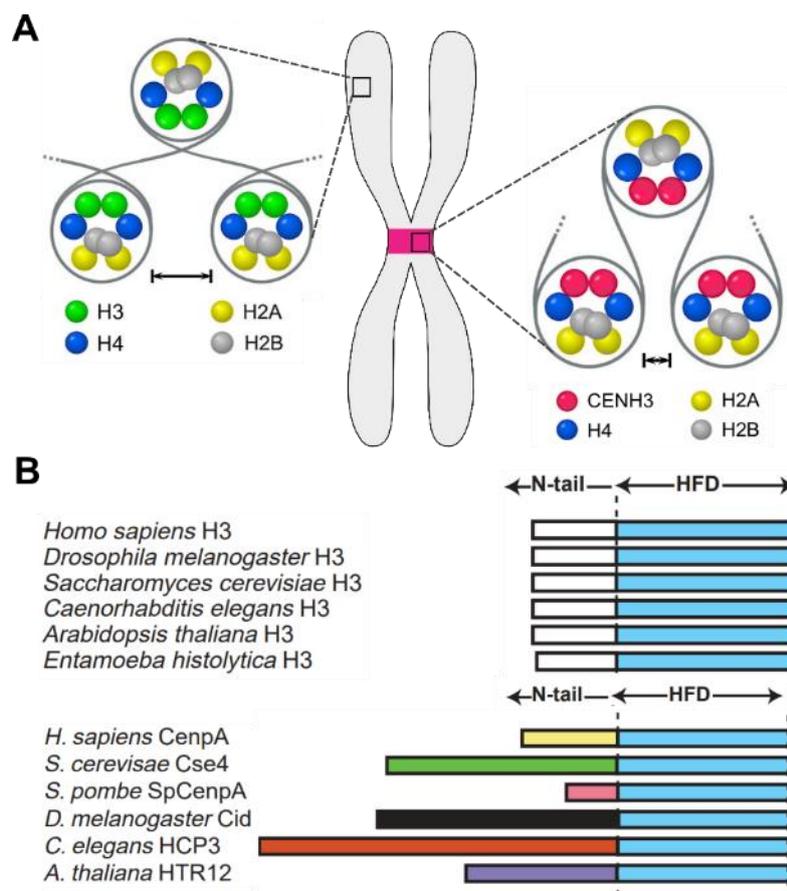
### 1.1.1. Centromere structure

Centromere is a complex protein/DNA structure responsible for holding two sister chromatids together and accurate segregation during cell division (Figure 1). Highly compact chromatin found at centromeres is called heterochromatin and unlike euchromatin holds very few genes. It is considered that this condensed organized structure is more befitting for transmitting mechanical force and adjusting topology for spindle attachment than open euchromatin (Bloom, 2014). In general, the fundamental subunit of chromatin, the nucleosome, is composed of 147 nucleotides wrap around histone proteins, where two copies of each histone types (H2A, H2B, H3 and H4) form octameric core (Figure 2A). Histones contain two common structural domains: histone fold domain (HFD) and N-terminal tail. The HFD is formed by three  $\alpha$ -helices linked with two loops (Figure 2B) that enable specific positioning and heterodimeric interaction between histones on one side and hydrogen bonds with DNA on the other side (Mariño-Ramírez et al., 2005). N-terminal tail extends from DNA-histone core and is subjected to an enormous number of post-translation modification (PTM) where they control site-specific functionality (Figure 2C) consequently altering biological processes (Peterson & Laniel, 2004). This epigenetic signature is known as “histone code” and most observable can be examples of silent heterochromatin which is widely marked by the presence of methylation of lysine 9 of histone H3 (H3K9me), whereas active euchromatin is linked with dimethylation of lysine 4 of histone H3 (H3K4me<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure 2. Organization of a nucleosome.** **A** Nucleosome schematics with DNA helix wrapped around histone octamer with 146 bp tightly associated with histone core and linker DNA in between adjacent nucleosome “beads” (from Caputi et al., 2017). **B** Structural organization of core histone proteins with marked N-terminal tail and histone fold domain containing  $\alpha$ -helices and loops enabling proper folding and interaction (according to Alberts et al., 2008). **C** Histone post-translational modifications with highlighted covalent modifications on N- and C-terminal tails of specific amino residues (Me-methylation, Ac-acetylation, Ub-ubiquitination, Ph-phosphorylation) (from Tollervey & Lunnyak, 2012).

Centromeric nucleosomes differs from the conventional by the presence of centromere-specific H3 histone variant called CenH3 that replaces canonical H3 in centromere (Figure 3A). Unlike canonical H3 variants which is highly conserved protein between different lineages, CenH3 rapidly evolve. Despite the conserved role of CenH3 in maintaining centromere integrity, CenH3 demonstrates accelerated evolution which is especially pronounced at its N-terminal tail and loop 1 of the histone-fold domain (HFD) (Malik and Henikoff 2001; Talbert et al. 2004) (Figure 3B).



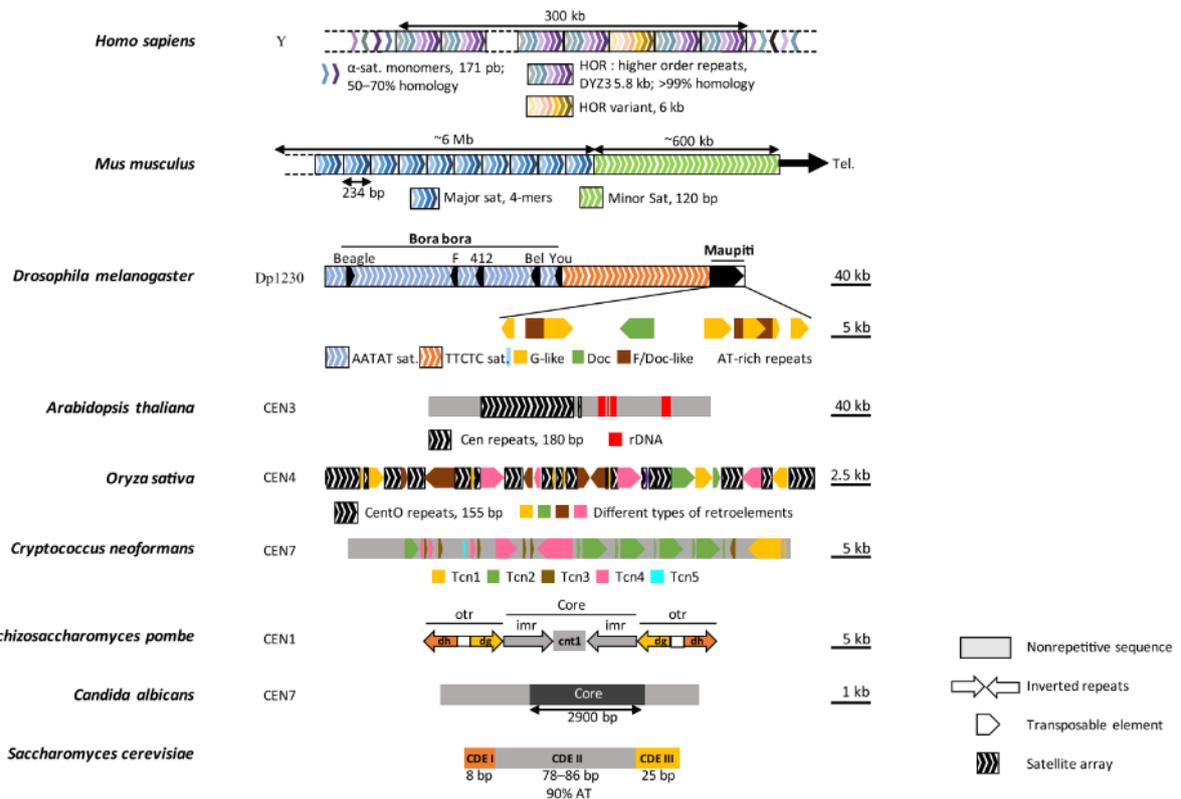
**Figure 3. Characteristics of centromere structure and organization.** **A** Difference between H3-containing nucleosomal array from chromosomal arm and CenH3 arrays localized in centromere (adopted from Panchenko et al., 2011). **B** Comparison between conservation of canonical H3 in species

of different lineages and variability of N-terminal tails between CenH3 histone variants (adopted from Malik & Henikoff, 2003).

Specifically, there are two changes within HFD domain that are found to be specific for CenH3 proteins; longer loop 1 region and a lack of conserved glutamine residue in the  $\alpha$ 1 helix (Malik & Henikoff, 2003). Furthermore, centromere positioning is regulated additionally by the association with the underlying centromeric DNA (cenDNA) that is wrapped around nucleosomes containing CenH3. CenDNA is usually composed of highly repetitive DNA such as satellite DNA (satDNA) and transposable elements (TEs) (reviewed in Biscotti et al., 2015). SatDNAs are composed of highly repetitive short sequences or monomers that repeat tandemly to form large arrays that can be found at more or less same positions within the genome. They are usually AT rich and monomers have been found to be 100-500 bp long in most animals and plants. Centromeric repeats also evolve rapidly, and significantly differ between closely related species (Plohl et al., 2014). Transposable elements, on the other hand, often move within genome with ability to insert at novel locations and thereby shape surrounding coding and non-coding landscape. TEs come in a variety of forms and are divided into two major classes based on their transposition intermediates. Class I elements have an RNA intermediate which is reversely transcribed into DNA and integrated in the genome while class II excises and moves itself to a new location. Based on protein encoding domains and other structural characteristics they are further separated into subclasses and families (reviewed in Wells & Feschotte, 2020)

### 1.1.2. Centromere organization

Centromeres differ in their sizes and sequence composition across different species lineages. In humans, CenH3 variant is called CENP-A and its cenDNA has been found out to be comprised of  $\alpha$ -satellite DNA. Centromeres can be as small as 125 bp as seen in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Cottarel et al., 1989), contain specific organized domains, mixed with several repetitive elements but also have high order repeats (HORs) and be megabases long as found in plants and humans as depicted in Figure 4 (Muller et al., 2019).



**Figure 4. Organization of centromere sequences in Eukaryotes.** Typical centromere organization is shown for each species with size comparison and organizational unit indicated. Image adopted from Muller et al., 2019.

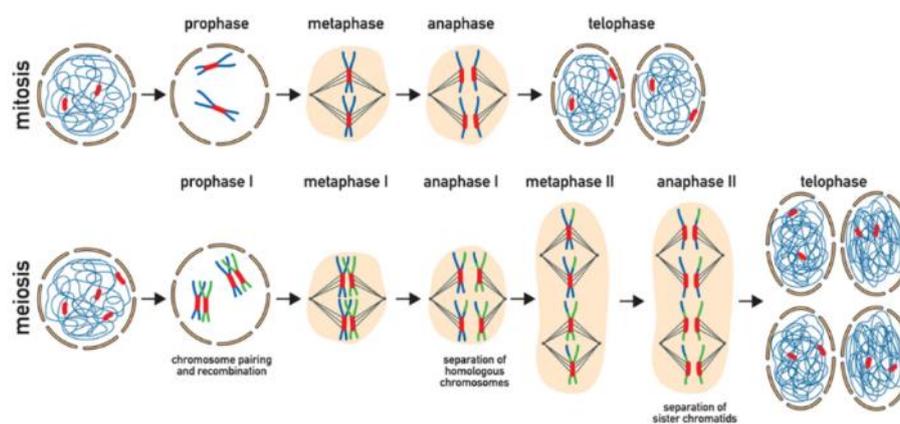
Centromere of a *S. cerevisiae* is referred as point centromere due to extremely short sequence creating through kinetochore only attachment site for single microtubule. A vast number of organisms contain regional epigenetically determined centromeres that are much larger in sizes. They can range from several kilobases as in *Candida albicans* (4-18 kb) to hundreds kilobases in flies (420 kb) all up to megabase long as seen in maize (0,3-3 Mb) and humans (0,5-5 Mb) (Wong et al., 2020).

Centromere in *Drosophila melanogaster* is formed on islands of complex DNA sequences found enriched in retroelements flanked by large arrays of satellite repeats (Chang et al., 2019). Interestingly, even though centromeres differ in sizes and arrangement, one *G2/Jockey-3* retroelement is the prevalent sequence in CenH3 chromatin and the only one shared among all centromeres and even in sister species *D. simulans*. *Arabidopsis thaliana* has megabase centromeres consisting mainly of 180 bp satellite repeats flanked by various types of transposons and 5S rDNA (Kumekawa et al., 2001). Centromeric region of *Mus Musculus* is represented by 120 bp satDNA known as minor satellite (MiSat) whereas pericentromeric region is characterized by even higher abundant 234 bp major satellite (MaSat) and are found on all telocentric

mouse chromosomes (Komissarov et al., 2011). Human centromeres are determined by the presence of CENP-A (human CenH3) and alpha satellite, 171 bp long monomer organized into HORs from 2 to 35 monomers that are then making long tandem arrays up to 5 Mb in length. In contrast to HOR, monomeric arrays without higher organization of alpha satDNA have been found among other satDNAs in pericentromere regions. Alpha satDNA monomers show 20-50% variation among same HOR array and provide opportunity to disclose fine-scale mapping and investigation of evolutionary homogenization processes (Hartley & O'Neill, 2019).

### 1.1.3. Centromere function

Mitosis and meiosis are two types of cell divisions and important events in the life of a cell where the centromere plays a crucial role. Somatic cells undergo mitosis in which the main role is cell duplication while maintaining the existing ploidy. The second type of cell division is meiosis, which takes place in the germ cells, where the number of chromosomes gets reduced, so that the resulting cells have a haploid number of chromosomes. The ultimate goal of a centromere is the proper segregation of sister chromatids and chromosomes in mitosis and meiosis and the pairing of homologous chromosomes and recombination in meiosis (Figure 5).



**Figure 5. Overview of mitotic and meiotic stages.** Centromeres are depicted in red and their role in equal and faithful segregation in mitosis is highlighted. In meiosis they have an additional role in chromosome pairing and enabling DNA recombination (from Prosée et al., 2020).

One of the key prerequisites for cell growth and transmission of genetic material is chromosome segregation which is mainly dependent on proper recruitment of the kinetochore. Kinetochore is a giant multilayered protein structure built on centromeric

heterochromatin region of the chromosome. It has attachment points for microtubules and allows their polymerization and depolymerization in order to control movement of the chromosomes on the dividing spindle.

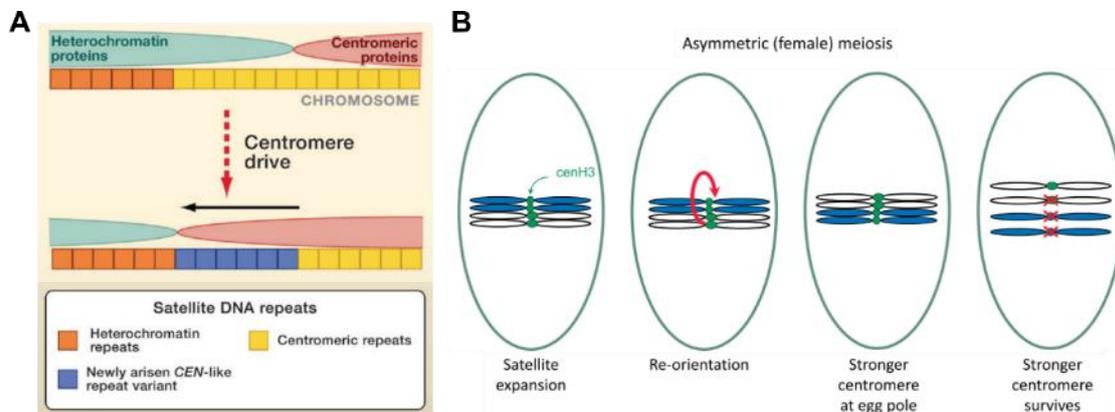
Protein complex cohesin holds two sister chromatids in close proximity by forming ring-like structure in DNA replication phase. Later in anaphase centromeric cohesion persists unlike arm cohesion suggesting robust regulation at centromeres in order to resist pulling forces in mitosis. It has been speculated the role of kinetochore and pericentromeric heterochromatin in recruiting cohesin specifically to centromere (reviewed in Watanabe, 2005). Furthermore, centromere identity is precisely regulated by deposition of new CenH3s as coordinated activity of several assembly factors but also by presence of permissive marks that enable proper CenH3 localization (reviewed in Mckinley & Cheeseman, 2016). Thus, centromere function is achieved and properly maintained by CenH3 containing nucleosomes positioned on specific underlying DNA and unique chromatin marks ensuring foundation for building multiprotein kinetochore complex that attaches to microtubules of mitotic and meiotic spindles. But to date, there is a dilemma as to how the epigenetically defined centromere and associated DNA participate in the construction of centromere identity and function.

#### 1.1.4. Centromere evolution

A striking centromere feature is its conserved role as opposed to extremely divergent underlying DNA sequences. Furthermore, CenH3 differs in its protein sequence which is primarily seen at the protruding N-terminus part of the protein facing outward of the nucleosome even in fairly closely related species. Still, investigation of CenH3 proteins remain most reliable marker and starting point for centromere research.

One of the main theories that explains the centromere paradox (Henikoff et al., 2001) i.e. the conserved function of the centromere and the rapid evolution of CenH3 and centromeric DNA is the centromere drive (Figure 6A). This model explains the diversity of eukaryotic centromeric DNA and CenH3 proteins as a consequence of the conflict between the rapid evolution of centromeric DNA repeats and CenH3. One of the main reasons is the asymmetry of meiosis in females, where due to rapidly evolving repetitive sequences that tend to spread, unequal deposition of CenH3 and kinetochore proteins occurs, and stronger centromeres are oriented towards the pole from which the oocyte is formed and thus transmitted. In the process of repeat

spreading centromeric protein will occupy newly formed similar sequences in neighboring areas and these centromeres will be more associated with the dividing spindle and not eliminated via polar bodies (Figure 6B).



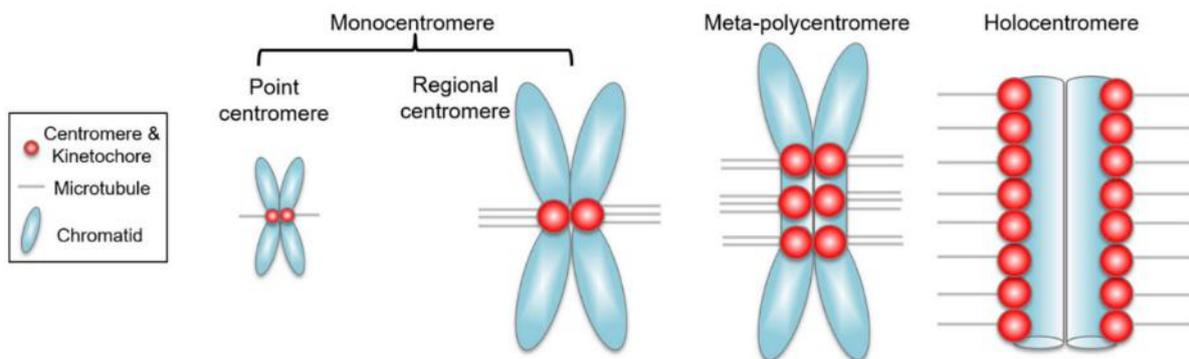
**Figure 6. Proposed driving mechanism for centromere evolution.** **A** Spreading of centromeric proteins on newly arisen centromeric-like repeat variants due to centromere drive which can account for rapid evolution of centromeric DNA and CenH3 (adopted from (Malik & Henikoff, 2009)). **B** Scheme of influence of satellite expansion in asymmetric female meiosis on formation of stronger centromere that re-orientates toward the egg pole and gets transmitted to the next generation (adopted from Talbert & Henikoff, 2020).

Evolutionary, positive selection of CenH3 histone as response to fast evolving cenDNA refers to preferential survival of individuals carrying positive genetic change increasing reproductive success. On the contrary, certain genotypes can cause deleterious impact on species fitness and will be purified through elimination process of negative selection. Thus, in many species undergoing asymmetric meiosis, CenH3 has been observed to evolve under positive selection to compensate for the negative effects of rapid changes in centromeric DNA.

Most diploid genomes possess a single copy of the CenH3 gene while in polyploid species (so far most commonly in plants) multiple copies of CenH3 have been observed that may have different expression profiles and be tissue-specific. However, recent studies on diploid *Drosophila* species also indicate the existence of more Cid (CenH3 gene) copies in animal species as a result of at least four duplication events during its evolution (Kursel & Malik, 2017). These genes encode functional CenH3 paralogs that co-localize on the centromere during cell division with intriguing function speculation for these variants.

### 1.1.5. Centromere types

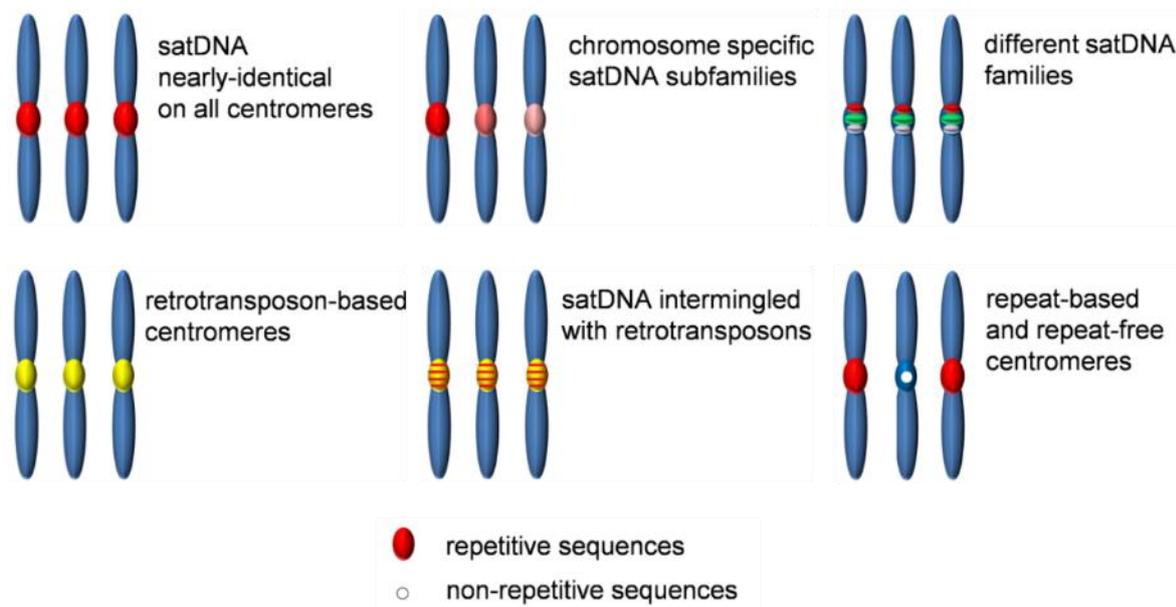
Regarding centromere organization chromosomes can be roughly divided to mono- and holocentric with meta-polycentric chromosome as in between state containing characteristics of both groups (Figure 7). Monocentric chromosomes contain a single narrow constriction with one centromere per chromosome. Holocentromeres are on the other hand characterized by their diffused distribution along the length of the chromosome and their identity is still not fully elucidated. Meta-polycentromere is a fairly new type of centromere firstly described in peas that has multiple centromere domains each presented as microtubule binding site but still distinct from each other observed as long primary constriction site (Neumann et al., 2012).



**Figure 7. Centromere types.** Schematics of centromere architectures (from Wong et al., 2020).

#### 1.1.5.1. Monocentric chromosomes

Monocentric chromosomes are widely found among eukaryotes. Based on its positioning along the chromosome arms metaphase chromosomes can be divided to four types. Metacentric chromosomes have centromere located in the middle equally dividing chromosome length. In submetacentric chromosomes, centromere is visibly off-centered creating one shorter and one longer arm. Lastly, if centromere is located at the near end or at the end of the chromosome they are called acro- and telocentric chromosomes, respectively. Many monocentric species have their centromere described and they are often build on repetitive DNA sequences such as satDNA and transposons (reviewed in Plohl et al., 2014). Centromeres can be looked at based on which type of sequences are they comprised of and how are they distributed (Figure 8).



**Figure 8. Monocentric chromosome repeat organization.** Different centromere types with functional DNA sequences (adopted from Plohl et al., 2014).

Different satDNA families can be specific for certain chromosomes but also they can be mixed and form organizational patterns. If all chromosomes carry nearly identical satDNA on all centromeres it indicates high sequence homogenization and there are no chromosome-specific satDNA variants as seen in pericentromere and centromere regions of mouse major and minor satellite DNA which form distinct functional heterochromatin (Guenatri et al., 2004). Often, there are satellite subfamilies that characterize specific chromosomes as seen in humans, where alpha satellite HORs are found to be chromosome specific and distinguished from each other in variation of the sequence, order of monomers and overall size of HOR (McNulty et al., 2017). Sometimes centromere can be characterized with different satDNA families as found in pea where functional centromere domains are associated with repetitive DNA sequences belonging to 13 distinct families of satellite DNA and one retrotransposon family unevenly distributed between chromosomes (Neumann et al., 2012). Centromere can also be predominately build on retrotransposons as described in maize that also contains smaller amount of satellite CentC arrays (Wolfgruber et al., 2009). It has been found that retrotransposons can target centromeres and functionally replace tandem repeats that could potentially coordinate the evolution of centromeric DNA (Presting, 2018). Human pericentromere also contains insertions of unrelated satDNAs (gamma-satellite and SatIII) but also LINE elements (reviewed in Lopes et

al., 2021). One of the most extreme examples are species with several chromosomes whose centromeres lack in repetitive sequences as found in *Equus* genus (Piras et al., 2010) and chicken (Shang et al., 2010) where centromeres of some chromosomes are devoided of any tandem repeat. Still, extreme diversity of cenDNA even among closely related species offers unique platform for dynamics and evolution of repetitive DNA.

#### 1.1.5.2. Holocentric chromosomes

Holocentric chromosomes have been firstly described in 1935 using cytology which was for very long most reliable way of assessment based on behavior in mitosis (reviewed in Mandrioli & Manicardi, 2020). Development of new technologies, especially chromatin manipulation coupled with sequencing enabled many studies on species that were very hard or impossible to discriminate based on chromosome appearances. So the rise in the number of recognized holocentric species today came as no surprise, as combination of cytological and molecular methods have shown that holocentricity has arisen at least 13 times independently; four times in plants and even nine times in animals (Melters et al., 2012). In these species kinetochore proteins bind along the entire length of the chromosome which are identified by the lack of primary constriction and during division they migrate in parallel to spindle poles. Furthermore, understanding of cenDNA in holocentromere is still limited and mostly comes from studies on vastly investigated model organism nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans* which is holocentric. Research has found out that its centromere is organized as dispersed but discretely localized point centromere that interestingly coincide with binding sites for transcription factors but without one centromere specific sequence (Steiner & Henikoff, 2014). In contrast, holocentromere of *Rhynchospora* plant showed association with interspersed arrays of specific satDNA family and retrotransposons (Marques et al., 2015). Unique pattern of CenH3 distribution is described in holocentric plant *Cuscuta europaea* with two expressed CenH3 variants deposited into one to three regions per chromosome with absence of CenH3 on the rest of the chromatin (Oliveira et al., 2020). Observations based on holocentric species analyzed so far, lead to the conclusion that in contrast to monocentromere, holocentromeres show greater flexibility in the organization at the chromosome level.

### 1.1.6. Medical aspects of centromere

Due to this extreme repetitive nature of centromeres it is believed that they have a complex DNA topology, forming mechanically interlocked molecular architecture (catenanes) and DNA loops. On one side, this probably offers a compensation platform for enduring high degrees of stress generated during chromosome segregation but on the other hand are susceptible for DNA recombination machinery and replication pausing thus making them vulnerable (reviewed in Barra & Fachinetti, 2018). These events could result in repositioning of centromere to a non-centromeric DNA site, rise of dicentric chromosomes and aberrant expression of kinetochore proteins which have all been linked to human diseases (Felekis & Voskarides, 2015). If it leads to loss or an addition of chromosome, consequence can be aneuploidy, a state of abnormal chromosome number, a common cause of several genetic disorders known to arise from errors in chromosome segregation. Also it has been linked to cancer cells which almost always display a high rate of chromosomal instability (CIN) that leads to aneuploidy (Sansregret & Swanton, 2017). Obscured by complex phenotypes it has been recently found that aneuploidic cancer cells are sensitive to mitotic checkpoint inhibition giving potential opportunity to selectively kill cancer cells (Cohen-Sharir et al., 2021). Rise of new centromeres on atypical genomic region known as neocentromeres has been first described in humans but have since been investigated in several species (reviewed in Scott & Sullivan, 2014). Even though determined in clinical phenotypes, neocentromeres do not necessarily lead to disease but could offer an escape mechanism in situations where chromosomal damage would lead to cell death providing support to sequence-independent centromere determination (Fukagawa & Earnshaw, 2014). As they are still a place for kinetochore assembly and enable segregation of such chromosomes there are additional studies required to provide explanations of how they could be regulated and to what extent they contribute to diseased cell states.

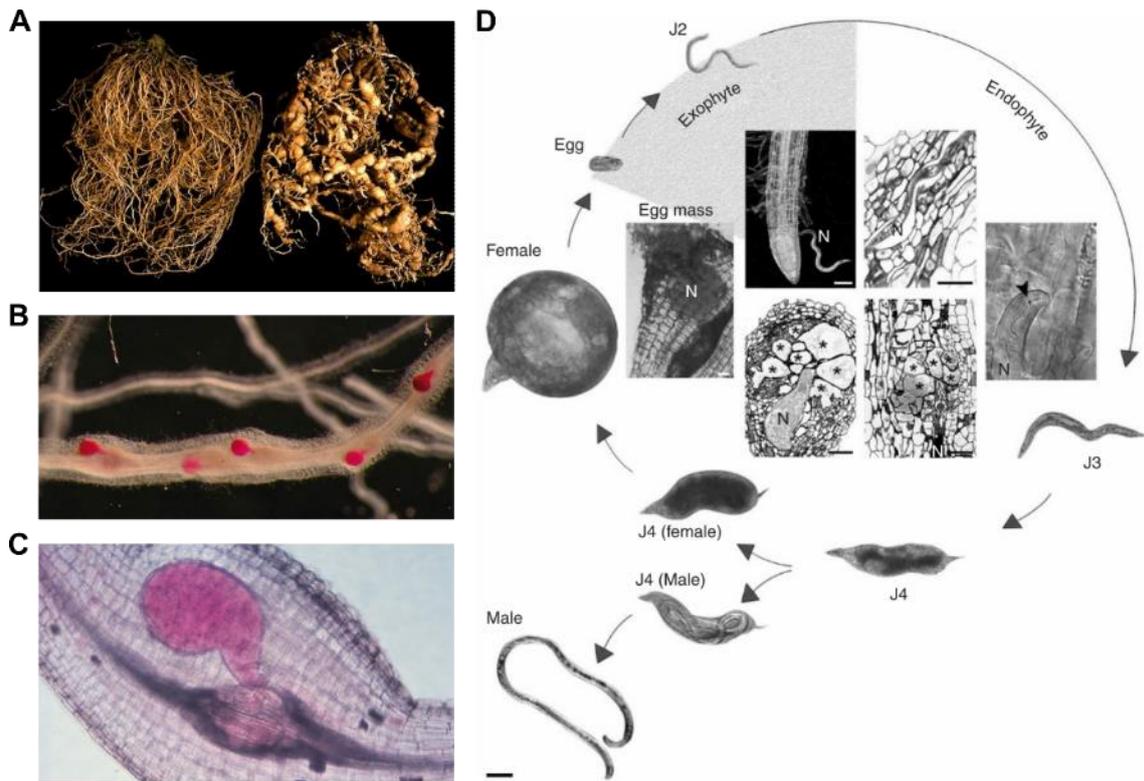
Unlike first beliefs, centromeres are not completely silent regions but are transcribed into long non-coding RNAs whose roles are still widely investigated with proposed roles for accurate centromeric functions (reviewed in Rošić & Erhardt, 2016). Centromere transcription is essential for proper differentiation and development but also misregulated in cancer cells and offers through quantitative expression analysis potential for clinical targets as cancer biomarkers (Smurova & De Wulf, 2018).

Moreover, recent studies provided the evidence that (peri)centromeric satDNAs overexpression in epithelial tumor tissues contributes to malignant transformation by inducing chromosomal instability and mutations (Ting et al., 2011).

## 1.2. Model organism-nematode *Meloidogyne*

### 1.2.1. Characteristics and mode of reproduction

Species from the genus *Meloidogyne spp.* are plant obligate endoparasites and belong to root knot nematodes (RKNs). They reduce plant health and growth by causing changes in root physiology and consequentially present huge economic damages (Figure 6A). There are 98 species of *Meloidogyne* genus and are all obligate parasites on over 2500 species with growing number of new hosts found each year. The juvenile form (J2) enters the root where it further develops into the adult form, primarily in the sessile female (Figure 6B). Upon taking nutrients J2 induces dedifferentiation of root cells into multinucleate feeding cells. Nematode then goes through three molts (J3, J4 and adult) and becomes sedentary female form (Figure 6C). They further lay eggs that are secreted in egg sacks on the root surface. Males appear only in stressful conditions when they migrate out of the root but are not required for reproduction. Overview of life cycle and morphological differences of nematode stages is presented on Figure 6D.



**Figure 6. Characteristics of *Meloidogyne* root-knot nematodes.** **A** Damages that species from the *Meloidogyne* genus cause on roots of a tomato. Left is a picture of a healthy root versus the infected root on the right with massive amounts of galled root system (Jonathan D. Eisenback, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Bugwood.org). **B** Females of *M. chitwoodi* inside bean roots stained in pink with fuchsin acid forming knots around each one (from Wesemael, 2007). **C** Female sessile stage in root causing the formation of “giant cells” as a feeding site (from Agrios, 2004). **D** Life cycle of a parasitic *M. incognita* nematode (N) with developmental stages depicted; eggs, juvenile stages 2-4 (J2, J3, J4), females and males. Juvenile with stylet connected with esophagus piercing plant cell wall and formation of feeding site is depicted on the pictures in the middle. Scale bar= 50  $\mu$ m. (from Abad et al., 2008).

Interesting characteristics of RKNs is their diversity of modes of reproduction (reviewed in (P. Castagnone-Sereno, 2006)). Only several species are amphimictic and reproduce by classical crossfertilization of male and female gametes. Most of the species reproduce by parthenogenesis, either meiotic (automictic) or mitotic (apomictic), with some of them using two modes of reproduction depending on the presence of males.

### 1.2.2. Parthenogenesis and evolution of species

Parthenogenesis is asexual reproduction where individual develops from unfertilized egg. It is common for invertebrates and found among some vertebrates. In most animal cases it is referred to female producing parthenogenesis without genetic contribution from males and without regular undergoing through meiosis. Parthenogenetic RKN are diploids, triploids and rare tetraploids with most population having unstable chromosome number due to processes such as aneuploidy, polysomy and structural rearrangement while amphimictic RKN species are only diploid. *M. incognita* is the most prevalent and investigated RKN species. Its populations are considered to be mostly hypotriploid ( $<3n$  or  $3n-x$ ) with 40-46 chromosomes (Triantaphyllou, 1981). Asexuals have a long-term evolutionary disadvantage due to lack of recombination but are still widespread and this expansion is therefore always a unique process presenting a great challenge in elucidating evolution of not only sex but eukaryots in general (in depth overview of the field in Schön et al., 2009). Recently there were several studies trying to resolve evolution of RKN species by using standardize phylogenomics analysis but also by sequencing and comparative genomics. It is speculated that divergent genome copies in *Meloidogyne incognita* group (MIG) of species have been a consequence of complex series of interspecies hybridization events (Blanc-Mathieu et al., 2017). Such additive hybridizations between parental taxa also explains ploidy levels with noncrossover recombination as additional force changing the genomic landscape of these species (Szitenberg et al., 2017).

### 1.2.3. Satellite DNAs in *Meloidogyne*

Dominant satDNAs have been characterized in various *Meloidogyne* species. The data revealed different A+T rich satDNA families with 170–300 bp monomers and usually with moderate genome abundance (eg. Philippe Castagnone-Sereno et al., 1998; Meštrović et al., 2013). It has also been shown that they evolved according to the library concept where occurrence of satDNAs profile in related species is a result of amplifications and/or contractions of different satDNAs from a library (Meštrović et al., 1998). In addition, the study of the satDNA library of the three related satDNAs differently amplified in *Meloidogyne* species indicates selection as a limiting factor in formation and persistence of satDNAs in the library (Meštrović et al., 2006b). The

distribution profile of six different satDNAs, in terms of their presence/absence in related Meloidogyne genomes, has been shown to be informative in phylogenetic studies of these species (Meštrović et al., 2009).

### 1.3. Model organism-beetle *Tribolium*

#### 1.3.1. Main characteristics and life cycle

The *Tribolium* genus, also known as flour beetles, is comprised of 36 cosmopolitan species. Their original habitat was likely beneath the tree bark in rotting wood but today these small dark bodied insects are global pests of stored food products. As secondary pests of damaged grain and dust they cause damage by feeding but also by contamination with shed skin, secreted liquids and dead bodies resulting in large agricultural losses. Furthermore, *Tribolium* are of foremost interest as a representative of the *Coleoptera* order which is the most species rich taxon on the earth (Hunt et al., 2007). *Tribolium castaneum* (red flour beetle) emerged as an excellent model organism (reviewed in Pointer et al., 2021) due to ease of culture, short generation time and efficiency in genetic manipulations. One female can lay up to 400 eggs with larva emerging after several days. In this active stage they will feed and grow for few months depending on the temperature, humidity and food availability. Eventually, after undergoing molting they transform to inactive pupae. In the next week huge internal changes will take place before adults appear. Due to this complete metamorphosis it is thought that *Tribolium* development is more representative of other insects than *Drosophila*.

#### 1.3.2. Satellite DNAs and (peri)centromere

*T. castaneum* possesses abundant, species specific satellite DNA (TCAST) whose predicted amount ranges from 17% up to 35% (Ugarković et al., 1996; Feliciello et al., 2011). It is evenly distributed in the regions of large blocks of (peri)centromeric heterochromatin of all 20 chromosomes. Similar observations of single (or two) highly abundant satDNAs with equivalent distribution pattern have been made for other closely related *Tribolium* species (Juan et al., 1993; Mravinac et al., 2004; Mravinac & Plohl, 2010). Additionally, *T. castaneum* has nine satDNA families making 4% of the

genome located primarily in euchromatin (Pavlek et al., 2015). Because TCAST makes only 0,3% of the assemble genome, most conclusions about centromere have been made based on *in situ* hybridizations of satDNAs and cytological experiments of highly stained heterochromatin in regions of chromosome constriction. Regardless of the existence of quantity discrepancies when standardized methods were applied, TCAST satellite still presents major candidate for applying next-generation of sequencing (NGS) in order to examine its competence as centromere specific repeat.

#### 1.4. Nanopore sequencing in investigation of the centromere

It has passed 20 years since initial efforts from International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium to make a first leap towards complete assembly of a human genome (Lander et al., 2001) which is known to have more than 50% of repeated sequences including interspersed transposable elements but also huge region of mostly alpha satellite containing (peri)centromere. Even though they used the best available technique at the time for repeat-rich genome; hierarchical shotgun sequencing of large-insert clones, multi-megabase satellite arrays of centromere, ribosomal DNA arrays and huge regions with segmental duplications remained unresolved. First significant progress was made with the application of Nanopore sequencing where it was shown it holds the potential to bridge even large (>50 kb) scaffold gaps by spanning them with single long read (Jain, Koren, et al., 2018). This was mostly possible thanks to the development of third-generation of sequencing, also known as long-read sequencing that is starting to enhance and accelerate filed of genomic research. Among them, two have stand out as leaders in this field. Pacific Biosciences offers high consensus accuracy (>99,9%) with average read length of 15 kb and is limited by polymerase activity. On the other hand, Oxford Nanopore's technology is based on the detection of current change as a single-stranded DNA passes through an engineered protein Nanopore inserted into a synthetic polymer membrane. Due to this principle it bears no limitation in regard to read length (current record is >4 Mb) with a decent read accuracy (>95%) that can be further increased by higher coverages and read correction steps.

These unprecedented properties of Nanopore sequencing were ultimately applied for assembly of the human Y chromosome and for the first time encompass whole centromeric locus with array mean of 315 kb (Jain, Olsen, et al., 2018). Similar

approach was further applied for telomere-to-telomere assembly of X chromosome (Miga et al., 2020) and complete assembly of chromosome 8 (Logsdon et al., 2021). Furthermore, Nanopore sequencing also allows detection of structural variants, gene expression and methylation profiles with broad applications not only in human genomic but also in wide research areas such as metagenomics, plant and animal studies and population genomics. As developed technology provides robust workflows, main challenge in genome sequencing is the intactness of the starting DNA. Usually, quality of output data will mainly depend on starting material and as such presents critical step for obtaining reads of greatest lengths. For centromere investigations in species with large repetitive regions, isolation of high-molecular weight (HMW) DNA will especially be of importance and needs to be optimized for each organism.

## **2. Aim of the study**

Paradoxically, in spite of essential function, previous studies showed that centromere exhibit remarkably fast evolution at both the DNA and protein levels. One of the most intriguing questions in cell biology is what is the driving force behind this evolution. Previous studies of centromeres have been primarily focused on sexual species where the centromere plays a role in both mitosis and meiosis. The long-held hypothesis of fast centromeric evolution, in spite of its essential function, has been explained as the function of centromeres as a response to the conflict between fast evolving DNA and protein components in meiosis. To test this hypothesis, nematodes of the genus *Meloidogyne* are used as model organism because they offer the unique platform to explore the structure and evolutionary dynamics of centromeric H3 histones (CenH3) and cenDNA components in species which reproduces exclusively through mitosis. Therefore, the main goal of this study is to analyze centromere components and their evolution in parthenogenetic (asexual) *Meloidogyne* species. The first step will be identification and investigation of CenH3 proteins in mitotic and meiotic *Meloidogyne* species based on available protein databases. Then, for the purpose of determining the functional potential, the expression profile of CenH3 transcripts in individual species and developmental stages will be determined using transcriptome bases. Furthermore, CenH3 deposition profile will be determined on chromosomes of *M. incognita* using immunofluorescence methods followed by determination and analysis of centromere-specific DNA sequences using chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP). Evolutionary centromere sequence trends will be analyzed in closely related species and its functional significance will be evaluated in mitosis. Also, the structure of the centromere will be viewed in the light of holocentrism and connected with this species polyploidy and complex evolutionary origin.

Similar approach will be applied to centromere of beetle *T. castaneum* which challenges structural genome organization studies with presence of highly abundant repetitive fraction. Centromere-specific sequences will be evaluated in regard to high content of a single satellite DNA family and compared to landscape of centromere in *Meloidogyne* species.

Finally, new emerging approach of Nanopore sequencing in centromere research will be investigated. Elevating current obstacles in long stretches of similar sequences hold the potential to assemble centromeres from its start to end. First steps towards achieving these goals will be optimized on isolation of *T. castaneum* genomic DNA suitable for library preparations and obtaining sufficient read lengths.

### **3. Manuscripts**

**The Centromere Histone Is Conserved and Associated with Tandem Repeats Sharing a Conserved 19-bp Box in the Holocentromere of *Meloidogyne* Nematodes**

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## Abstract

Although centromeres have conserved function, centromere-specific histone H3 (CenH3) and centromeric DNA evolve rapidly. The centromere drive model explains this phenomenon as a consequence of the conflict between fast-evolving DNA and CenH3, suggesting asymmetry in female meiosis as a crucial factor. We characterized evolution of the CenH3 protein in three closely related, polyploid mitotic parthenogenetic species of the *Meloidogyne incognita* group, and in the distantly related meiotic parthenogen *Meloidogyne hapla*. We identified duplication of the CenH3 gene in a putative sexual ancestral *Meloidogyne*. We found that one CenH3 ( $\alpha$ CenH3) remained conserved in all extant species, including in distant *Meloidogyne hapla*, whereas the other evolved rapidly and under positive selection into four different CenH3 variants. This pattern of CenH3 evolution in *Meloidogyne* species suggests the subspecialization of CenH3s in ancestral sexual species. Immunofluorescence performed on mitotic *Meloidogyne incognita* revealed a dominant role of  $\alpha$ CenH3 on its centromere, whereas the other CenH3s have lost their function in mitosis. The observed  $\alpha$ CenH3 chromosome distribution disclosed cluster-like centromeric organization. The ChIP-Seq analysis revealed that in *M. incognita*  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated DNA dominantly comprises tandem repeats, composed of divergent monomers which share a completely conserved 19-bp long box. Conserved  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated DNA is also confirmed in the related mitotic *Meloidogyne incognita* group species suggesting preservation of both centromere protein and DNA constituents. We hypothesize that the absence of centromere drive in mitosis might allow for CenH3 and its associated DNA to achieve an equilibrium in which they can persist for long periods of time.

## Introduction

Centromeres are specific chromosomal regions that recruit components of the kinetochore complex to enable accurate chromosome segregation during mitosis and meiosis. High-fidelity segregation is vital for all eukaryotic organisms and centromeric defects lead to chromosome breakage and aneuploidy. Regarding centromere architecture, the majority of animal and plant species have monocentric chromosomes characterized by primary constriction with a single regional centromere. In contrast, holocentric or polycentric chromosomes, with the centromere function distributed at multiple sites along the chromosome length, were observed in some nematode, insect, and plant species (Dernburg 2001; Guerra et al. 2010; Melters et al. 2012). In total, approximately 800 species have been reported to possess holocentromeres (Cuacos et al. 2015).

In general, centromere identity is defined by epigenetic determinants. An epigenetic mark of almost all functional centromeres is the specialized histone H3 variant, CenH3, which replaces the canonical H3 in centromeric nucleosomes (Allshire and Karpen 2008). CenH3 is associated with the centromeric DNA (cenDNA) and its incorporation into centromeric nucleosomes is considered a prerequisite for the proper assembly and function of the kinetochore (Blower and Karpen 2001; Talbert et al. 2002; Steiner and Henikoff 2015). Despite the conserved role of CenH3 in maintaining centromere integrity, CenH3 demonstrates accelerated evolution which is especially pronounced at its N-terminal tail and loop 1 of the histone-fold domain (HFD) (Malik and Henikoff 2001; Talbert et al. 2004). In most diploid genomes CenH3 is encoded by a single gene, whereas multiple copies of CenH3 have been common in polyploid plants. Multiple copies usually show a different expression pattern and the efficiency of their incorporation at centromeres can vary among different tissues (Yuan et al. 2015). In addition, recent studies revealed duplication events of CenH3 genes in some diploid plants and in *Drosophila* species (Sanei et al. 2011; Kursel and Malik 2017). These genes encode for functional CenH3 paralogous that colocalize at centromere during cell division.

Centromere regions of monocentric chromosomes are often enriched in repetitive DNA families, mainly megabase-sized satellite DNAs (satDNAs). Centromeric repeats

usually evolve rapidly, and significantly differ between closely related species (Plohl et al. 2014). Although many organisms possess a single satDNA which dominates in all centromeres (Hartley and O'Neill 2019), recent studies disclosed multiple satDNAs in centromeres, as it has been shown in the plant *Pisum* and related Fabaceae species (Neumann et al. 2012; Ávila Robledillo et al. 2020). Extensive phylogenetic study of cenDNA candidates from 282 animal and plant species revealed astonishing diversity in their sequences which is difficult to associate with their conserved function (Melters et al. 2013). In the context of cenDNA role, evidences from studies of neocentromeres and dicentric chromosomes indicate that cenDNAs are neither necessary nor sufficient for centromere assembly (reviewed in Barra and Fachinetti 2018). On the other hand, studies on human alpha-satDNA show that, in contrast to other sequences, alpha-satDNA has property to facilitate assembly of CENPA (human CenH3) (Dumont and Fachinetti 2017). It has also been shown that existence of alpha-satDNA is necessary for de novo formation of human artificial chromosomes (HACs) (reviewed in McNulty and Sullivan 2018). In support, during the process of maturation, evolutionarily new centromeres rapidly accumulate satDNAs, and their recruitment increases segregation fidelity through binding with specific kinetochore proteins (Piras et al. 2010; Yang et al. 2018). In contrast to studies in monocentric species, the characterization of cenDNA in holocentric organisms is rare. For example, in the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*, the most studied holocentric species, centromere-specific sequences were not identified (Gassmann et al. 2012; Steiner and Henikoff 2014). Similarly, none of the identified high-copy repeats characterized in the holocentric plant *Luzula* showed colocalization with the centromere (Heckmann et al. 2013). On the other hand, a detailed CenH3-ChIP analysis in the holocentric plant *Rhynchospora* confirmed one satDNA as the underlying centromere sequence (Marques et al. 2015). However, the dilemma between exclusively epigenetic centromere definition and the role of cenDNAs in mediating centromere identity and function still remains unresolved (Talbert and Henikoff 2020).

The centromere drive model explains diversity of eukaryotic centromeres as a consequence of the conflict between rapidly evolving centromeric repeats and CenH3, suggesting asymmetry in female meiosis as the main factor responsible for rapid evolution of cenDNA and concomitant adaptive evolution of CenH3 (Malik 2009). Multiple reports in various animal and plant species with asymmetric meiosis have

suggested that CenH3 evolves under positive selection to suppress the deleterious effect of rapid changes in cenDNA (Henikoff et al. 2001; Malik and Henikoff 2001; Cooper and Henikoff 2004; Malik and Bayes 2006; Hirsch et al. 2009; Talbert et al. 2009; Schueler et al. 2010; Zedek and Bureš 2012). It was also shown that centromeres with expanded cenDNA and higher amount of CenH3 (“stronger centromeres”) are more likely to segregate to the egg and thus be transmitted to offspring (Chmátal et al. 2014; Iwata-Otsubo et al. 2017). In support to this hypothesis, species with symmetric meiosis display a lower frequency of adaptive evolution of CenH3 compared with those with asymmetric meiosis (Zedek and Bureš 2016a). However, information about the possible role of centromere drive in species with holocentric chromosomes is scarce and controversial. The absence of positive selection on CenH3 in holocentric *Luzula* species suggests that holocentric chromosomes may suppress centromere drive (Zedek and Bureš 2016b). On the other hand, HCP-3 (CenH3) from *C. elegans* is rapidly evolving, even though HCP-3 was not required for oocyte meiotic divisions in this holocentric nematode (Monen et al. 2005).

In this work, we address the evolution and organization of centromere components, CenH3 and cenDNA, using the plant-parasitic nematode *Meloidogyne incognita* and its congeners as a model system. Among them, *M. incognita*, *M. javanica*, and *M. arenaria* (*M. incognita* group—MIG), are closely related species which have been determined as obligatory mitotic parthenogens which do not undergo meiosis and reproduce asexually (Castagnone-Sereno and Danchin 2014). On the contrary, the phylogenetically distant species *M. hapla*, reproduces by both meiotic parthenogenesis and cross fertilization (Castagnone-Sereno et al. 2013). In recent years, whole-genome sequencing of MIG species and *M. hapla*, enabled comparative genome analyses which revealed substantial differences in their genome structure (Abad et al. 2008; Opperman et al. 2008; Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017). Genome studies indicated that MIG species are polyploids with whole-genome duplications, whereas *M. hapla* is a diploid species with a small and compact genome. Interspecific hybridization has been highlighted as a critical force in the processes of polyploidization in MIG species (Lunt 2008; Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017). Regarding the organization of the centromere, the absence of primary constriction and holocentric-like mitosis observed by classical cytological approach proclaimed *Meloidogyne* to be holocentric species

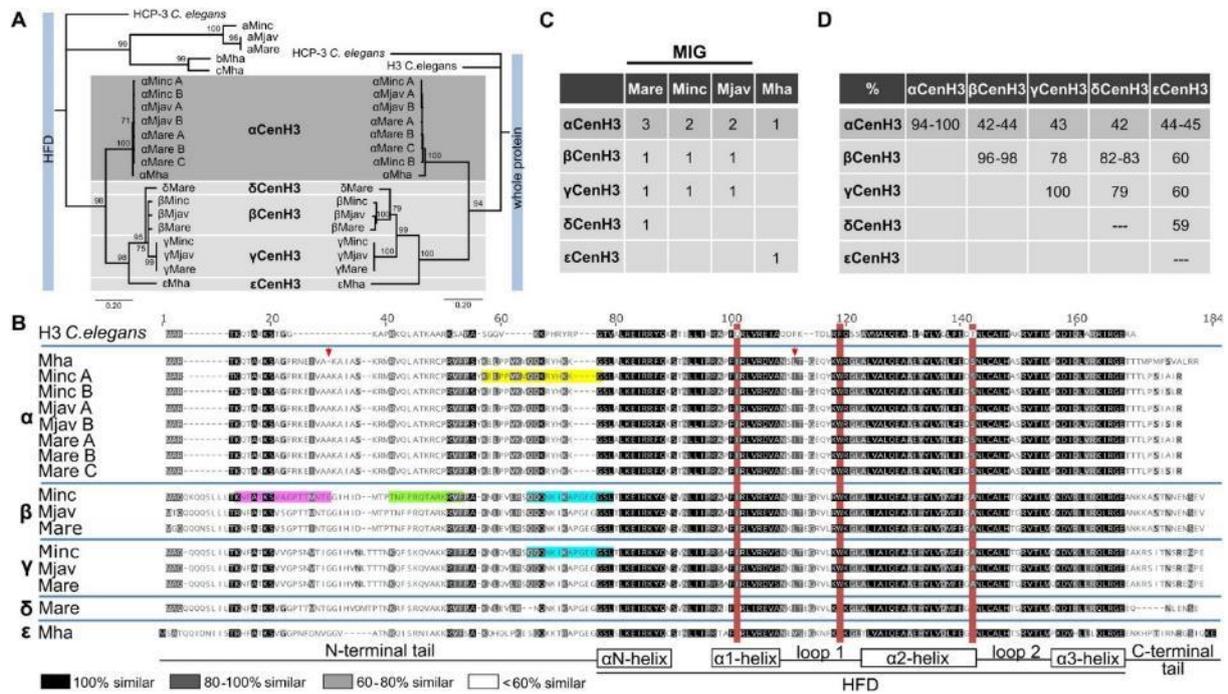
(Triantaphyllou 1981). This classification is also supported by karyotype variability between *M. incognita* populations, fluctuating from 40 to 46 chromosomes (Triantaphyllou 1981). In general, the studies of centromere have been performed mostly in diploid sexual species with monocentric centromere organization. Therefore, *Meloidogyne* species offer the unique platform to explore the evolutionary dynamics of CenH3 and cenDNA components in exclusively asexual animal species which also possess holocentromere, the poorly investigated centromere organization. In addition, the fact that the CenH3 evolutionary trends in polyploidization have been explored very limitedly in animal species makes *Meloidogyne* a valuable model to address those studies.

In the present work, we characterized CenH3 proteins in the selected parthenogenetic *Meloidogyne* species and analyzed their evolution considering the complex species history. Our results suggested the duplication of a CenH3 gene in a common sexual ancestor of both mitotic and meiotic *Meloidogyne* species. We found that one CenH3 gene is preserved as nearly identical in all analyzed species, including in the distantly related *M. hapla*, whereas the other evolved rapidly and formed four different CenH3 variants. We further investigated the centromere DNA composition in *M. incognita* using chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) and immunofluorescence (IF) techniques and unveiled the unique characteristics of the holocentromeres in an exclusively mitotic species.

## Results

### ***Meloidogyne* Species Have Multiple and Divergent CenH3 Genes/Proteins**

To identify CenH3 candidates in selected *Meloidogyne* species (three obligatory mitotic species; *M. incognita*, *M. arenaria*, and *M. javanica* [MIG] and facultative meiotic *M. hapla*) *C. elegans* CenH3 (HCP-3) was used as query for BLAST analysis against a protein database for each species. After elimination of truncated protein sequences (see Materials and Methods), the 21 CenH3 protein candidates with specific CenH3 features (Vermaak et al. 2002) were detected (supplementary fig. 1). The sources of all CenH3 protein candidates together with abbreviated names are listed in supplementary table 1. Given that N-terminal tails among CenH3 proteins were hypervariable (supplementary fig. 1) an alignment of the more conserved histone-fold domains (HFD) was selected to estimate mutual sequence identities (supplementary table 2) and phylogenetic relationships (fig. 1A, left). Phylogenetic tree showed the branch topology with two distant well-supported clades. Interestingly, although both groups show CenH3-specific features tree branching support their polyphyletic origin (fig. 1A, left). Among the CenH3 candidates, abcCenH3 group of sequences shows low HFD sequence identity to H3 (33–42%), whereas  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3 group shares considerably higher sequence identity to H3 histone (from 50% to 63%) (supplementary table 2). The abcCenH3 group includes highly divergent CenH3 candidates divided in two subgroups (aCenH3s and bcCenH3s) which show the low mutual sequence identity in HFD (34–37%) (supplementary table 2). One subgroup consists of three similar sequences (aCenH3; identity 85–100%) which belong to closely related MIG species whereas the other clade includes two rather divergent CenH3 candidates (bCenH3 and cCenH3, showing mutual HFD identity of 79%) from more distant *M. hapla*.

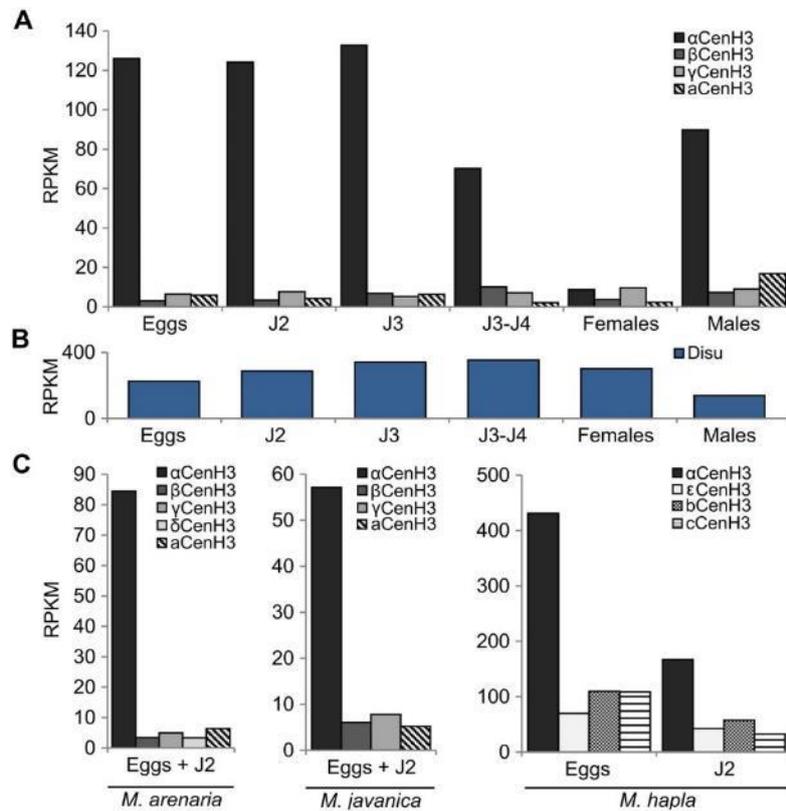


**Fig. 1.** Identification of CenH3 proteins in *Meloidogyne* species (Minc, *M. incognita*; Mare, *M. arenaria*; Mjav, *M. javanica*; and Mha, *M. hapla*). (A) Phylogenetic analyses using NJ with a protein alignment of the (HFD) (left) and full length of CenH3 sequences (right) of all detected *Meloidogyne* CenH3s. Bootstrap values above 50 are displayed. CenH3 sequences are separated in the subgroups (a, b, c,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\epsilon$ ). (B) Amino acid alignment of CenH3 proteins separated into  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\epsilon$  subgroups. The red boxes indicate diagnostic amino acid changes in comparison to H3 from *Caenorhabditis elegans*. Secondary structure of histone-fold domain (HFD) is depicted below the alignment. The arrows indicate amino acid changes in  $\alpha$ CenH3 from *M. hapla* in comparison to other  $\alpha$ CenH3s. Highlighted are peptide sequence regions which were used as antigens to produce antibodies to  $\alpha$ CenH3 (yellow),  $\beta$ CenH3-1 (green),  $\beta$ CenH3-2 (magenta), and  $\beta\gamma$ CenH3 (cyan). (C) Copy number of CenH3 genes in *Meloidogyne* genomes. (D) Sequence identity matrix of CenH3 protein sequences.

In contrast,  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$  CenH3 group represents a far more homogeneous CenH3 sequences with mutual HFD identity from 65% to 100%. As expected for CenH3 proteins, most of the sequence divergence was concentrated in the N-terminal tail (fig. 1B). The phylogenetic trees based on a multiple alignment of HFD domains exclusively (fig. 1A, left) and on alignment of complete  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\epsilon$ CenH3 protein sequences (fig. 1A, right) showed the same branching topology with two monophyletic subclades. The  $\alpha$  subclade consists of eight  $\alpha$ CenH3 proteins. The multiple  $\alpha$ CenH3s were detected in MIG species: two in *M. incognita* and in *M. javanica*, and three in *M. arenaria* (fig. 1C). On the other hand, only one  $\alpha$ CenH3 was detected in *M. hapla*. All members of  $\alpha$ CenH3 subclade are almost completely conserved within MIG species with only one change in the C-terminal tail (fig. 1B). Interestingly, in distant *M. hapla*,

except at the very end of C-terminal tail which is substantial different, only two AA changes were found in comparison to MIG species. These changes include deletion of one AA within the N-tail and one AA change within Loop 1 in HFD region (fig. 1B). The other subclade comprises  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$ CenH3s detected in MIG species. The  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ CenH3s were found in *M. incognita* and in *M. javanica*, whereas  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$ CenH3s were found in *M. arenaria*. The  $\epsilon$ CenH3 was exclusively found in distant *M. hapla* (fig. 1C). Detected intragroup identity ranges from 96% to 98% for  $\beta$ CenH3s to 100% for  $\gamma$ CenH3s (fig. 1D and supplementary table 3). Concerning intergroup identity,  $\alpha$ CenH3s share ~43% identity with  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3 sequence group, whereas identities between the members of  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$  CenH3 group were considerably higher, ranging from 59% for  $\delta$ CenH3 and  $\epsilon$ CenH3 to ~83% for  $\beta$ CenH3 and  $\delta$ CenH3 (fig. 1D and supplementary table 3).

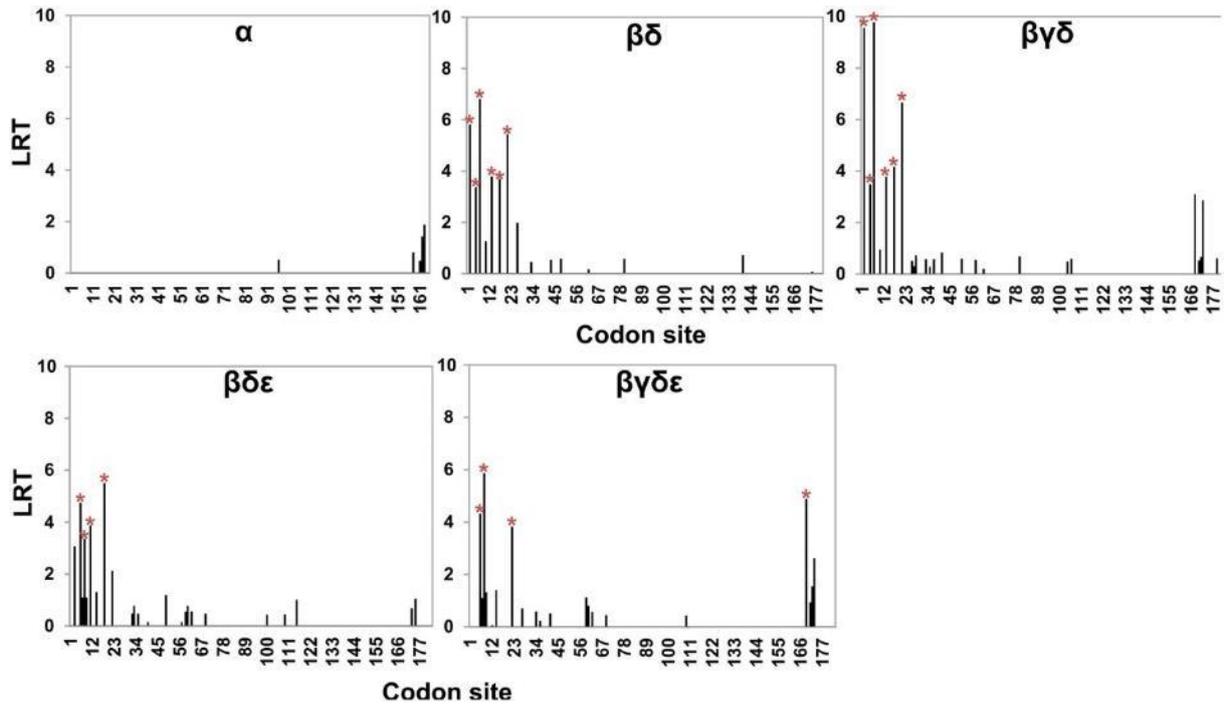
To test expression profile of all CenH3 candidates, publicly available raw Illumina transcriptome data from five clearly defined developmental stages including egg, juvenile J2, J3, J4, and female/male in *M. incognita*. Results showed that all copies of the CenH3 genes are actively transcribed (fig. 2A). However, through the development of *M. incognita* expression of  $\alpha$ CenH3 was 20- to 50-fold higher in contrast to other CenH3 genes whose transcription proved to be extremely low. The exception was female stage where transcription of  $\alpha$ CenH3 is decreased to the level of other CenH3. To test the quality of analyzed *M. incognita* transcriptomes expression of the reference gene disulfide-isomerase (Disu) (Hu and DiGennaro 2019) was performed. The results showed a comparable amount of Disu transcripts in all *M. incognita* developmental stages (fig. 2B) proving the reliability of the used RNA-seq data sets. In the closely related *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica* analyses on available mixed eggs and J2 stages also revealed significantly higher expression of  $\alpha$ CenH3 and very low level of transcription of other CenH3 genes. A similar phenomenon was observed in diploid meiotic *M. hapla* where  $\alpha$ CenH3 transcripts prevailed in analyzed samples (eggs and J2) in comparison to other CenH3s. In conclusion, expression profile of different CenH3 genes in all developmental stages as well as in different *Meloidogyne* species shows similar pattern characterized by dominant expression of  $\alpha$ CenH3. It should be noted that RNA-seq from reproductive stages (females and males) were not available for *M. arenaria*, *M. javanica*, and *M. hapla*.



**Fig. 2.** Expression profile of CenH3 genes in different species and developmental stages. (A) CenH3 expression through life cycle of *Meloidogyne incognita*. (B) Expression of Disu reference gene in *M. incognita*. (C) Expression of CenH3 in three closely related species; *M. arenaria*, *M. javanica*, and *M. hapla*. The relative expressions of CenH3 genes in different samples of RNA-seq data were analyzed using Bowtie2 v.2.3.0 mapper (Langmead and Salzberg 2012). Hits were normalized with RPKM (reads per kilobase of transcript per million mapped reads) method. Expression profile was shown as logarithmic transformation of RPKM values. The developmental stages include eggs, different juvenile stages (J2, J3, J4), females, and males. The RNA-seq data with accession numbers are listed in Materials and Methods section.

## Different Evolutionary Dynamics of $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3 Group of Genes

Dominant expression and conservation of  $\alpha$ CenH3 gene in all analyzed species, including *M. hapla* provoked us to focus the study on  $\alpha$ CenH3 and its closely related CenH3s grouped in the monophyletic  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$  CenH3 clade. To evaluate how different CenH3 genes evolve, we examined the overall  $\omega$  value for different gene comparisons (supplementary fig. 2) using the substitution model implemented in MEGA version X (Kumar et al. 2018). First, intragroup comparisons were done on the full-length sequence alignment among  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  CenH3 variants originating from different species. All intragroup analyses revealed extremely purifying selective pressure where  $\omega$  ratio varied from 0 to 0.5 (supplementary table 4). Intergroup analyses of CenH3 genes were carried out on HFD and N-termini alignments separately. The results indicated purifying selective pressure on HFD domain in all pair-wise comparisons with  $\omega$  values ranging from 0.01 to 0.1 (supplementary table 4). In N-termini intergroup analyses,  $\alpha$ CenH3 was excluded due to its high divergence to  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\epsilon$ CenH3s, which resulted in incorrect alignments. N-termini selection analyses in  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\epsilon$ CenH3 comparisons showed that  $\omega$  value was higher in comparison with HFD analyses but still  $<1$ , which appears to be a signature of stabilizing selection (supplementary table 4). Given that positive selection could act only on a few codons, to identify potential sites under positive selection, we carried out MEME model of codon substitution that allows  $\omega$  value to vary across both codons and branches. The results are shown in figure 3 and supplementary table 5. These analyses detected the same pattern of codon evolution in all gene comparisons among  $\beta, \gamma, \delta$ , and  $\epsilon$ CenH3 group ( $\beta\delta$ ,  $\beta\gamma\delta$ ,  $\beta\gamma\epsilon$ , and  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ ) identifying few statistically significant positively selected sites in the first part of N-terminal tail (fig. 3). No codon under positive selection was found in comparison of  $\alpha$ CenH3s from MIG species and distant *M. hapla*. Our results therefore confirm that  $\alpha$ CenH3 sequences have evolved under purifying selection, whereas  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3 sequences have undergone positive selection in the part of N-terminal domain.



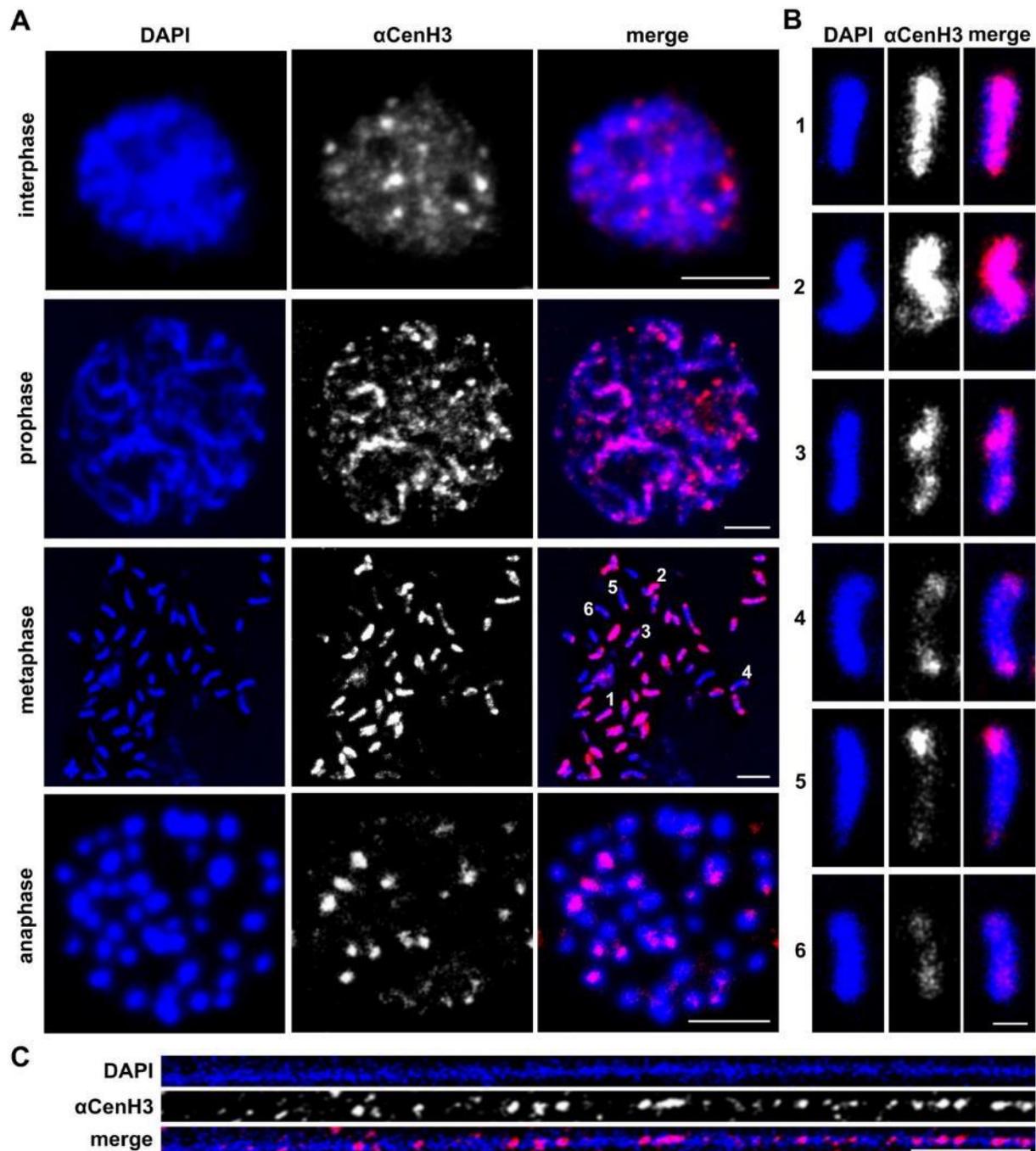
**Fig. 3.** Codon-specific tests for positive selection of CenH3 genes. Tests were inferred by mixed effects model of evolution (MEME) using the likelihood ratio test (LRT). LRT values with P values <0.1 were considered as codons under positive selection (red stars) (source data are supplied in the supplementary table 5). Multiple alignments of CenH3 genes used for analyses are shown in supplementary figure 2.

### Distribution of $\alpha$ CenH3 Centromeres in *M. incognita*

Chromosomal localization of CenH3 proteins were assayed in female gonads of *M. incognita* using polyclonal antibodies against peptide corresponding to the N-terminus of CenH3s (fig. 1B). First analyses were done with  $\alpha$ CenH3 because it is dominantly expressed compared with the rest of CenH3s. Western blot with rabbit-raised anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 demonstrated that the antibody recognizes proteins of the predicted molecular weight of 18 kDa in protein isolate of eggs, J2 stage and also in females (supplementary fig. 3A). Although low transcription of  $\alpha$ CenH3 gene has been shown in females, somewhat lower but comparable amount of  $\alpha$ CenH3 proteins exist in females in comparison to J2 and eggs (supplementary fig. 3A). This unusual phenomenon of low transcription in females could be explained by stability of  $\alpha$ CenH3 protein in the process of transition from J4 stage (high  $\alpha$ CenH3 transcription) to females (low  $\alpha$ CenH3 transcription). In support to this, recent data on *Mus musculus*

oocytes showed that centromere function of oocyte does not depend on the loading of newly transcribed CenH3 implying the stability of CenH3 protein (Smoak et al. 2016).

Given that *M. incognita* is a mitotic parthenogenetic species, cytosmear preparations from reproductive female tissue (ovaries and uterus) represent exclusively mitotic divisions. Chromosomal distribution of  $\alpha$ CenH3 through different mitotic phases evaluated by anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 immunofluorescence (IF) is presented in figure 4A. In interphase nuclei, many  $\alpha$ CenH3 signals differing in intensities were found. With the progression of the mitotic cycle when the chromosomes' contours became visible,  $\alpha$ CenH3 clusters that differ in intensity and representation become more apparent (fig. 4A, prophase). In addition to high number, *M. incognita* chromosomes are characterized by remarkable diminutives. *Meloidogyne incognita* population analyzed in this work has 46 chromosomes ranging in size from 0.4 to 1.5  $\mu$ m in metaphase, whereas, for comparison *C. elegans* possess only five pairs of significantly bigger chromosomes ( $\sim$ 5  $\mu$ m in length in metaphase). Immunofluorescence on *M. incognita* metaphase chromosomes revealed unexpected patterns of  $\alpha$ CenH3 distribution according to which the chromosomes can be classified roughly into six types according to  $\alpha$ CenH3 distribution (fig. 4A metaphase and fig. 4B). The chromosomes with strong  $\alpha$ CenH3 signal which seems to occupy the entire chromosome length in the condensed metaphase (fig. 4B, chromosome type 1) are predominant ( $\sim$ 20 out of 46). The other group includes the chromosomes with uneven distribution of  $\alpha$ CenH3 signal characterized by combining discrete and abundant  $\alpha$ CenH3 regions in different chromosome areas (fig. 4B, chromosome types 2–5). Abundant  $\alpha$ CenH3 regions may occupy even more than half of the chromosome length (4B, chromosome type 2) or appear as bicentric (fig. 4B, chromosome types 3 and 4) and telocentric clusters (fig. 4B, chromosome type 5). Finally, a few chromosomes show discrete  $\alpha$ CenH3 clusters dispersed along the entire chromosome (fig. 4A and B, chromosome type 6). To examine the  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromeric chromatin at higher resolution, immunostaining experiments were performed on chromatin fibers. The results show organizational pattern in which interspersed  $\alpha$ CenH3 domains are interrupted by  $\alpha$ CenH3-free subdomains (fig. 4C).



**Fig. 4.** The organization of  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromeres in *Meloidogyne incognita*. Slides were prepared from isolated reproductive tissue of females (ovaries and uterus). (A) Immunofluorescence of  $\alpha$ CenH3-containing domains (red) during the mitosis cycle in *M. incognita* using anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 antibodies raised in rabbit 2 (supplementary fig. 3A). Scale bar = 5  $\mu$ m. (B) Distribution pattern of  $\alpha$ CenH3-containing domains along metaphase chromosomes in six different chromosome types. Selected chromosome types were indicated in metaphase spread with numbers. Scale bar = 1  $\mu$ m. (C) Immunofluorescence of  $\alpha$ CenH3-containing domains (red) on chromatin fiber. Scale bar = 5  $\mu$ m. All chromosomes and fibers were counterstained with DAPI (blue). Images were acquired with confocal microscopy and shown as z-stack projection.

To disclose chromosomal deposition of  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ CenH3s in *M. incognita*, polyclonal antibodies against two epitopes specific for  $\beta$ CenH3 ( $\beta$ CenH3-1 and  $\beta$ CenH3-2) as well as the epitope shared by  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ CenH3 ( $\beta\gamma$ CenH3 epitope) (fig. 1B) were generated in parallel in rabbits and guinea pigs. The peptides selected for immunization encompassed even 55% of  $\beta$ CenH3 N-terminal sequence (41AA of 75AA) and represented all potential N-tail  $\beta$ CenH3-specific epitopes (fig. 1B). Western-blot analysis using anti- $\beta$ CenH3-1 and anti- $\beta$ CenH3-2 as well as anti- $\beta\gamma$ CenH3 did not detect any specific band of the expected molecular weight of 18 kDa (supplementary fig. 3A). Although, Western-blot results were in accordance with very low transcription of  $\beta$ CenH3 and  $\gamma$ CenH3 genes in RNA-seq data (fig. 2) it remained doubtful whether antibodies recognized the epitopes and consequently  $\beta$ CenH3 and  $\gamma$ CenH3 proteins. Peptide dot blot validation revealed that anti- $\beta$ CenH3-1, anti- $\beta$ CenH3-2, and anti- $\beta\gamma$ CenH3 generated in rabbits were sensitive for a peptide of interest without cross-reactivity with nonspecific peptides, including peptide specific for  $\alpha$ CenH3. Among antibodies raised in guinea pig only anti- $\beta$ CenH3-2 recognized specific peptide (supplementary fig. 3B).

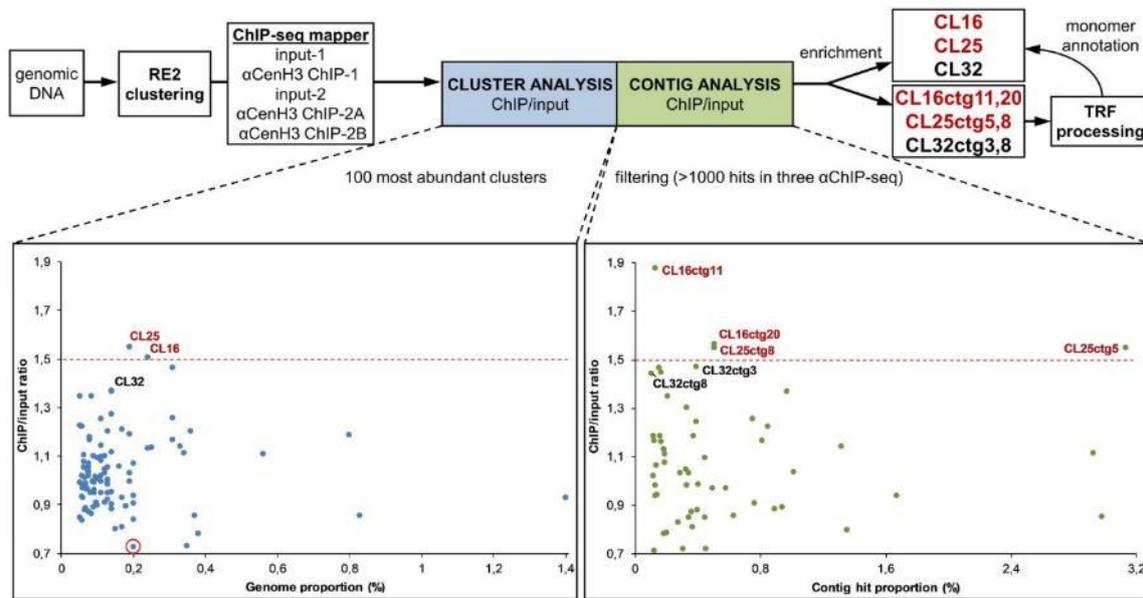
Taking into account that  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ CenH3s could be present at a level below the detection limit of Western-blot analyses, we performed IF experiments in an additional attempt to verify if these CenH3s still participate in female centromeres. The double IF combining anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 (produced in rabbit) and anti- $\beta$ CenH3-2 (produced in guinea pig) as well as immunostaining with anti- $\beta$ CenH3-1/-2 or anti- $\beta\gamma$ CenH3 antibodies raised in rabbits were performed. Although approximately 100 cytological specimens were analyzed, neither of these experiments could confirm the presence of  $\beta$ CenH3 and/or  $\gamma$ CenH3 on *M. incognita* chromosomes (data not shown). Although, the participation of  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ CenH3 in *M. incognita* centromere cannot be completely ruled out due to limited methodological approaches in nonmodel organism their low transcription in all developmental stages together with efficient validation of antibodies by indirect assay of peptide dot blot, suggest that unsuccessfully detection of  $\beta$ CenH3 and  $\gamma$ CenH3 by Western blot and IF most likely reflects the absence of  $\beta$ CenH3 and  $\gamma$ CenH3 protein synthesis and consequently their lack in *M. incognita* centromere. Thus, it is the most probable that  $\alpha$ CenH3 is, if not exclusively, then certainly predominantly incorporated into *M. incognita* centromeres.

In addition, to check if microtubules attach to the  $\alpha$ CenH3 units, coimmunostaining with antibodies against  $\alpha$ -tubulin and anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 was analyzed. The specificity of anti- $\alpha$ -tubulin was confirmed by Western blot on protein crude extract from *M. incognita* eggs (supplementary fig. 4A). Considering that the most of the oocytes present in the ovaries and uteri of *M. incognita* females appear to be in prophase/prometaphase (Triantaphyllou 1981), we were able to visualize  $\alpha$ -tubulin and  $\alpha$ CenH3 on chromosomes only in prometaphase (supplementary fig. 4B). Although, the results showed that the  $\alpha$ CenH3 clusters mainly colocalized with the  $\alpha$ -tubulin these images could not offer high-resolution view on the microtubule attachment at sites where  $\alpha$ CenH3 was not detected nor detailed examination of  $\alpha$ -tubulin distribution in comparison to  $\alpha$ CenH3 along the chromosome length.

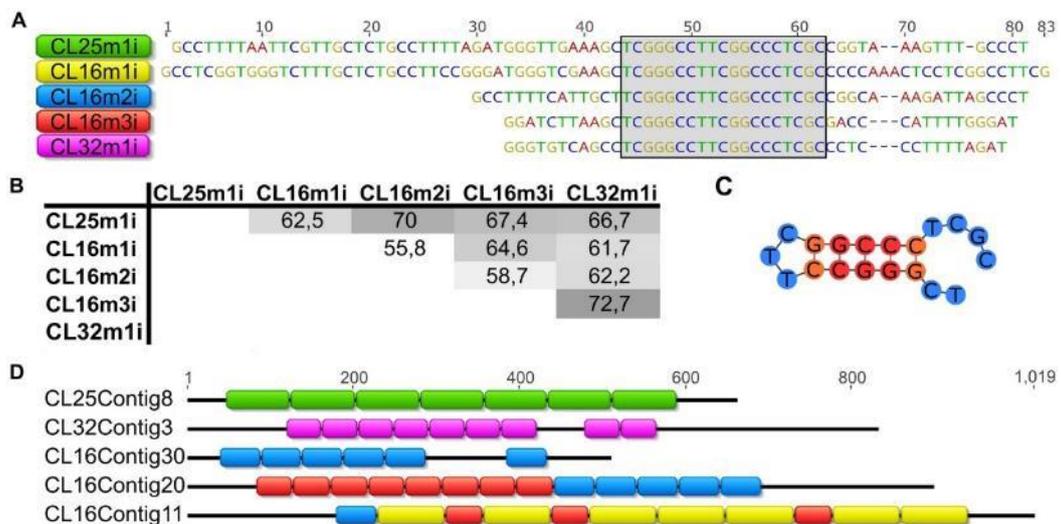
### **Composition of $\alpha$ CenH3-Associated DNA in *M. incognita***

To map DNA sequences in  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere of *M. incognita*, native ChIP followed by next-generation sequencing (ChIP-seq) was performed. Three ChIPped DNA (supplementary fig. 5A) and input DNA libraries were generated and sequenced. To evaluate the enrichment of  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated DNA in ChIP samples, ChIPped DNA (supplementary fig. 5B) was labeled and combined IF/fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) with anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 and labeled ChIPped DNA probe was conducted. The results showed highly abundant overlapping signals of ChIPped DNA and  $\alpha$ CenH3 clusters thus confirming the specificity of ChIP experiments (supplementary fig. 5C). These strong FISH signals could likely have derived from repetitive DNA associated with  $\alpha$ CenH3, because repeats enriched in ChIP DNA would result in strong hybridization. Mapping of ChIP reads on the reference genome using BWA (Li and Durbin 2009) produced high and unreliable peaks at very end of scaffolds or around placeholders (N stretches) which probable represent loci with repetitive sequences are only partially included in the genome assembly. The fact that *M. incognita* genome is assembled into 12,091 scaffolds indicates high genome fragmentation and speak in favor of poor representation of repetitive regions in the assembled genome (Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017). Following the above observations, we decided to focus our ChIP analysis on the repetitive genome fraction.

Therefore, an alternative approach of graph-based repeat clustering (Novák et al. 2013), which is independent of the assembled reference genome, was used for estimating read enrichment associated with repeat sequence types (fig. 5). The results of ChIP/input ratio for each ChIPped DNA together with values of SD are presented in supplementary table 6. The ChIP/input ratio  $>1.5$  was chosen as a threshold for considering the clusters enriched in the ChIP samples (fig. 5). Detailed analyses of enriched clusters, CL25 and CL16, revealed that they represent complex groups composed of different contigs, which made impossible to define the cluster consensus sequence. For that reason, more in-depth but complementary analyses of ChIP/input ratio on individual contig sequences (at least 0.002% genome abundance) were performed. The results disclosed that two contigs (ctg11 and ctg20) from the enriched cluster CL16 and two contigs (ctg8 and ctg5) from the enriched cluster CL25 show enrichment  $>1.5$  suggesting that these sequences were most likely the  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated DNAs (fig. 5 and supplementary table 6). The analyses of enriched contigs by Tandem Repeat Finder (TRF) pipeline revealed that CL25ctg8 and CL25ctg5 represent arrays of tandem repeated 70-bp-long monomers (CL25m1i) (supplementary fig. 6A). In addition, the same analysis of CL16ctg11 and CL16ctg20 showed that these contigs are composed of three different tandem repeats (TRs) with monomer units of 83, 55, and 45 bp (CL16m1i, CL16m2i, and CL16m3i, respectively) (supplementary fig. 6B). Aligned consensus sequences of monomers extracted from the enriched contigs (CL25m1i, CL16m1i, CL16m2i, and CL16m3i) are presented in figure 6A. Moreover, annotation analyses of all contigs from the cluster CL25 revealed that CL25 mostly comprised TR arrays with CL25m1i monomer (supplementary fig. 6A). In addition, mapping of CL16-specific contigs with CL16m1i-m3i monomers showed that only 1/3 of contigs represent monomeric (monomers belonging to the same family) or mosaic TR arrays composed of monomers from different families (fig. 6D and supplementary fig. 6B). The reason that only two contigs from each cluster (CL25 and CL16) proved to be enriched in contig analysis lies in the fact that these sequences are the longest TR arrays composed of  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers in enriched clusters. Interestingly, despite different monomer length (45–83 bp) and relatively low-sequence similarity (55.8–72.7%, fig. 6B),  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers show a completely conserved 19-bp sequence box (TCGGGCCTTCGGCCCTCGC, fig. 6C).



**Fig. 5.** Identification of  $\alpha$ CenH3 ChIP-enriched sequences. Strategies for identifying the most abundant repeat clusters and contigs associated with  $\alpha$ CenH3 chromatin in *Meloidogyne incognita* (on the top). Relative enrichments of repeat DNA families in the ChIP-seq data are presented for clusters (left graph) and contigs (right graph) analysis. Clusters/contigs are represented by dots. The y axis is the ratio of the ChIP-seq reads to input-seq reads, representing the enrichment of each corresponding cluster/contig from the ChIP-seq data. The x axis is the genome proportion for each cluster (left graph) or hit proportion for each contig (right graph). A cluster rounded in red was used as a negative control in the IF-FISH experiment. Data with ChIP enrichment analyses of clusters and contigs with SDs are presented in supplementary table 6.



**Fig. 6.** Candidates for  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated sequences in *Meloidogyne incognita*. (A) Alignment of consensus monomer sequences extracted from tandem repeated arrays (TRs) enriched in ChIP-seq analyses. The names of the consensus monomers were derived according to the cluster from which they originated. The conserved 19-bp box is indicated within the gray shaded area. (B) The percentage of identity among consensus monomer sequences. (C) Secondary structure of the conserved 19-bp box

sequence. Folding free energy of the 19-bp fragment is  $-5.40$  kcal/mol. (D) The most prominent examples of array organization of  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated sequences (source data are supplied in supplementary fig. 6). The color code of monomer sequences in arrays corresponds to monomer labels at the panel (A).

In order to detect possible additional  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromeric candidates in ChIP data, all other clusters/contigs were searched against the conserved 19-bp box. The results revealed that the cluster CL32 together with the contigs CL32ctg8 and CL32ctg3 have tandem repeat organization of monomers which contain the conserved 19-bp box (fig. 6D and supplementary fig. 6C). In support, the results of ChIP/input ratio for these cluster/contigs showed enrichment slightly below the defined threshold (fig. 5). Extraction of monomers from CL32ctg8 and CL32ctg3 contigs disclosed a new TR family, CL32m1i, which shares sequence similarity of 72.7% with CL16m3i monomer sequence (fig. 6A and B). Annotation of CL32m1i monomer to contigs of CL32 cluster showed that only 14 of 60 contigs contain short TR arrays composed of CL32m1i monomers (supplementary fig. 6C). The other contigs from clusters CL25, CL16, and CL32 which are not involved in  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers, probably represent different TR surrounding regions (supplementary fig. 6). This assertion is supported by the fact that different non- $\alpha$ CenH3-associated contigs assemble the flanking regions of  $\alpha$ CenH3-containing TRs (supplementary fig. 6D). The specific feature of all  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers is relatively high GC content ( $>50\%$ ), especially pronounced in the conserved 19-bp box ( $\sim 80\%$ ), in contrast to 70% AT-richness that characterizes the assembled part of the genome (Abad et al. 2008). In addition, sequence analyses of the conserved 19-bp box revealed two sequence segments repeated in an inverted orientation which has a high potential to form an energetically stable dyad structure (fig. 6C).

## Validation of the ChIP-Identified $\alpha$ CenH3-Associated Sequences in *M. incognita*

The localization of  $\alpha$ CenH3 on the chromosome level showed pattern with highly abundant and discrete  $\alpha$ CenH3 clusters. It can be assumed that TRs associated with  $\alpha$ CenH3-highly abundant cluster are not represented in the reference genome, although the existence of a genome-wide distribution of  $\alpha$ CenH3 discrete clusters implies their presence (at least to some extent) in the genome assembly. Therefore, to further validate our results of ChIP analyzes obtained on reference repeat database, we performed an additional survey on the reference genome. The ChIP background was removed by subtracting input signal from the ChIP data. The reference genome was simultaneously mapped with ChIP sequences and the 19-bp box to assess the enrichment of TRs-containing the 19-bp box in the genome assembly. We identified 1,117 19-bp boxes on the reference genome and as expected from previous ChIP mapping data the most of the detected 19-bp box-containing TRs were located at the ends of the scaffolds thus confirming the underrepresentation of these sequences in the assembly. However, TRs distributed along the scaffolds could be associated with discrete  $\alpha$ CenH3 clusters were also found. Some representative examples provided as genome browser views in supplementary figure 7A, clearly showed that distribution of enrichment correlates with TRs containing the 19-bp box in all three ChIP samples, whereas the 19-bp motif-free regions of the scaffolds did not show enrichment for  $\alpha$ CenH3-ChIPped sequences.

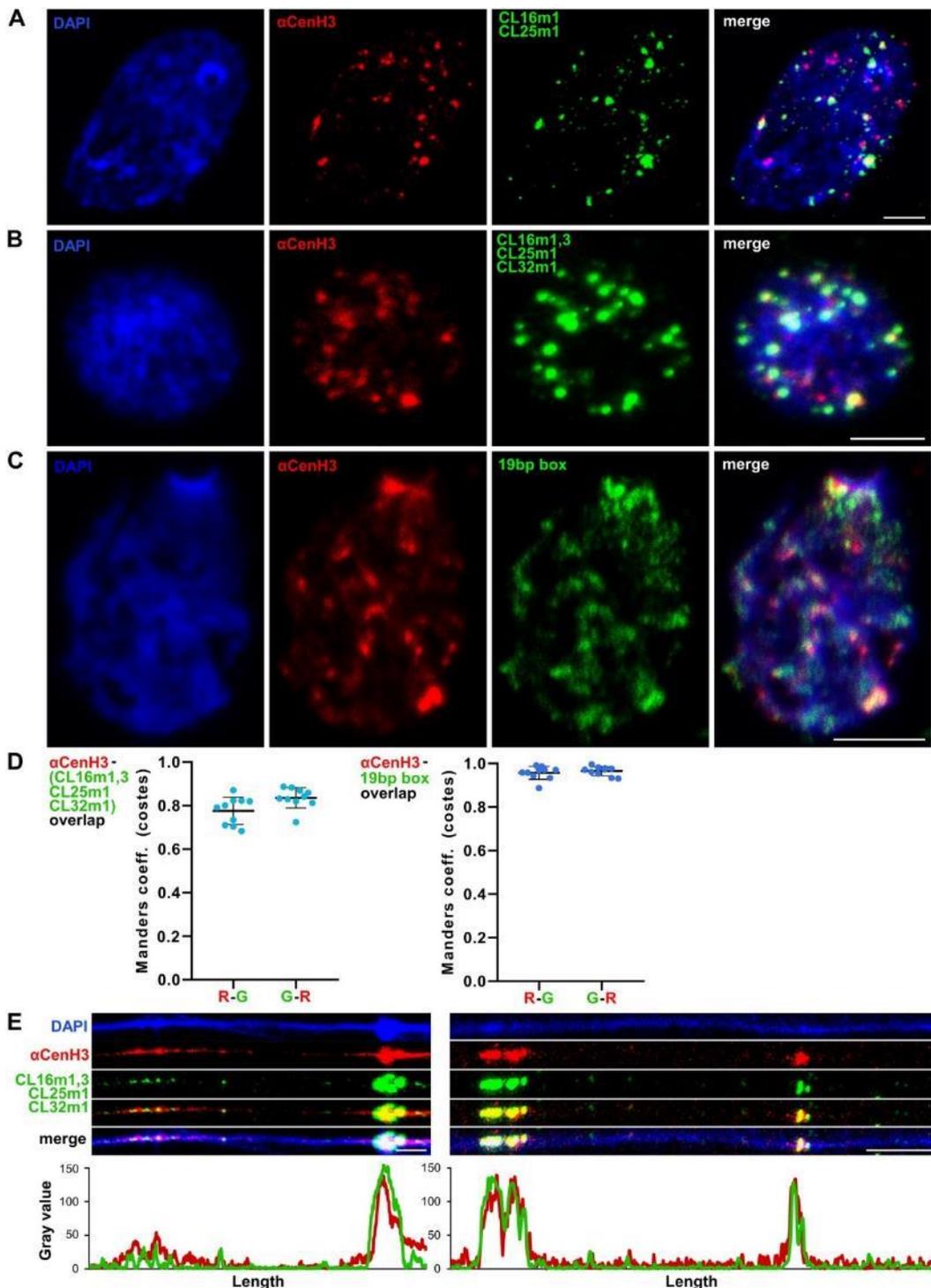
In addition, we mapped WGS, input, and ChIP data with the 19-bp box to compare abundance of  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated TRs among those genome resources and comparing it also to genome assembly (supplementary fig. 7B). WGS and input with  $\sim 0.22\%$  of TRs containing 19-bp box sequences showed about 5 $\times$  higher abundance related to the assembled genome (0.04%). All three ChIP data showed the same ratio of TRs containing the 19-bp box enrichment (1.55 $\times$ ) in comparison to input data. This is in accordance to average enrichment obtained in ChIP analyses on repetitive database conducted by Repeat Explorer (fig. 5). Based on Repeat Explorer analysis, 6.3% of WGS reads were classified as tandem repeats. TRs containing the 19-bp box with 0.22% abundance of WGS thus make only 3.5% of the detected tandem repetitive fraction in *M. incognita* genome. Considering that the several methodological issues in ChIP and Illumina sequencing workflow (e.g. fragility or resistance to DNA

fragmentation, A/T homopolymers, high %GC) may cause underrepresentation of different types of repetitive sequences in WGS and ChIP data, to estimate experimentally the genome abundance of  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated TRs, we performed the dot blot of *M. incognita* genomic DNA with TRs probes (CL25m1, CL16m1i, and CL16m3i/CL32m1i; probe preparation is explained in the section below). Interestingly, the results of dot blots revealed that  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated TRs comprise cumulatively about 2.3% of the genome (supplementary fig. 7C), which is almost 10x higher than was estimated in WGS/input data and more than 50x higher than in the assembled genome (supplementary fig. 7B). Since there is no significant discrepancy in abundance between WGS and inputs data related to  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated TRs it can be assumed that the Illumina sequencing rather than DNA fragmentation step cause underrepresentation of these repetitive sequences in WGS/input data. It is known that high GC content interfere with PCR-based library amplification, causing a depletion of the GC-rich templates (Aird et al. 2011). Regarding to relatively high GC content (53–68%) of  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated TRs, it is most likely that this factor causes a depletion of the corresponding sequences in WGS/input data.

### **Cytological Confirmation of the ChIP-Identified $\alpha$ CenH3-Centromeric Repeats in *M. incognita***

To test the association of ChIP-enriched TRs with functional  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere domains, IF-FISH using  $\alpha$ CenH3-specific antibody and centromere associated monomers as hybridization probes was performed. The labeled DNA probes were generated for CL25m1i, CL16m1i, and CL16m3i (supplementary fig. 8A). Primers specific for CL32m1i were difficult to design due to short sequence and high similarity with CL16m3i. Therefore, FISH was conducted under moderate stringency conditions which allow a single probe to hybridize to both variants, CL32m1i and CL16m3i. Since primers specific for CL16m2i did not produce relevant PCR profile, this probe was excluded from analyses. Given that metaphases are extremely rare in chromosomal preparation of *M. incognita* IF-FISH analyses were presented on interphases. To confirm  $\alpha$ CenH3-specific localization and disclose distribution pattern of putative cenDNA sequences on  $\alpha$ CenH3 domains, we first performed IF-FISH using CL25m1 and CL16m1i as hybridization probes. The results of combined IF-FISH analysis with CL25m1-i and CL16m1i probes showed that approximately half of the  $\alpha$ CenH3

centromeres contain a considerable amount of these TRs (fig. 7A). In addition, IF-FISH with all TRs probes (CL25m1, CL16m1i, and CL16m3i/CL32m1i) showed that these sequences cover the majority of  $\alpha$ CenH3 domains resulting in overlapped regions (yellow fluorescence signals at fig. 7B).



**Fig. 7.** Simultaneous detection of  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere and  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated DNA in *Meloidogyne incognita*. Slides were prepared from isolated reproductive tissue of females (ovaries and uterus). (A)

Combined immunofluorescence with anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 raised in rabbit 2 (red) and FISH with CL16m1i and CL25m1i  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers as probes (green). (B) IF-FISH with anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 (red) and mixed probe for  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers, CL16m1i, CL16m3i, CL25m1i, and CL32m1i (green). The overlapped IF-FISH signals are yellow. (C) IF-PRINS with anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 raised in rabbit 2 (red) and centromeric 19-bp box sequence (green). (D) Quantification of signal colocalization for ten representative images with calculated Manders coefficients (costes thresholding) seen as high overlapping ratios for both channel pairs (R-G represents overlapping ratio of red vs. green signals; G-R is overlapping ratio of green vs. red signals);  $\alpha$ CenH3 with  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers, CL16m1i, CL16m3i, CL25m1i, and CL32m1i (left panel) and  $\alpha$ CenH3 with 19-bp box regions (right panel). Data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD (source data are listed in supplementary table 7). (E) Dual-color fiber-IF/FISH using anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 (red) and  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers CL16m1i, CL16m3i, CL25m1i, and CL32m1i (green) as probes. The plots below the images represent intensities of the IF (red) and FISH (green) signals. DNA was counterstained with DAPI (blue). Images were acquired with confocal microscopy and shown as z-stack projection. Scale bar = 5  $\mu$ m.

To provide a more accurate estimation of  $\alpha$ CenH3/TRs colocalization, the quantification of IF (anti- $\alpha$ CenH3) and FISH signals (all TRs probes) on the original confocal images of ten interphases was performed. Based on the quantification, the IF signals overlapped average 78% of FISH signals, whereas FISH signals coincide with 83% of IF signals (fig. 7D, left and supplementary table 7). We suppose that a minor fraction of  $\alpha$ CenH3-specific domains, which are not overlapped with FISH signals, originate from  $\alpha$ CenH3 domains enriched in monomeric TR type of CL16m2i which was absent from analyses or some other sequence(s)-containing 19-bp box. Thus, in order to confirm our assumption that  $\alpha$ CenH3 associated sequences contain the 19-bp box, combined IF with anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 and primed in situ labeling (PRINS) assay using the 19-bp box as primer sequence was conducted. Although PRINS showed lower brightness of signals in contrast to FISH signals, which is probably due to a different methodology, it can be observed that the incidence of signal overlap is higher in comparison to IF/FISH experiment (fig. 7C vs. fig. 7B). This is especially evident in quantification graph of IF/PRINS overlapping, where the  $\alpha$ CenH3 IF signals match >95% of the 19-bp box PRINS signals (fig. 7D right panel and supplementary table 7). To examine organization of  $\alpha$ CenH3-specific domains and selected TR repeats at higher resolution, sequential detection of  $\alpha$ CenH3 and Cl25m1, Cl16m1i and Cl16m3i/Cl32m1i sequences on stretched chromatin fibers was performed. These results proved that  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated DNA coincides with  $\alpha$ CenH3 domains,

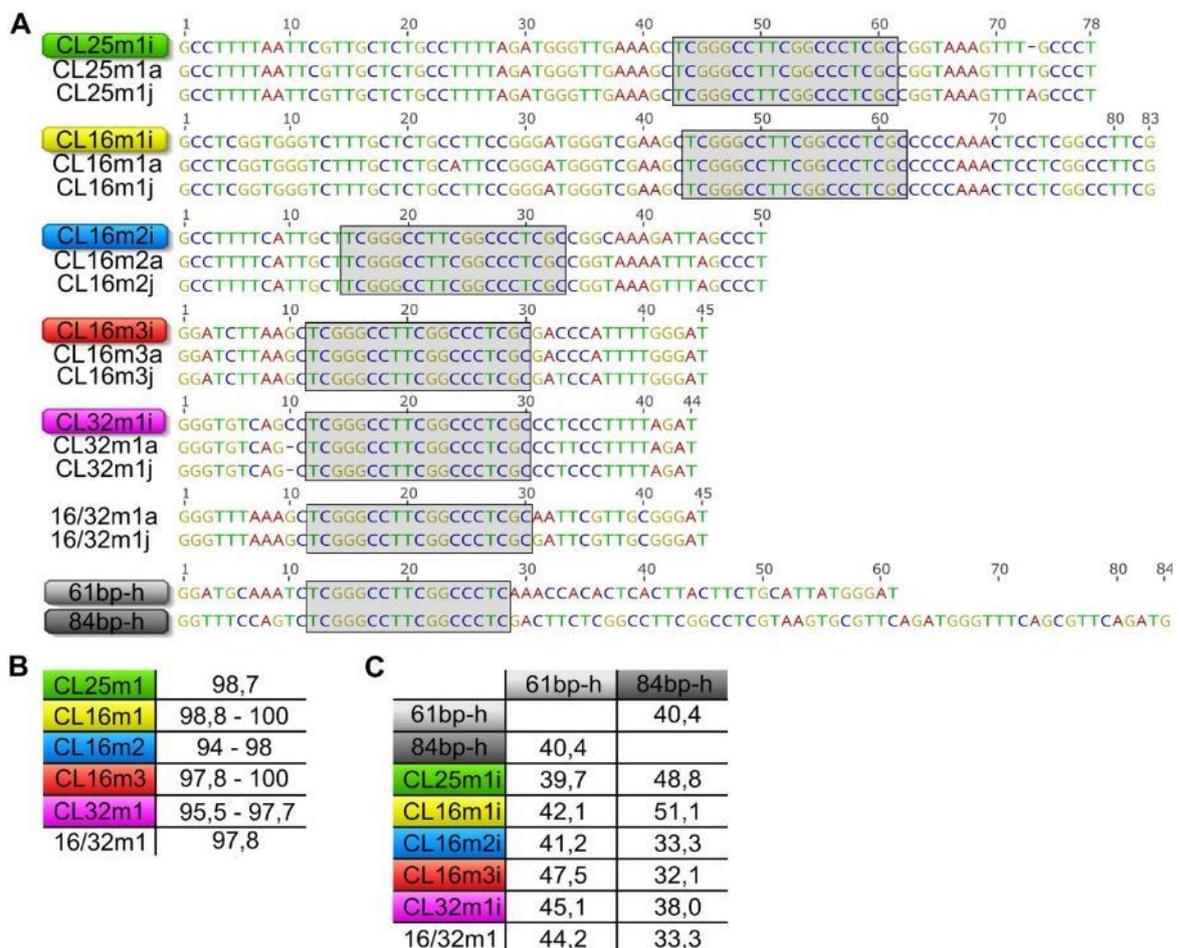
following interspersed organization of  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere interrupted by  $\alpha$ CenH3-free domains (fig. 7E).

To exclude the possibility that  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated TRs, detected as sequences with relatively low enrichments, could be the result of a centromere inclination to accumulate any repetitive sequences a control test was performed. Satellite DNA of similar genome abundance that was not found to be enriched in the ChIP-seq analysis (marked in fig. 5) was selected for IF/FISH. Simultaneous detection of  $\alpha$ CenH3 and nonenriched satDNA revealed that the regions of satellite DNAs did not coincide with  $\alpha$ CenH3 clusters (supplementary fig. 9). In addition, it can be observed that in contrast to  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated TRs, noncentromeric satellite DNA showed a relatively comparable genome abundance that was estimated in WGS analysis (fig. 5), which further confirms the previous conclusions on abundance discrepancy of  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated TRs in WGS/input data.

### **Prediction of $\alpha$ CenH3 Centromeric Repeats in *M. incognita*-Related Species**

Since  $\alpha$ CenH3 turned out to be conserved in all analyzed *Meloidogyne* species, we wondered whether the 19-bp box-containing sequences, as  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated DNA in *M. incognita* remained conserved in other *Meloidogyne* genomes. We hypothesize that short TRs with conserved 19-bp box-containing monomers in other *Meloidogyne* species could disclose putative cenDNA regions of the corresponding species. For this analysis, we used publicly available Illumina WGS databases for two closely related species, *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica* (Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017). Using as a criterion short TRs with the conserved 19-bp box, clustering of *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica* WGS reads followed by cluster annotation with conserved the 19-bp box was performed. The results revealed the appearance of the 19-bp box in repetitive form in the majority of contigs in clusters CL8 and CL7 in *M. arenaria*, and *M. javanica*, respectively (supplementary fig. 10A and B). Using TRF pipeline, contigs with repeated organization of the 19-bp box were subjected to monomer unit extraction. Consensus sequences of extracted monomers were compared with  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers from *M. incognita*. The alignments show that the 19-bp box-associated monomers from *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica* grouped with all TR families of *M. incognita* (fig. 8A). Moreover, sequence comparison revealed that monomers remained

almost completely conserved (94–100%) among these closely related species (fig. 8B). Monomer variants with the conserved 19-bp box and 45-bp monomer length specific for *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica* only (16/32m1-a and 16/32m1-j) were also identified (fig. 8A). In addition to the conserved sequence features of putative  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers, mapping of these monomers to contigs from *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica* revealed organization previously detected in *M. incognita*, with monomeric and mosaic TR arrays embedded in unrelated sequence environment (supplementary fig. 10A and B). To confirm presumption that 19-bp box-containing TRs are associated with  $\alpha$ CenH3 in *M. arenaria* and in *M. javanica*, combined IF using anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 and PRINS using the 19-bp box sequences as primer was performed on cytosmears. Although it was even more difficult than in *M. incognita* to obtain cytological preparation in these species due to their tetraploidy, similarly as in *M. incognita* the results showed high coincidence of overlapped  $\alpha$ CenH3/19-bp box signals indicating  $\alpha$ CenH3 deposition on their chromosomes as well as association of  $\alpha$ CenH3 with 19-bp box-containing TRs (supplementary fig. 11).



**Fig. 8.** Candidates for  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromeric sequences in *Meloidogyne incognita*-related species. (A) Alignments of consensus monomers sequences (CL25m1, CL16m1, CL16m2, CL32m1, and 16/32m1) extracted from clusters with tandem repeated arrays containing the conserved 19-bp box from *M. arenaria* (a) and *M. javanica* (j) in comparison to *M. incognita* (i). 61 bp-h and 84 bp-h represent monomers from tandem repeats containing the 19-bp box found in *M. hapla* assembled genome. The conserved 19-bp box is indicated within the gray shaded areas. (B) The percentage of sequence identity among consensus monomers in MIG species. (C) The percentage of sequence identity of monomers from *M. hapla* in comparison to monomers from MIG species.

Considering that our analyses of CenH3s showed almost completely conserved  $\alpha$ CenH3 protein sequence and highly transcribed  $\alpha$ CenH3 gene in nonreproductive stages (eggs and juveniles) of distant meiotic *M. hapla*, we asked whether its genome also comprises putative  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated sequences. We did not apply the same clustering strategy done for *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica* because Illumina WGS data for *M. hapla* were not public available. Instead, the 19-bp box was mapped to the assembled *M. hapla* genome, and monomers were extracted from detected TR arrays. Two types of short TRs, composed of 61- and 84-bp long monomers, were associated with the 19-bp box (fig. 8A and supplementary fig. 10C). In contrast to putative  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers in *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica* which share high sequence identity (95–100%) with *M. incognita*, *M. hapla* putative  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers except conserved 19-bp box exhibit low-sequence identity in comparison to MIG species (32–51%) (fig. 8C).

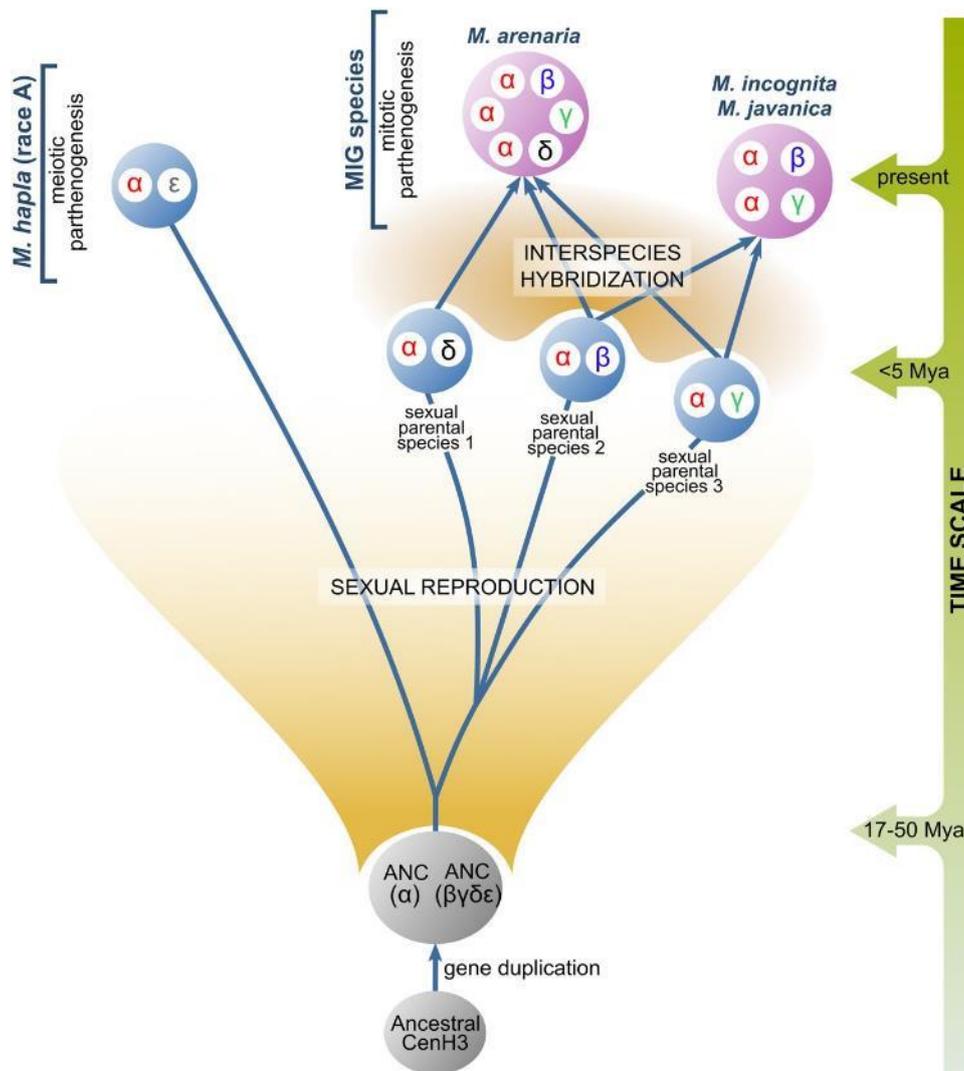
## Discussion

The availability of sequenced genomes and complex species evolution makes *Meloidogyne* an ideal system to study evolution of CenH3 proteins. We identified 21 CenH3 proteins in the three closely related mitotic *M. incognita*, *M. arenaria*, *M. javanica* (MIG) species and in the distantly related meiotic parthenogenetic species *M. hapla*. Interestingly, phylogenetic analysis suggests the presence of two polyphyletic groups of CenH3s, and multiple copies of CenH3 genes in all analyzed species. The abcCenH3 group comprises rather divergent sequences with features of H3 variants but with relatively low HFD sequence identity related to the canonical H3. In the contrast,  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3s clade represents more homogenous group of sequences with identity to H3 considered as a common between H3 and CenH3s in many organisms analyzed so far (Malik and Henikoff 2003). These observations suggest independent evolution of two CenH3 groups from H3, indicating complex pattern of CenH3s in *Meloidogyne* species. The existence of multiple CenH3 candidates with polyphyletic origin in *Meloidogyne* species raises the question of their classification and function. The presence of two CenH3 genes is not uncommon in plant genomes (Kawabe et al. 2006; Moraes et al. 2011; Sanei et al. 2011; Finseth et al. 2015; Ishii et al. 2015; Neumann et al. 2015). In contrast, occurrence of paralogs in animals is considered to be a rare event. However, the recent comprehensive study of many high-quality sequenced genomes of *Drosophila* species revealed multiple copies of Cid histone (*Drosophila* CenH3) (Kursel and Malik 2017). The similar phenomenon was found in genomes of mosquitoes, where CenH3 paralogs evolve under different selective constraints, and have been coretained for over 150 My (Kursel et al. 2020). Interestingly, among detected CenH3s in *Meloidogyne*, only  $\alpha$ CenH3 showed abundant expression in all analyzed species regardless of mode of reproduction (mitotic or meiotic), whereas the other CenH3s were dropped to a relatively low level of transcription. Anticipating that  $\alpha$ CenH3 represents centromeric protein in *Meloidogyne* species, we focused our analyses on  $\alpha$ CenH3 and on monophyletic group of  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$  CenH3s closely related to  $\alpha$ CenH3s.

To understand evolution of  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$  CenH3s in the selected *Meloidogyne* species, their complex species evolution history should be considered. MIG species have been determined as polyploids formed by recent and multiple interspecific hybridization

events (Castagnone-Sereno et al. 2013). They reproduce exclusively asexually by mitotic parthenogenesis. On the contrary, *M. hapla* is a diploid species, and reproduces asexually by meiotic parthenogenesis, although alternatively can also be sexual (Castagnone-Sereno and Danchin 2014). The most parsimonious scenario of CenH3 evolution in the analyzed species is therefore based on the integration of results obtained in this work together with previous data on species evolution (fig. 9). The phylogenetic analysis of CenH3 sequences strongly suggests that CenH3 gene has undergone one duplication in an ancestral sexual species, a progenitor of MIG species and of *M. hapla*, resulting in an appearance of  $\alpha$ CenH3 and ( $\beta\gamma\delta\varepsilon$ )CenH3 ancestral genes, (ANC [ $\alpha$ ] and ANC [ $\beta\gamma\delta\varepsilon$ ] in fig. 9). Earlier phylogenetic studies based on different mitochondrial and nuclear markers revealed significant distance between MIG species and *M. hapla*, estimating their separation for 17–50 Ma (reviewed in Castagnone-Sereno et al. 2013). Unexpectedly, during this time the  $\alpha$ CenH3 gene evolved under strong purifying selection in all analyzed species, resulting in almost completely conserved  $\alpha$ CenH3 proteins in mitotic MIG species as well as in the distant meiotic *M. hapla*. So far, the only example of nearly identical protein sequences of CenH3s in related species were found in plant genus *Secale* (Evtushenko et al. 2017). The other copy of the gene, the ancestral  $\beta\gamma\delta\varepsilon$  CenH3, evolved rapidly into four different but related proteins:  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\varepsilon$ CenH3 (fig. 9).  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$ CenH3s are specific for MIG species, whereas  $\varepsilon$ CenH3 was found exclusively in *M. hapla*. In mitotic *M. incognita*, the  $\alpha$ CenH3 showed high expression and chromosomal deposition on all chromosomes of the complement, whereas  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ CenH3s exhibit low expression and absence of chromosomal deposition. In support, two other MIG species, *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica* also showed the chromosome deposition of  $\alpha$ CenH3 and silencing of  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$ CenH3s. This indicates centromere competence of  $\alpha$ CenH3 and most probably the loss of centromere-associated function for  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$ CenH3s in exclusively mitotic MIG species. In support, detected dominant expression of  $\alpha$ CenH3 in contrast to  $\varepsilon$ CenH3 in the nonreproductive stages of *M. hapla* where mitosis is expected to occur, speaks in favor of dominant role of  $\alpha$ CenH3 in mitotic cells of the meiotic *M. hapla*. The comparative analyses of MIG genomes and ITS markers suggest that polyploid genomes of MIG species result from additive interspecies hybridization between related parental sexual taxa (Hugall et al. 1999; Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017; Szitenberg et al. 2017). Moreover, studies of mitochondrial DNA and genetic test of allelic sequence divergence suggest that hybridization events included

in formation of MIG species have a recent origin (Giorgi et al. 2002; Lunt 2008; García and Sánchez-Puerta 2015; Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017). In line with this scenario, MIG species possess multiple copies of  $\alpha$ CenH3 and one copy of  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$ CenH3s, whereas diploid *M. hapla* has only one copy of  $\alpha$ CenH3 and of  $\epsilon$ CenH3 (fig. 9). Moreover, the copy number of  $\alpha$ CenH3s and the presence of  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$  CenH3s in MIG species are consistent with the estimated ploidy levels based on protein-coding sequences (CDSs) data mapping in MIG genomes (Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017). In addition, one copy of both  $\alpha$ CenH3 and  $\epsilon$ CenH3 in *M. hapla* are corroborated by CDS mapping where one single locus was detected for the particular gene in *M. hapla* genome (Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017). The observed pattern of CenH3s evolution in MIG species is in accordance with proposed species evolution characterized by independent evolution of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$ CenH3s in parental sexual taxa followed by polyploidization as result of recent species hybridization (fig. 9). In the light of the rapid evolution of  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$ CenH3s, the evidence that these CenH3s remain almost completely conserved among MIG species suggests that MIG interspecific hybridization is a relatively recent event. Consequently, it is the most probable that  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$ CenH3s diverged in sexual progenitors and that their redundancy in the nascent MIG coincided with recent species hybridization followed by mitotic mode of reproduction. Otherwise, if they were subjected to a long period of nonfunctionality, accumulation of random mutations and pseudogenization would be expected. The putative role of  $\beta\gamma\delta$  and  $\epsilon$ CenH3s in sexual progenitors has been additionally supported by the fact that they have been retained in both, the extant MIG and *M. hapla* species since their divergence for about 17–50 Ma (Castagnone-Sereno et al. 2013). In contrast to  $\alpha$ CenH3 conservation,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\epsilon$ CenH3s evolved under the purified selection with the positive evolution trend on the first several amino acids of the N-terminal tail. The similar selection pattern was found in CenH3 proteins of holocentric chromosomes among the related species of the nematode genus *Caenorhabditis* which reproduces sexually, by asymmetric meiosis (Zedek and Bureš 2012). Rapid evolution of CenH3s with positive selection has been detected so far exclusively in sexual lineages with asymmetric meiosis where centromere drive occurs (Henikoff et al. 2001; Talbert et al. 2004; Hirsch et al. 2009; Schueler et al. 2010; Zedek and Bureš 2012; Finseth et al. 2015).



**Fig. 9.** The most parsimonious evolution of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\epsilon$  CenH3 variants in *Meloidogyne* species (*M. hapla* [race A], *M. incognita*, *M. arenaria*, *M. javanica*). Presented species evolution with evolutionary time scale was based on different previous studies. Separation between MIG species and *M. hapla* was estimated between 17 and 50 Ma (reviewed in Castagnone-Sereno et al. 2013). Interspecies hybridization between related sexual parental species was proposed in formation of MIG species (Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017; Szitenberg et al. 2017). Interspecific hybridization is estimated as relatively recent event (<5 Ma) (Giorgi et al. 2002; García and Sánchez-Puerta 2015; Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017). ANC( $\alpha$ ) represents the ancestral  $\alpha$ CenH3, ANC( $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ ) represents the ancestral CenH3 of  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$  variants.

The major question raised by our observation is why the two subgroups of CenH3s,  $\alpha$ CenH3, and  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3s, have completely different evolutionary rate. We propose that different evolutionary dynamics of analyzed *Meloidogyne* CenH3s might be due to distinct requirements posed on  $\alpha$ CenH3 in contrast to  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\epsilon$ CenH3s in *Meloidogyne* centromere. Based on recent comprehensive evolutionary studies of CenH3 duplication in *Drosophila* and mosquito species the authors suggested that gene duplications of CenH3 could be required for multiple centromeric functions, for example, in mitosis versus meiosis (Kursel and Malik 2017; Kursel and Malik 2019). The observed evolution pattern characterized by purified selection with positive trends of  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $\epsilon$  CenH3 could be predicted by the centromeric drive model which implies asymmetric meiosis and sexual reproduction. In that case,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$ CenH3 could have evolved in parental sexual lineages as a consequence of centromere drive during meiosis and become redundant in MIG species due to transition from sexual to mitotic parthenogenesis. It has been considered that transition from sexual reproduction to mitotic parthenogenesis in MIG species correlates with recent species hybridization (Lunt 2008; Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017).in MIG species. In support, the major sperm protein which is a meiotic-specific gene, shows no increase in evolutionary rate nor change in substitution pattern in the mitotic *Meloidogyne* taxa, indicating that the locus has been maintained by selection (Lunt 2008). In MIG species there are also no morphological abnormalities in the sperm development, and insemination still occurs sporadically but without fertilization (Triantaphyllou 1981). Given that  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$ CenH3s show no signs of pseudogenization and sequence degeneration which could be caused by random mutations, it is likely that these CenH3s, similarly as in the case of the sperm protein represent a “meiotic relict” in exclusively mitotic MIG species. Analogously, the  $\alpha$ CenH3 conservation through the same period of the time could be due to the possible subspecialization. The main prediction of centromere drive is that CenH3 coevolves with cenDNA in order to suppress the deleterious effect of rapidly evolving cenDNAs in meiosis. In that case, the possible subspecialization of  $\alpha$ CenH3 for mitosis could release  $\alpha$ CenH3 from the adaptive conflict imposed in meiosis. This could result in strong amino acid conservation of  $\alpha$ CenH3 among distant species. In support to different CenH3 functions in cell divisions, holocentric nematode *C. elegans* harbors two CenH3-related proteins, HCP-3 and CPAR-1, which indicates centromere functional specialization. HCP-3 has been proven to be essential for mitosis but is not required for meiotic kinetochore formation or chromosome segregation (Monen et al.

2005). Although the functional importance of Cpar-1 is not completely understood, its enrichment on meiotic chromosomes was documented (Monen et al. 2015). In addition, recent data on *Arabidopsis* suggest that in species with a single-copy CenH3 gene, one protein probably must be customized for different centromere functions (Ravi et al. 2011). The experiments showed that impaired CenH3 lost its function in meiotic centromeres of *Arabidopsis*, whereas the C-terminal region and HFD were sufficient for centromere function during mitosis (Lermontova et al. 2006; Lermontova et al. 2011; Ravi et al. 2011).

Predicted rapid evolution of CenH3s as a response to the deleterious effect of extremely divergent cenDNAs motivated the investigation of the genetic landscape features of *M. incognita* centromere determined by long-term conserved  $\alpha$ CenH3. The  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated cenDNA found in *M. incognita* is organized in a form of short arrays of tandem repeats (TRs), up to 1 kb in length, composed of five different families based on 50- to 80-bp monomers. Although presence of tandem repeats, in the form of long arrays of satDNAs is a common characteristic found in many monocentric species (Plohl et al. 2014), holocentric organisms investigated so far exhibit different patterns of cenDNAs. The robust ChIP CenH3-based studies on the whole-genome scale showed that *C. elegans* holocentromeres do not coincide with satDNAs but do coincide with nonspecific binding sites for multiple transcription factors (Steiner and Henikoff 2014). The native ChIP-seq of the parasitic nematode *Ascaris* also suggested absence of centromere-specific DNA sequence (Kang et al. 2016). So far, the only example of holocentric chromosomes which possess satDNAs as the centromere-specific sequence has been found in the plant *Rhynchospora* (Marques et al. 2015; Ribeiro et al. 2018). Comparative analyses of  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated centromeric repeats revealed an exceptional feature in form of the 19-bp long-conserved box shared by extremely divergent monomers, suggesting selective pressure imposed on this sequence part regardless of the fast-evolving nature of repetitive DNAs. In addition to high GC content, the 19-bp conserved box exhibits a specific potential to form a stable dyad structure. In spite of enormous diversity in cenDNA detected in many species, the recent study of structural features of centromeric satDNAs from diverse eukaryotes pointed out two major characteristics to be crucial for putative cenDNA: a specific DNA sequence as a binding site for proteins and/or a specific feature of the sequence itself such as DNA secondary structure (Kasinathan and Henikoff 2018). Several studies

have shown that centromeric satDNAs may form various types of non-B-form including single-stranded DNA, hairpins, R-loops, and i-motifs (Garavís et al. 2015; Kabeche et al. 2018; Kasinathan and Henikoff 2018). Consistent with this, if the conserved 19-bp box is a binding site for  $\alpha$ CenH3 in *M. incognita*, primary as well as secondary structure of the 19-bp box could be crucial for its binding capacity. In contrast to AT-rich DNA which is common feature in centromeres (Talbert and Henikoff 2020) centromeric TRs in *M. incognita* show the extremely high GC content compared with the high AT composition of the genome (Abad et al. 2008). Therefore, we proposed that these unique sequence features, such as primary and secondary structures of  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated DNA in the form of the 19-bp box incorporated into GC-rich short TRs, act in concert to ensure the faithful formation of an  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere in *M. incognita*. Another important finding that arose from this work is the existence of completely preserved  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere associated TRs in terms of sequence and organization in closely related *M. incognita*, *M. javanica*, and *M. arenaria*. The colocalization of  $\alpha$ CenH3 and the 19-bp box in *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica*, similar to *M. incognita*, suggested the preservation of the  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere in protein and DNA aspects. Moreover, divergent TR short arrays with monomers containing almost completely conserved 19-bp box were shown in the distant *M. hapla*, implying the functional constraints imposed on this sequence part even in distantly related species. Concerning cenDNA with conserved sequence features, the recent study of early-diverging fungi showed the presence a 41-bp unique DNA motif in all nine core centromeres which has been proposed as a binding site for some kinetochore proteins (Navarro-Mendoza et al. 2019). The most prominent example of cenDNA sequence conservation is the CENP-B box, the conserved 17-bp long-sequence motif specific for alpha-satDNA in humans (Ohzeki et al. 2002) as well as in aliphoid repeats in mammalian species (Alkan et al. 2011). This motif proved to be a binding site for centromeric protein CENP-B that is involved in kinetochore formation (Masumoto et al. 2004). Interestingly, interspecifically preserved motifs that probably evolve under functional constraints whose potential role(s) remain elusive were observed in many satDNAs, including in satDNAs of *Meloidogyne* species (Meštrović et al. 2006a, 2006b, 2013).

Regarding to chromosome organization of  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere in *M. incognita* an unusual pattern characterized by uneven distribution of  $\alpha$ CenH3 among and along the

chromosomes has been shown. Immunofluorescence on prophase chromosomes and on extended chromatin fibers, revealed discontinuous pattern of  $\alpha$ CenH3 domains separated by  $\alpha$ CenH3-lacking chromatin. The observed  $\alpha$ CenH3 distribution pattern can be defined as cluster-like centromeric organization. In more condensed metaphase chromosomes,  $\alpha$ CenH3 encompasses the entire chromosome length in the form of abundant or discrete signals or exhibits extremely uneven distribution with highly abundant domains in different chromosome regions. The  $\alpha$ -tubulin was observed to be mostly colocalized with  $\alpha$ CenH3 domains thus indicating functional potential of  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere in mitosis. In contrast to the point centromere subunits in *C. elegans* (Steiner and Henikoff 2014) the observed cluster-like organization of *M. incognita* is similar to the nematode *Ascaris* where CenH3 is organized into 1–15 kb domains distributed across the chromosomes (Kang et al. 2016), Recent data on the nematode *C. elegans* (Buchwitz et al. 1999; Moore et al. 1999), and plant *Rhynchospora* (Marques et al. 2015) suggest different organization of CenH3 domains in mitotic and meiotic holocentromeres. In addition, holocentromere of the plant *Cuscuta* showed CenH3 restricted only to one to three regions per chromosome, whereas the rest of the chromatin appeared to be devoid of CenH3 (Oliveira et al. 2020). Even more extreme situation has been revealed in holocentric insects characterized by complete loss of CenH3s in at least four lineages (Drinnenberg et al. 2014). Observations based on different holocentric species analyzed so far, including *Meloidogyne*, lead to the conclusion that in contrast to monocentromere, holocentromeres show greater flexibility in the organization of CenH3 domains at the chromosome level.

In conclusion, our study represents the first insight into the centromere evolution and composition in an exclusively mitotic species belonging to higher eukaryotes. By generating and analyzing CenH3s from different *Meloidogyne* species, we have for the first time demonstrated almost complete conservation of one CenH3 protein among distant animal species and hypothesized its subspecialization, presumably associated with mitosis. We confirmed that the TRs arrays with the conserved 19-bp box span almost the entire  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere and represent the underlying DNA sequence of *M. incognita* centromere. Moreover, conserved  $\alpha$ CenH3 and  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated DNA in the form of 19-bp box was found in related MIG species suggesting preservation of  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere across mitotic *Meloidogyne* species. Our study disclosed for the

first time a long-term conservation of CenH3 and its association with a conserved box regardless to highly evolved centromeric tandem repeats, thus suggesting the state where CenH3 and cenDNA achieved an equilibrium in which they can coexist for a long period of time. An exciting line of future investigation concerning specialization of CenH3s in *Meloidogyne* species would be to address the potential of the  $\alpha$ CenH3 and  $\epsilon$ CenH3 in mitosis in comparison to meiosis in meiotic parthenogenetic *M. hapla*.

## Materials and Methods

### Nematodes

*Meloidogyne incognita* was cultivated on tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* cultivar Saint Pierre) in greenhouse at 20 °C in laboratories from INRAE (Sophia Antipolis, France) and Agricultural institute of Slovenia (Ljubljana, Slovenia). Plants were inoculated with one to three second-stage juveniles per ml silver sand. Females or egg masses were harvested from roots under stereo microscope (SteREO Discovery.V20, Zeiss) and collected into an isotonic salt solution (M9 buffer). Egg masses were shaken in 15% bleach for 5 min to release eggs and eggs were isolated by successively passing through the sieves.

### DNA and Protein Isolation

DNA was isolated from eggs using DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (Qiagen) in accordance to manufacturer's protocol and quantification was done by Qubit fluorimeter (Invitrogen). For protein isolation, eggs, J2, or females were transferred in cold RIPA buffer supplemented with 10 mM PMSF and cOmplete (Roche) protease inhibitors and homogenized in Dounce homogenizer with 10–15 strokes. The homogenate was incubated with rotation on 7 rpm for 2 h at 4 °C and centrifuged for 20 min at 12,850 g at 4 °C. Supernatant containing whole cell proteins was collected and stored at –80 °C. Protein concentration was estimated using Bradford assay.

### Identification and Sequence Analyses of CenH3 Proteins

To identify CenH3 sequences in four *Meloidogyne* species (*M. incognita*, *M. arenaria*, *M. javanica*, and *M. hapla*) a nonredundant database of protein sequences generated from the automatic annotation of sequenced genomes available at INRA website (<http://Meloidogyne.inra.fr/>) and WormBase ParaSite (<http://parasite.wormbase.org/>, Howe et al. 2017) were used. BLAST search for CenH3 proteins was done using *C. elegans* H3 protein sequence (NCBI accession number P08898) as query. Among 23 detected CenH3 candidates two of them were truncated in N-terminal tail (supplementary fig. 1B). Assuming that these truncated copies are the result of

assembly/annotation error or represent CenH3 pseudogenes, we omitted them from the further analysis. The WormBase proteins and genes IDs with the list of CenH3s and corresponding species are available in supplementary table 1. Multiple alignments of CenH3 candidates were generated using MUSCLE with default parameters implemented in Geneious v9.1. The structural features of CenH3 candidates such as histone-fold domain (HFD), N-terminal tail,  $\alpha$ helix, loops, and C-terminus were defined in accordance with Malik and Henikoff (2003). CenH3 candidates were tested for diagnostic features in HFD which include longer loop1 region and absence of glutamine, phenylalanine, and threonine at positions 69, 85, and 118, respectively, in comparison to canonical H3 (Malik and Henikoff 2003). Neighbor-joining trees of CenH3 proteins and pairwise percent identity calculations were generated using Geneious v9.1. Bootstrap values were calculated from at 1,000 replicates. Phylogenetic trees were drawn and edited using the FigTree 1.4.4 software (Rambaut 2018).

#### Tests for Selective Pressure

CenH3 gene sequences (supplementary fig. 2) related to detected CenH3 protein candidates (supplementary table 1) were generated from full-length transcripts databases from WormBase ParaSite (<http://parasite.wormbase.org/>, Howe et al. 2017). Multiple alignments of CenH3 nucleotide sequences were done using MUSCLE algorithm with default parameters. Alignments were further refined manually and used for downstream analyses. To determine the selective pressures acting on a CenH3 genes using the nonsynonymous/synonymous substitution rate ratio ( $dN/dS = \omega$ ), distance computation using Nei–Gojobori (Jukes–Cantor) substitution model implemented in MEGA version X was done (Kumar et al. 2018). All obtained comparison values ( $dN/dS = \omega$ ) are shown in supplementary table 4. Generally,  $\omega = 1$  indicates neutral selection,  $\omega < 1$  purifying selection and  $\omega > 1$  positive selection. If purifying selection is relaxed,  $\omega$  tends to be elevated toward 1. To assess the positive selection at the level of individual codons, Mixed Effects Model of Evolution (MEME) model was used (Murrell et al. 2012). MEME allows  $\omega$  to vary across both codons and branches and infers selective regimes independently for each codon of a given alignment pooling information over branches. MEME analyses with a significance level cutoff of 0.1, correspondingly were performed through the Datamonkey server

(<http://datamonkey.org/>). Analysis of the positive selection at individual codons was carried out on  $\alpha$ CenH3 variants and also among different CenH3s using likelihood ratio test (LRT) values plotted against each codon site for visualization (supplementary table 5).

### Expression Profile of CenH3 Candidates

To compare gene expression among CenH3s in analyzed species or developmental stages RNA-seq data from *M. incognita* (PRJEB8846, Danchin et al. 2013), *M. arenaria* (PRJEB8845, Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017), *M. javanica* (PRJEB8843; Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017), and *M. hapla* (PRJEB14142) were used. The relative expressions of CenH3 genes and reference gene Disu (Hu and DiGennaro 2019) were analyzed using Bowtie2 v.2.3.0 mapper (Langmead and Salzberg 2012). Single-end reads were mapped with parameters -a and -very-sensitive for each transcriptome separately to CenH3 genes. Hits were normalized with RPKM (reads per kilobase of transcript per million mapped reads) method. This approach takes in account different CenH3 variant length and size of RNA-seq libraries dividing CenH3 hits by number of mapped reads per million reads and gene length in kilobase.

### Production of CenH3 Antibodies

Polyclonal IgG antibodies against  $\alpha$ CenH3 were raised in rabbits using peptide KELPPVKMQQKRYHKKGC. Two another antibodies were raised in rabbits and in guinea pigs using two peptides specific exclusively for  $\beta$ CenH3 (the peptide CTNFPRQTARKRVF specific for  $\beta$ CenH3-1; and the peptide KNFATKSVAGPTTMNTG specific for  $\beta$ CenH3-2) and peptide specific for both,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  CenH3 (the peptide QQQNKIKAPGEGGSL specific for  $\beta\gamma$  CenH3). Selected peptides correspond to region of divergent N-terminal tails of CenH3s (fig. 1B) and meet the parameters (amino acid phosphorylation, glycosylation profile, and secondary structure; Parker et al. 1986) that were prerequisite for suitable antibodies production and specificity. Peptide synthesis, immunization, and peptide affinity purification were performed by Pineda Service (Berlin, Germany). The preimmune sera as well as the sera samples were tested during the immunization process by Western blot monthly, to monitor the immune response. Immunizations were stopped after 90–120 days and

affinity purification of the monospecific IgG fraction of CenH3 antisera was performed. Purified monospecific IgG fraction was concentrated 25x using Amicon Ultra-0.5 centrifugal filter device (Merck), and used in all downstream applications.

### Western Blot

For Western blot 20 µg/reaction of whole protein extract from eggs, J2 or females were denatured in 1xLaemmli buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 10% glycerol, 2% SDS, 0.005% bromophenol blue) with 0.1 M dithiothreitol (DTT) at 65 °C for 15 min. The protein samples were separated on 4–20% Mini-PROTEAN TGX (Bio-Rad) SDS-PAGE gels at 200 V for 30 min followed with protein transfer for 40 min at 200 mA onto Amersham Protran 0.2-µm nitrocellulose membrane (GE Healthcare Life Sciences). Membranes were simultaneously incubated for 1 h in blocking solution of 5% BSA in TBST buffer (20 mM Tris, 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.6, 0.1% Tween 20) followed by overnight incubation at 4 °C with CenH3 rabbit or guinea pig polyclonal primary antibodies (dilution 1:500). HRP-linked goat antirabbit (Cell Signaling Technology 7074) or antiguinea pig (Invitrogen, A18769) antibodies diluted 1:2,000 were used as secondary antibodies. Dilution of primary and secondary antibodies was performed in TBST buffer with 5% BSA. Signals were detected using the Pierce ECL Western Blotting substrate (Thermo Scientific) and Amersham Hyperfilm ECL X-ray films (GE Healthcare Life Sciences). The  $\alpha$ -tubulin mouse monoclonal antibody (Sigma Aldrich, T6199) used for combined  $\alpha$ -tubulin and  $\alpha$ CenH3 immunofluorescence assay was tested by Western blot as described above. H3K9 polyclonal antibody (Abcam, ab8898) was used as a positive control in Western-blot experiments.

### Peptide Dot Blot

The assay was performed using specific antibodies and dilutions of several peptides which were plotted onto nitrocellulose membrane. The specificity of antibodies we produced against CenH3s was tested on specific and nonspecific peptides. Synthetized 14–18mer peptides were dissolved in PBS to 1 mg/ml and then further diluted to concentration of 1, 0.1, and 0.01 µg/µl. The series of peptide dilutions in form of 2 µl spots were applied to the nitrocellulose membrane; the membrane was dried for 30 min and blocked in 5% BSA in TBST buffer for 1 h with mild shaking at RT. Affinity

purified monospecific IgG fractions of anti-CenH3s were used as primary antibodies, diluted 1:500 in blocking buffer. For  $\beta$ CenH3-1,  $\beta$ CenH3-2,  $\beta\gamma$ CenH3 antibody testing, two rabbits or three guinea pig antibodies were pooled together when testing rabbit or guinea pig antibodies, respectively. After 1 h incubation at RT, membranes were washed 3  $\times$  5 min with TBST and incubated with secondary antibody (HRP-conjugated antirabbit; Cell Signaling Technology, 7074) or antiguinea pig (Invitrogen, A18769) antibody diluted 1:1,000 in blocking buffer for 1 h at RT followed by 3  $\times$  5 min washes with TBST. The final detection was carried out as described for the Western blot.

### Microscope Slide Preparation

Slides were prepared from isolated reproductive tissue (ovaries and uterus) of *M. incognita*, *M. arenaria*, and *M. javanica* females using cytopsin technique. Samples were collected in 10  $\mu$ g/ml colcemid (Roche) and pierced using needle. The ovaries and uteri were isolated and incubated for 1 h to overnight at 4 °C. Samples were washed with PBS and then mixed for 30 s with microtube homogenizer. Suspension was transferred to Dounce homogenizer and tissue parts were broken with 30 strokes of pestle A followed by straining through 100- and 40- $\mu$ m cell strainers. Volume of suspension is adjusted with PBS up to 400  $\mu$ l for loading into one Cytospin funnel that corresponds to five to ten females per one coated Cytoslide (Shandon, ThermoFisher Scientific). Slides were spun for 10 min at 1,200 rpm by Cytospin 4 cytocentrifuge (Shandon, ThermoFischer Scientific), dried, and fixed by immersing into ice-cold fixative for 20 min, completely dried and stored. Several fixatives were tested and methanol: acetone (1:1) incubation for 20 min at -20 °C showed the best results in IF and IF-FISH analyses. For chromatin fiber preparation the best results were obtained following the protocol described in Frum et al. (2013) with some modifications. Briefly, slides were dried after cytopinning and incubated with 15  $\mu$ l of freshly prepared mild SDS lysis buffer (0.2% SDS, 200 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 50 mM EDTA, 1 mM PMSF) by covering it with 18 mm square coverslips. Lysis reaction was performed at room temperature for 30 min and coverslip was carefully removed with a blade. Slides were then fixed in methanol:acetone (1:1) for 20 min at -20 °C, completely dried, and stored at -80 °C until use.

## DNA Probe Preparation

FISH probes for centromere candidates were obtained by PCR labeling with biotin-16-dUTP (Jena BioScience) using genomic DNA. Primers for centromeric candidates were designed based on monomer sequences enriched in ChIP analyses (Cl25m1i, Cl16m1i, Cl16m2i, and Cl16m3i) using Primer 3 (Rozen and Skaletsky 2000); the primer sequences are listed in supplementary figure 8A. PCR reactions were performed in 25  $\mu$ l reaction volume containing 0.02 ng of gDNA, 0.1  $\mu$ M primers, 2.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 $\times$  Green GoTaq Reaction Buffer, 0.1 mM dNTPs, and 0.5 U of GoTaq G2 DNA Polymerase (Promega). Thirty-five amplification cycles (20 s at 95 °C, 20 at 58 °C annealing temperature and 40 s at 72 °C) were run. ChIPped-DNA was labeled using random priming approach with Klenow fragment in accordance to manufacturer's protocol (New England BioLabs). Characteristic ladder-like profile with expected fragment sizes was taken as proof for specificity of hybridization probes (supplementary fig. 8B).

## DNA Dot Blot

For genomic DNA, 50, 100, and 200 ng were spotted onto positively charged nylon membrane (Roche). PCR products corresponding to CL25m1, CL16m1, and CL16m3/32m1 fragments were spotted in the amounts of 0.5, 1, 2, 4, and 8 ng. Hybridization was done in 250 mM phosphate buffer pH 7.2, 1 mM EDTA pH 8, 20% SDS, and 0.5% Blocking Reagent (Roche) with 50 ng of biotin-labeled probes at 65 °C with agitation overnight. Posthybridization washes were done in 20 mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 1 mM EDTA, and 1% SDS 3  $\times$  20 min at 62 °C. Detection was carried out using streptavidin-AP-conjugate (1:5,000, Roche) followed by chemiluminescence with AP substrate CDP-Star (1:50, Roche). Dot blot intensities were compared using ImageJ with measurement of mean gray values that were inverted and normalized for background.

## Immunofluorescence

Affinity purified monospecific IgG fractions of anti-CenH3 were concentrated using Amicon Ultra-0.5 Centrifugal Filter Unit (Merck) with 30 kDa cutoff. Slides with

cytosmear or chromatin fibers were blocked with 2.5% BSA in PBST (PBS, 0.2% Tween 20) and incubated with anti-CenH3 (1:400 dilution) at 37 °C overnight. After 3 × 5 min washes in PBST, slides were incubated with secondary Alexa594 antirabbit (Abcam, ab150080) or Alexa488 antiguinea pig (Abcam, ab150158) antibodies, diluted 1:1,000 in blocking solution for 1 h at 37 °C. After two washes in PBST for 5 min and one wash in PBS for 5 min, the slides were counterstained with DAPI or continued with the FISH protocol. In double immunostaining with two anti-CenH3, the primary as well as secondary antibodies were incubated together.

For combined  $\alpha$ -tubulin and  $\alpha$ CenH3 immunofluorescence, slides were after O/N incubation with  $\alpha$ CenH3 antibody the slides were washed 3 × 5 min with PBST and then incubated with  $\alpha$ -tubulin mouse monoclonal antibody (Sigma–Aldrich, T6199) diluted 1:1,000 in PBST with 2.5% BSA for 3 h at 37 °C. After 3 × 5 min washes in PBST and additional blocking for 1 h at 37 °C, slides were consecutively incubated with secondary Alexa594 antirabbit (Abcam, ab150080) and CF488 antimouse (Sigma–Aldrich, SAB4600035) antibodies followed by washes and DAPI staining as described above.

#### Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization

For combined detection of the  $\alpha$ CenH3 and centromeric candidates, immunodetection procedure was followed by FISH. After IF detection and washing, slides were immediately pretreated for FISH washing in 45% acetic acid for 10 min and in 2xSSC for 5 min. After RNase A treatment for 30 min at 37 °C slides were washed 3 × 5 min with PBS and fixed with 1% formaldehyde in PBS with 50 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>. After washing 2 × 5 min with PBS, slides were dehydrated in a series of cold ethanol. Denaturation was carried out in 70% formamide in 2xSSC at 70 °C for 2 min and slides were dehydrated and air dried. Lyophilized-specific probe (100 ng/slide) was denatured at 75 °C for 5 min in 15  $\mu$ l of hybridization buffer (60% formamide in dextran sulfate buffer [20% DeSO<sub>4</sub>, 4xSSC, 50 mM Na-phosphate pH 7.0]) and chilled on ice. Hybridization was performed at 37 °C overnight. Posthybridization washes were carried out with 50% formamide in 2xSSC for four times during 5 min at 37 °C. Slides were blocked with 5% Blocking Reagent (Roche) in 4xSSC. Immunodetection was performed with fluorescein avidin D and biotinylated antiavidin D system (Vector Laboratories). Slides were

counterstained with DAPI, dried, and embedded in Mowiol 4-88 mounting medium (Sigma–Aldrich). To minimize nonspecific staining slides with chromatin fibers were incubated in Image-iT FX Signal Enhancer (Invitrogen) for 30 min.

### Primed In Situ Labeling

For combined detection of the  $\alpha$ CenH3 and 19-bp box sequence immunodetection procedure was followed by primed in situ labeling (PRINS). Slides were pretreated and denatured as for FISH experiments. The reaction mixture was prepared in 50  $\mu$ l containing 2  $\mu$ M primer (19-bp box; TCGGGCCTTCGGCCCTCGC), 2.5  $\mu$ M MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 150  $\mu$ M each of dATP, dCTP, dGTP, 96  $\mu$ M dTTP and 54  $\mu$ M biotin-16-dUTP, 1 U of GoTaq G2 DNA Polymerase (Promega), and 1 $\times$  Colorless GoTaq Reaction Buffer (Promega). On each prewarmed slide, 25  $\mu$ l of prepared mixture was applied, covered with coverslip, sealed, and continued to heat at appropriate annealing and elongation temperature of 65 °C for 30 min. Reaction was stopped by washing in 50 mM NaCl, 50 mM EDTA, pH 8 buffer for 5 min at 65 °C followed by 3  $\times$  5 min washes in 4 $\times$  SSC with 0.05% Tween 20. Immunodetection and DAPI staining were afterward performed in the same manner as for FISH.

### Images Processing and Quantification

Microscopic images were recorded using confocal laser scanning microscope Leica TCS SP8 X (Leica Microsystems) equipped with an HC PL APO CS2 63 $\times$ /1.40 oil objective, 405 nm diode laser, and a supercontinuum excitation laser (Leica Microsystems). Images were acquired as z-stacks with five slices and average step size of 0.5  $\mu$ m per cytosmear. Each fluorochrome was capture separately and images were merged and analyzed using Image J and Adobe Photoshop software. Images quantification was done using CellProfiler (<https://cellprofiler.org>) with align and measure colocalization modules. Ten nuclei were selected as separate regions of interests on original images acquired with confocal microscopy where grayscale separated red and green channels were analyzed. Manders coefficients with Costes automated thresholding were calculated for channel interrelationship and all values were shown on graphs using GraphPad Prism version 8.

## Native Chromatin Immunoprecipitation Followed by Sequencing (ChIP-Seq)

Native ChIP was performed, with some modifications, according to protocol previously described for nematode *C. elegans* (Steiner and Henikoff 2014). Briefly, approximately 500 mg of frozen *M. incognita* eggs were ground using liquid nitrogen. Suspension was homogenized for 2 min with pestle A and 4 min with pestle B in 3 ml of ice-cold buffer (15 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 340 mM sucrose, 0.2 mM spermine, 0.5 mM spermidine, 0.1% Triton X-100, and 0.5 mM PMSF) using Dounce homogenizer. Prolonged homogenization step has previously shown to be crucial for higher chromatin yield in *M. incognita* (Perfus-Barbeoch et al. 2014). Cellular debris was removed by spinning for 2 min at 100 g. Supernatant was centrifuged at 1,000 × g for 10 min and nuclei were gently resuspended in 250 µl of buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5 mM PMSF) and incubated for 5 min at 37 °C with addition of 2 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>. Different MNase (Thermo Scientific, Cat No. 88216) concentrations were tested and optimal digestion with prevalent fraction of mononucleosome ~150 bp was obtained with 0.2 U/µl eggs and 0.4 U/µl eggs for 2 min. The reactions were stopped by adding EDTA (final concentration of 20 mM). Chromatin was solubilized by cavitation using needle extraction (ten times with 26 gauge) and suspension was centrifuged at 1,000 × g for 5 min. The supernatant containing well-digested chromatin was used for ChIP (supplementary fig. 5A).

ChIP was done using Dynabeads Protein A Immunoprecipitation Kit (Invitrogen) in accordance to manufacturer's protocol, with some modifications. Three ChIP experiments with chromatin from two different MNase digestions using two different αCenH3 antibody concentration (10 and 30 µg) were performed (supplementary fig. 5B). Beads were first washed with PBS followed by binding of αCenH3 antibody in 200 µl of Ab Binding and Washing Buffer for 2 h at 4 °C. Beads-antibody complex were washed and separated using a magnetic rack. For input control sample, 10% of starting chromatin was stored at 4 °C until the last step of elution. ChIP reactions were done with 50 µl of beads-antibody complex and 200 µl of isolated chromatin fraction (~6 µg). Chromatin was diluted 1:2 with ChIP dilution buffer (50 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 5 mM EDTA, 0.2 mM PMSF, 1× cOmplete protease inhibitor; Roche) as used in Neumann et al. (2012). Antibody bound beads were incubated with diluted chromatin O/N on rotation at 4 °C. Precipitated immunocomplexes were washed three times for

5 min with 200 µl of Washing buffer (Invitrogen) and ChIPped chromatin was eluted two times for 15 min at 65 °C with 100 µl of elution buffer (1% SDS, 0.1 M NaHCO<sub>3</sub>). After washing, beads were resuspended in TE buffer followed by RNase and Proteinase K treatment to release DNA from the immunoprecipitated nucleosomes. Finally, ChIPped DNA and input were isolated with DNA purification kit (Qiagen) and eluted in 50 µl of 10 mM Tris–Cl, pH 8.5 buffer. About 5 µg of normal rabbit IgG (Cell Signaling Technology, No. 2729) was included as a negative control in each ChIP experiment in order to optimize the experimental conditions. The relatively high ratio of anti-alpha CenH3 ChIPed DNA versus rabbit IgG ChIPed DNA was used as an indicator of a successful ChIP experiment. Genomic DNA for WGS sequencing was isolated from eggs using DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (Qiagen). Library construction (KAPA Hyper Prep kit) and sequencing were done via multiplexing using Illumina HiSeq technology which produced 151-bp paired-end reads (AdmeraHealth). Raw Illumina Input and ChIP-sequencing reads have been deposited to NCBI BioProject database under the study accession number (PRJNA639449).

#### ChIP-Seq Data Analysis

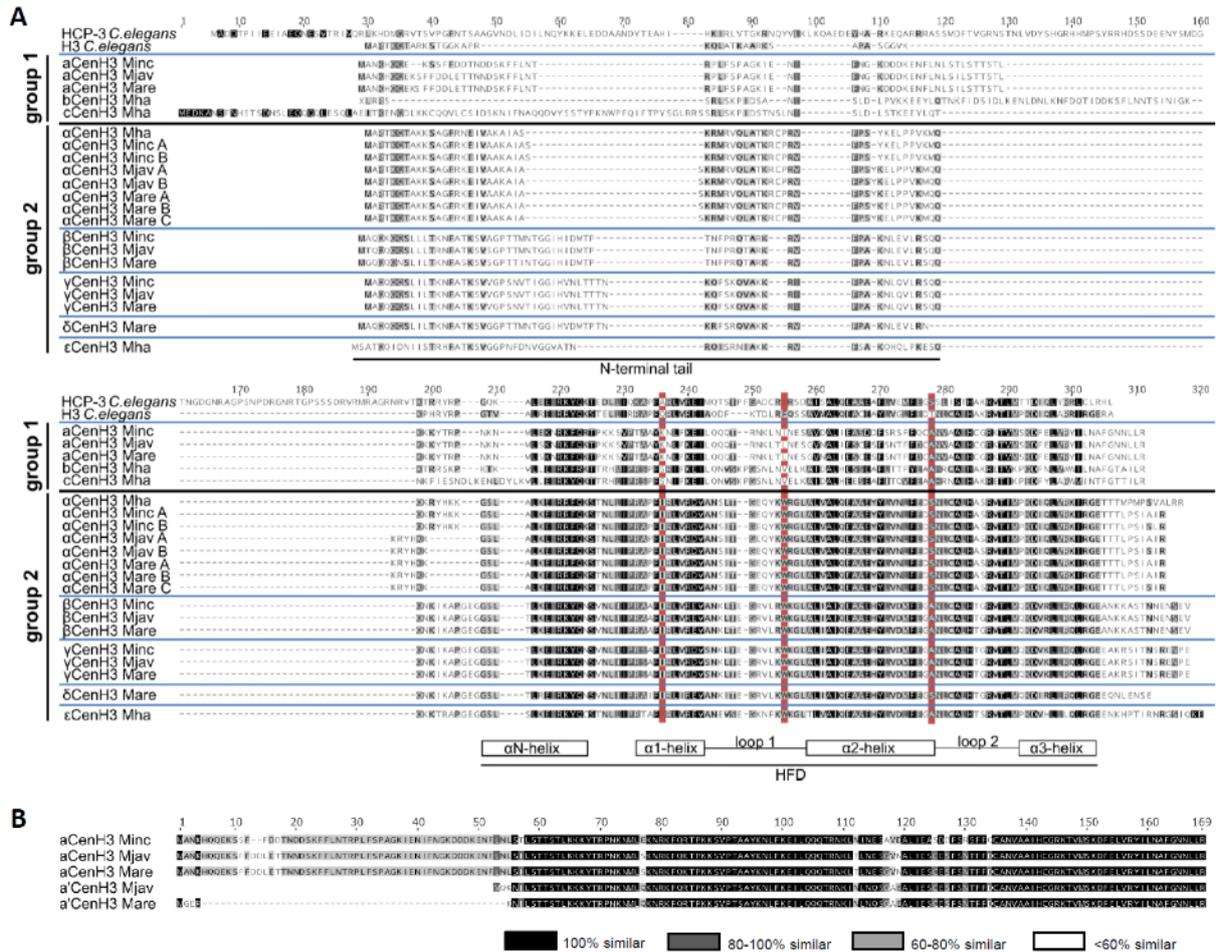
Sequencing data were first tested with FastQC (Andrews 2010) and preprocessed to get high-quality reads. About 2 million of 151-bp pair-end sequence reads were mapped to the *M. incognita* genome reference genome GCA\_900182535.1 (Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017) using the Burrows–Wheeler Aligner (BWA) with default parameters (Li and Durbin 2009).

Repetitive part of the *M. incognita* genome was analyzed using graph-based clustering which utilizes grouping of reads based on their shared similarity. A total of 1 million paired reads (0.8 genome coverage) was used for RepeatExplorer (Novák et al. 2013) clustering. The output of analysis was clusters, composed of contigs with overlapping sequences, where each cluster represents a repetitive element. One million of single-end reads of ChIP and input were mapped to the clusters with ChIP-seq Mapper (Neumann et al. 2012). Repeats enriched in ChIPped DNA were identified by elevated proportions of reads from ChIP versus input data. The threshold for ChIP versus input ratio >1.5 was chosen. This relatively low threshold for ChIP enrichment was also selected previously in studies where CenH3 was associated with many different

sequences (e.g., in the plant Beta; Kowar et al. 2016). Recently, it has been proposed that both the abundance and enrichment have to be taken into account in ChIP analyses to estimate of sequences associated with the centromeres (Talbert et al. 2018). Therefore, 100 most abundant repeat clusters, with at least 0.02% *M. incognita* genome content were presented. In addition to cluster analysis, mapping of ChIP and input on 10,000 contigs (with at least 0.002% genome proportion) using criteria that each read can only be assigned to one contig was done. The analysis was performed for all three ChIP replicates and enriched contigs were determined based on calculated ChIP/input hit ratio (supplementary table 6). The centromeric candidates (from clusters and contigs analyses) were further analyzed for tandem repeats using the Tandem Repeats Finder server (<https://tandem.bu.edu/trf/trf.html>) with default parameters (Benson 1999). Sequence monomer analyses such as multiple sequence comparison, GC content, pairwise identity, and motif search were done using Genious v9.1, together with implemented DNA-fold Vienna package for secondary structure analysis. Surrounding TR regions were investigated by assembling contigs using de novo assembler. In order to find putative centromere candidates in related *M. incognita* species, the first step was clustering of raw Illumina WGS data of *M. arenaria* (SRR4242477) and *M. javanica* (SRR4242459) raw Illumina WGS data (Szitenberg et al. 2017) using RepeatExplorer. The second step included detection of clusters/contigs which contain TRs-associated with *M. incognita*-specific centromere sequence motif. The selected putative centromeric TR arrays in closely related species were further analyzed as described for *M. incognita*.

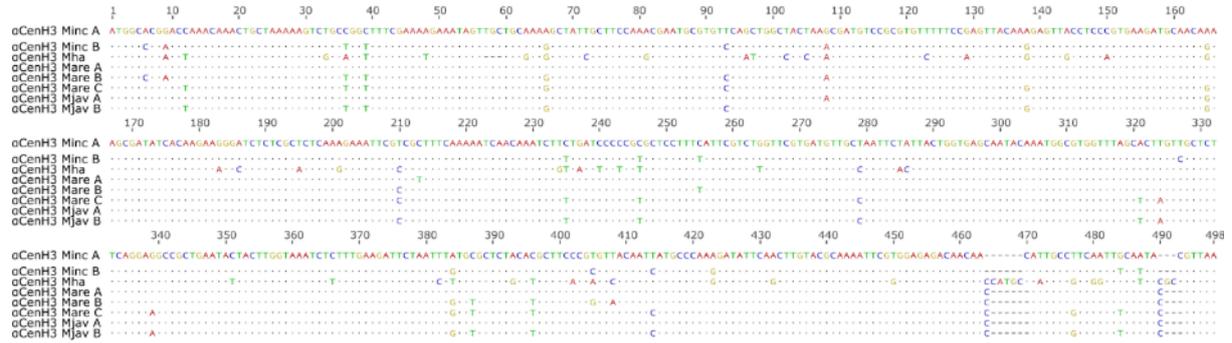
For validation of ChIP enrichment obtained on repetitive part of the *M. incognita* genome preprocessed and subsampled ChIP and input reads for each replicate were mapped to *M. incognita* genome assembly (Blanc-Mathieu et al. 2017) using bowtie2 (Langmead and Salzberg 2012) with `-very-sensitive-local` and `-a` option on the Galaxy platform. For normalizing read counts bamCompare (Ramírez et al. 2016) was used with default parameters, where difference was computed by subtracting read number of input from corresponding ChIP sample. Results were visualized using Integrative Genomics Viewer (Robinson et al. 2011).

# Supplementary Material

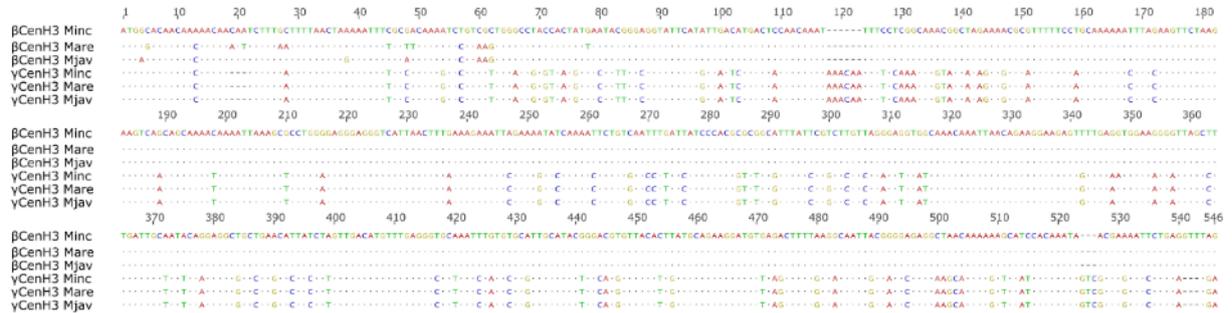


**Supplementary Figure 1.** A) Alignment of CenH3 candidates from *Meloidogyne* species (Minc, *M. incognita*; Mare, *M. arenaria*; Mjav, *M. javanica* and Mha, *M. hapla*). Secondary structure of HFD is depicted below the alignment. The red boxes indicate diagnostic amino acids changes of HFD in comparison to H3 from *C. elegans*. Group 1 represents CenH3 candidates with low sequence identity of HFD (<50%) in comparison to H3 from *C. elegans*. Group 2 contains CenH3 candidates with high HFD identity ( $\geq 50\%$ ) to H3 from *C. elegans*. The sources of all CenH3 candidates together with abbreviated names are supplied in Supplementary Table 1. Sequence identity matrix of HFDs is provided in Supplementary Table 2. B) Alignment of aCenH3s together with truncated aCenH3s found in *M. javanica* and *M. arenaria*

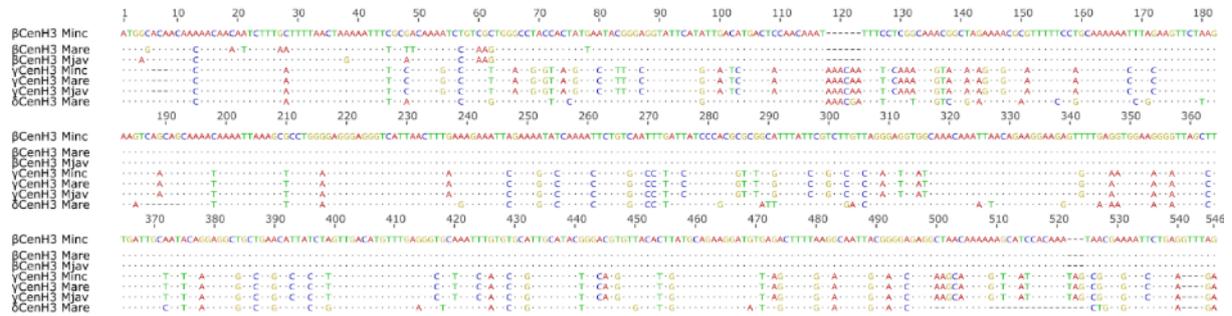
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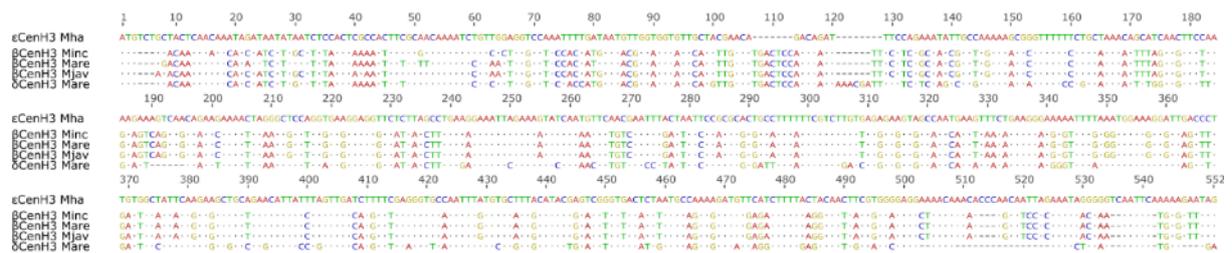
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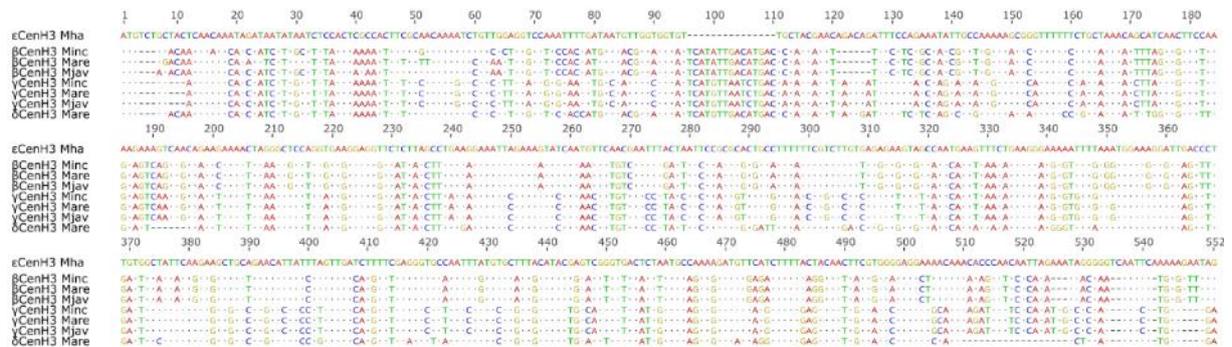
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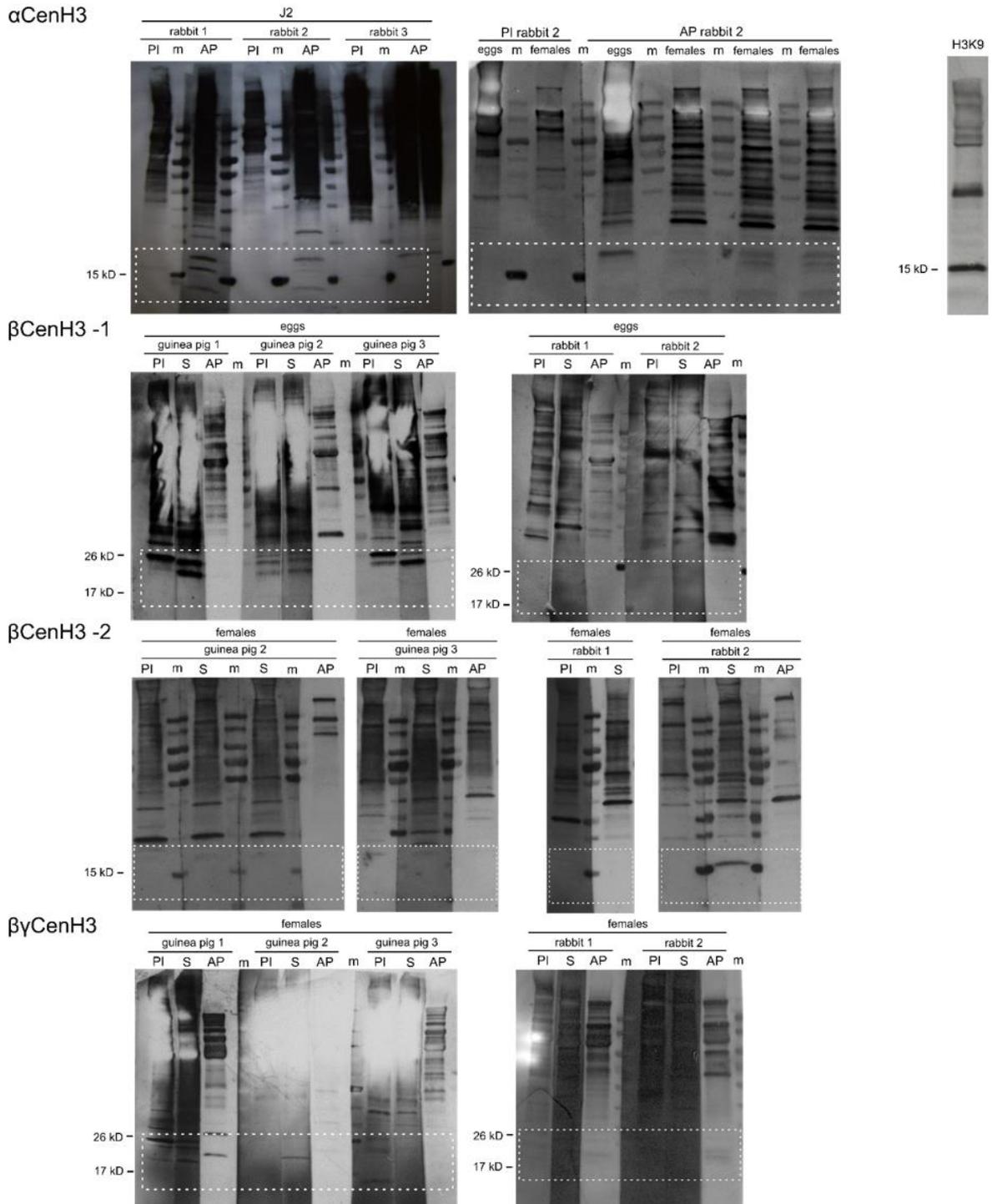


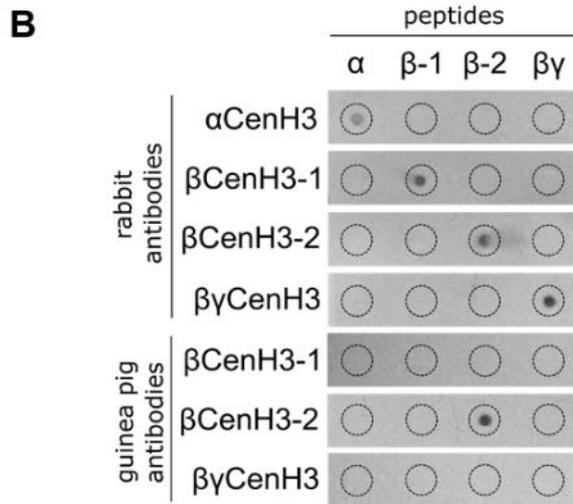
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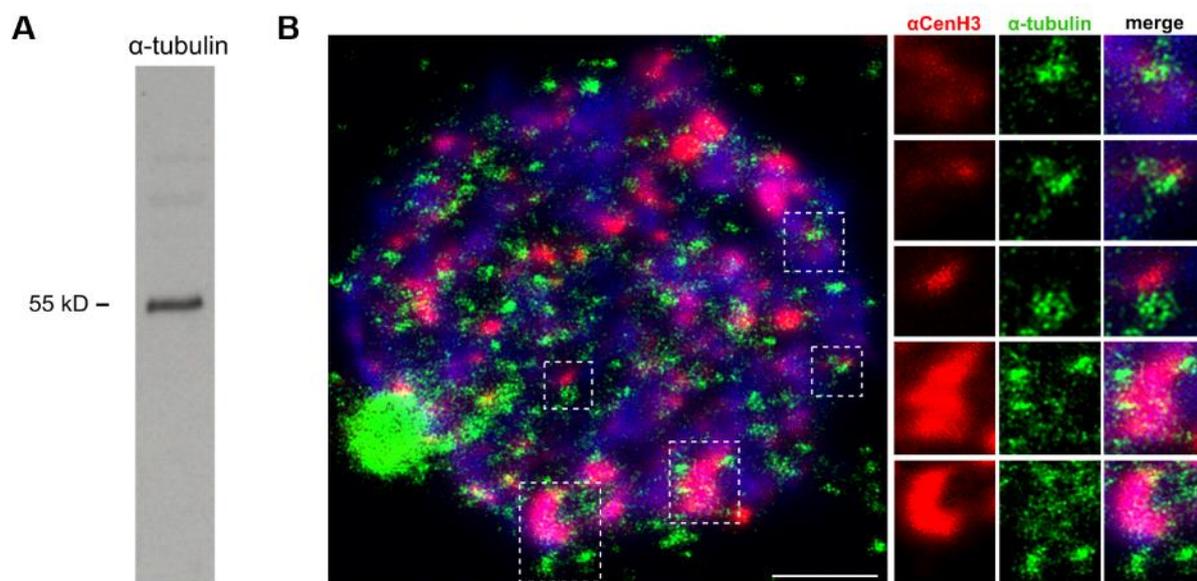
**Supplementary Figure 2.** Alignments of CenH3 gene sequences from *Meloidogyne* (*Minc-M. incognita*; *Mare-M. arenaria*; *Mjav-M. javanica* and *Mha-M. hapla*) generated from full-length transcripts databases (WormBase ParaSite; <https://parasite.wormbase.org/index.html>) used for codon positive selection test. The IDs of all CenH3s are supplied in Supplementary Table 1.

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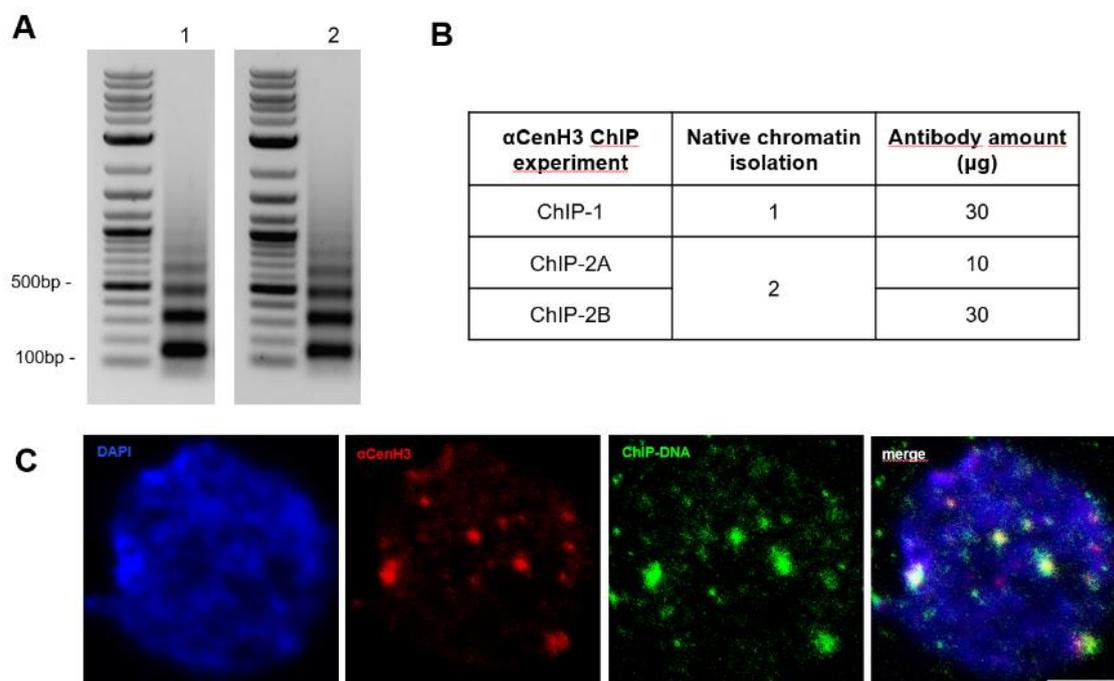




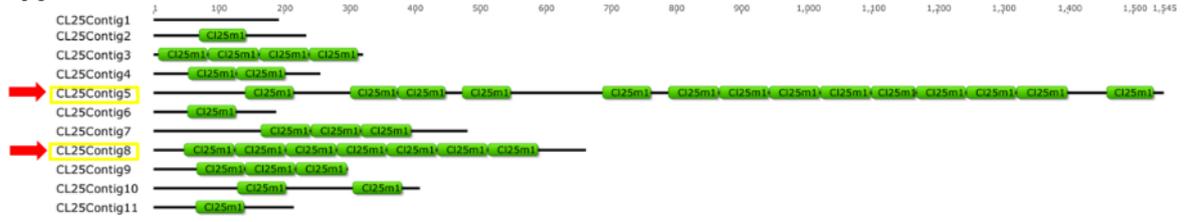
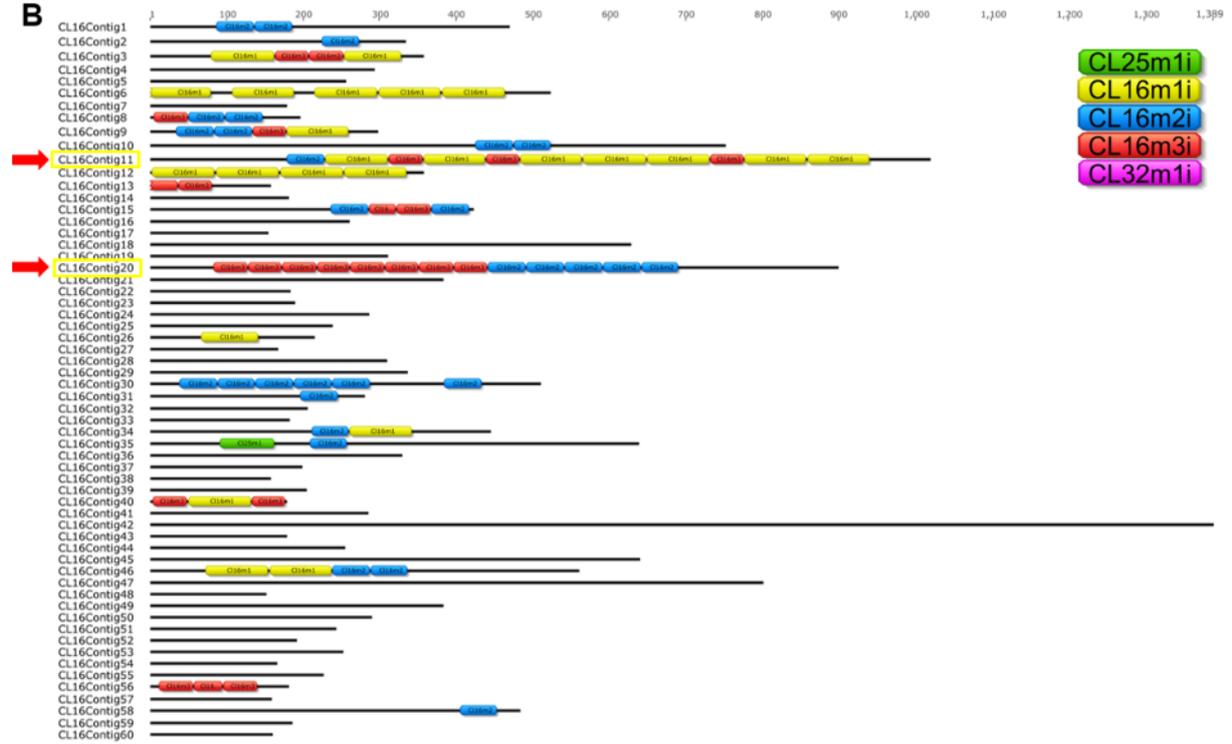
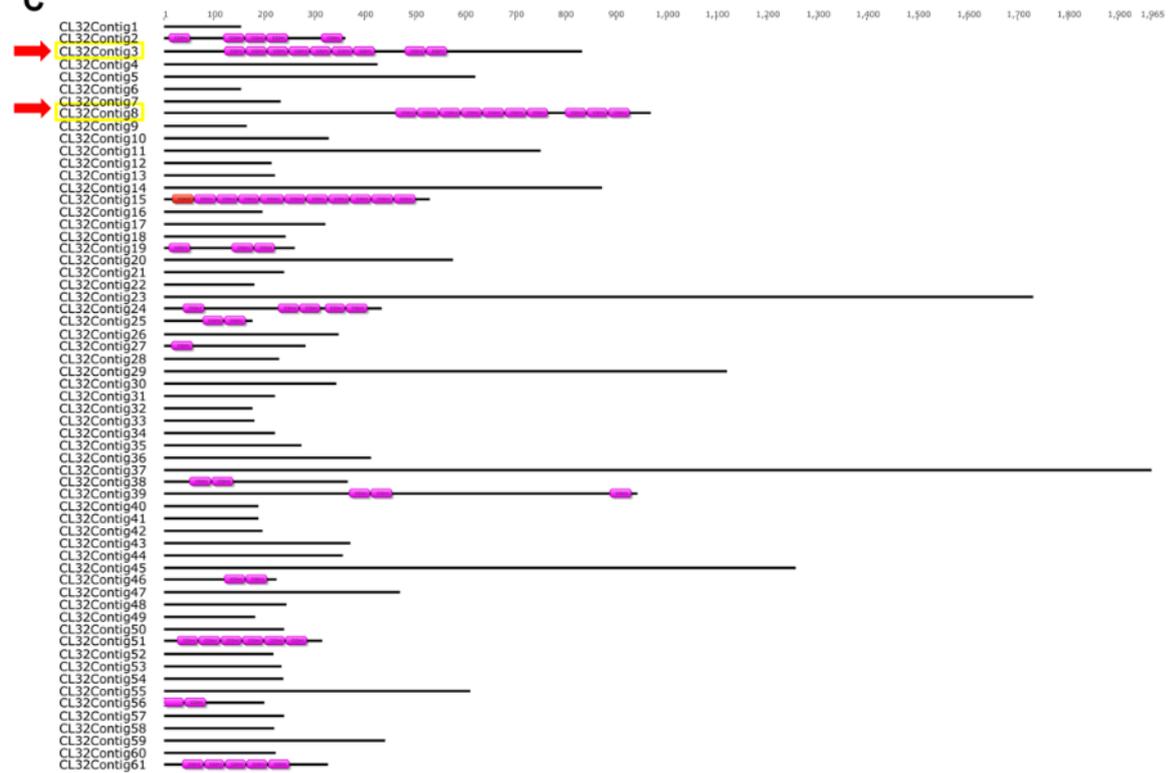
**Supplementary Figure 3.** A) Western blot of CenH3 antibodies ( $\alpha$ CenH3,  $\beta$ CenH3-1,  $\beta$ CenH3-2 and  $\beta\gamma$ CenH3) raised in rabbits or in guinea pigs on *M. incognita* proteins isolated from eggs, J2 and females (ovaries and uterus). The same amount of the whole protein isolate were loaded in all samples (20 $\mu$ g/lane) except in Western blot of  $\alpha$ CenH3 on females protein isolate (AP rabbit 2) where the three different protein amounts were applied (20, 30 and 40 $\mu$ g/lane). Western blot with H3K9 polyclonal antibody is also shown (up, right). Outlined are regions of expected CenH3 signals based on calculated heights. (PI = pre-immune serum, AP = affinity purified monospecific IgG fraction after 120 days of immunization with specific peptide). B) Peptide dot blot of all CenH3 antibodies on synthesized peptides corresponding to CenH3 epitopes used for animal immunization. For  $\beta$  and  $\beta\gamma$ CenH3 screening, mixed antibodies of three guinea pigs and two rabbits are used. The peptide sequences are indicated in alignment of Figure 1A.

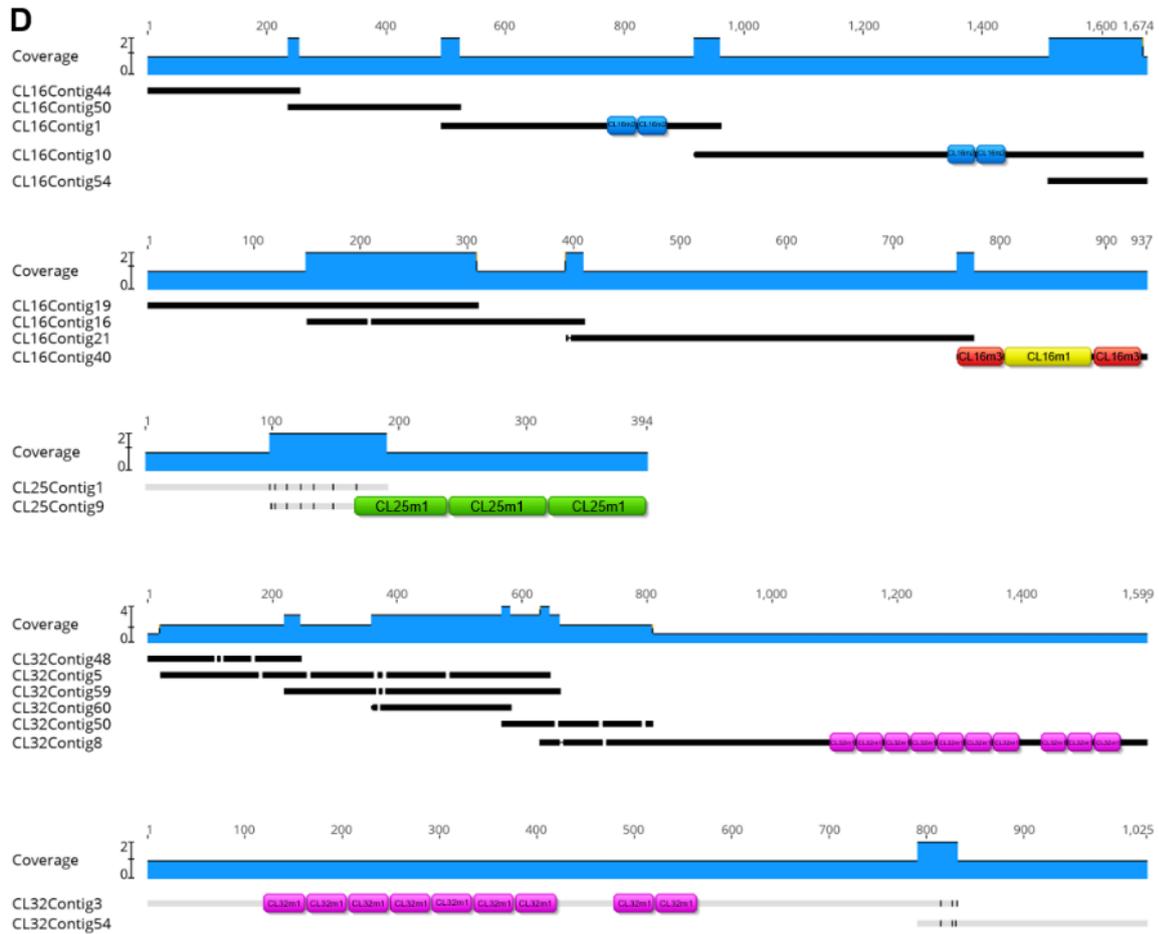


**Supplementary Figure 4.** A) Western blot of mouse monoclonal  $\alpha$ -tubulin antibody on proteins isolated from *M. incognita* eggs B) Double immunofluorescence with anti- $\alpha$ CenH3 (red) and anti- $\alpha$ -tubulin (green) antibody in *M. incognita*. Outlined segments of visible close centromere-tubulin interaction are enlarged and channels are shown separated. DNA was counterstained with DAPI (blue). Scale bar = 3  $\mu$ m.



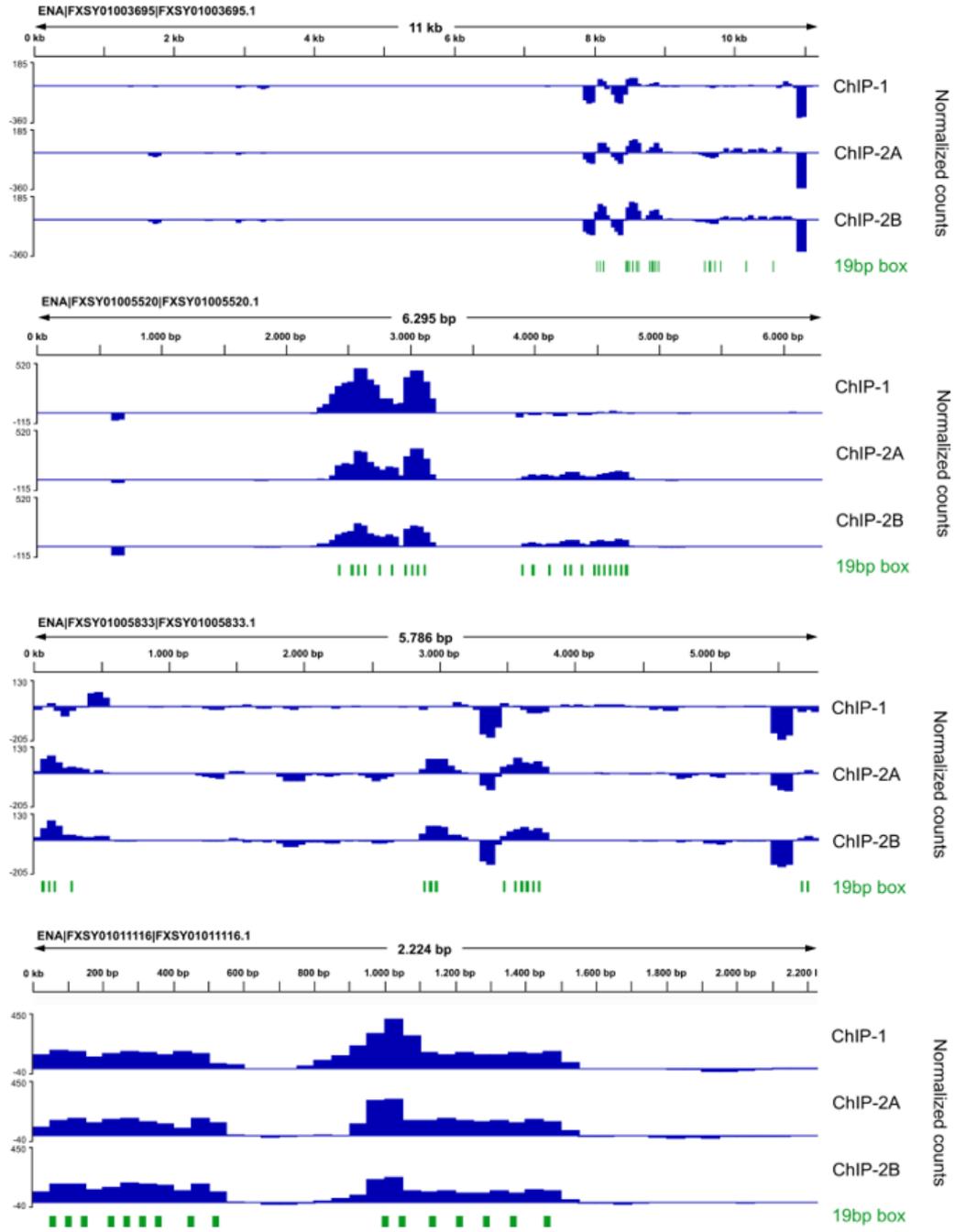
**Supplementary Figure 5.** A) Agarose gel of DNA isolated from MNase treated chromatin using 0.2U MNase/ $\mu$ L eggs and 0.4U MNase/ $\mu$ L eggs for 2 min (line 1 and 2, respectively). B) Three ChIP experiments using different chromatin isolation and different antibody amount. C) IF-FISH with  $\alpha$ CenH3 antibody and ChIPped-DNA as probe on the prophase of *M. incognita*. Scale bar = 5  $\mu$ m.

**A****B****C**



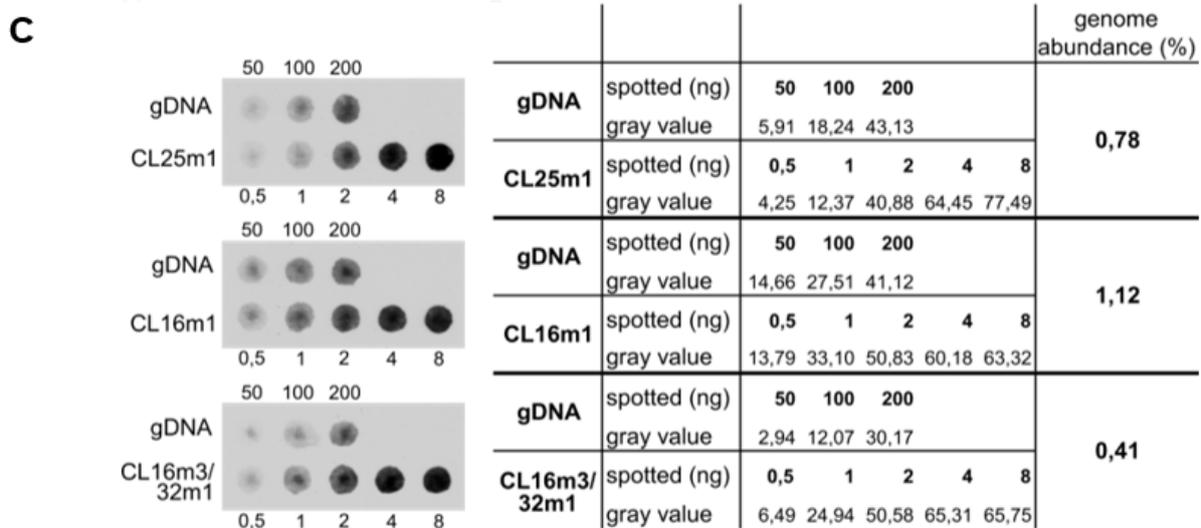
**Supplementary Figure 6.** Contigs from  $\alpha$ CenH3 ChIP-enriched clusters, A) CL25, B) CL16 and C) CL32, with mapped monomers on the contigs (CL25m1i, CL16m1i, CL16m2i, CL16m3i and CL32m1i) in *M. incognita*. Red arrows indicate contigs enriched in ChIP analyses. D) Examples of assemblies of  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated contigs with contigs which represent their flanking regions originating from the same cluster.

**A**



**B**

	WGS	Input-1	Input-2	ChIP-1	ChIP-2A	ChIP-2B	Assembled genome
Hits	6649	5615	5347	8690	8054	7951	1117
Abundance (%)	0,221	0,223	0,212	0,345	0,320	0,316	0,037

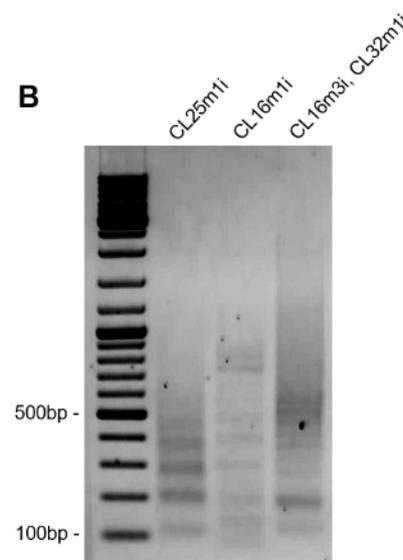


**Supplementary Figure 7.** A)  $\alpha$ CenH3-ChIP visualization with genome browser on *M. incognita* genome assembly with three ChIP replicates normalized to input. The prominent examples of scaffolds with  $\alpha$ CenH3 peaks are shown together with 19bp box below (green). B) Abundance of ChIP specific sequences in the assembled genome, whole genome sequencing, input and ChIP samples calculated based on genome size of ~180 Mb and average monomer length of 60bp in 106 sequenced reads. C) Dot blots hybridization analysis of *M. incognita* genomic DNA (gDNA) using probes specific for CL25m1, CL16m1 and CL16m3/32m1 monomers, respectively. The amounts of DNAs blotted were 50, 100 and 200ng. Positive control were monomers CL25m1, CL16m1 and CL16m3/32m1 in the amounts of 0,5, 1, 2, 4 and 8 ng (left panel). The calculation of relative abundance of CL25m1, CL16m1 and CL16m3/32m1 were calculated based on densitometry of dot blots (right panel).

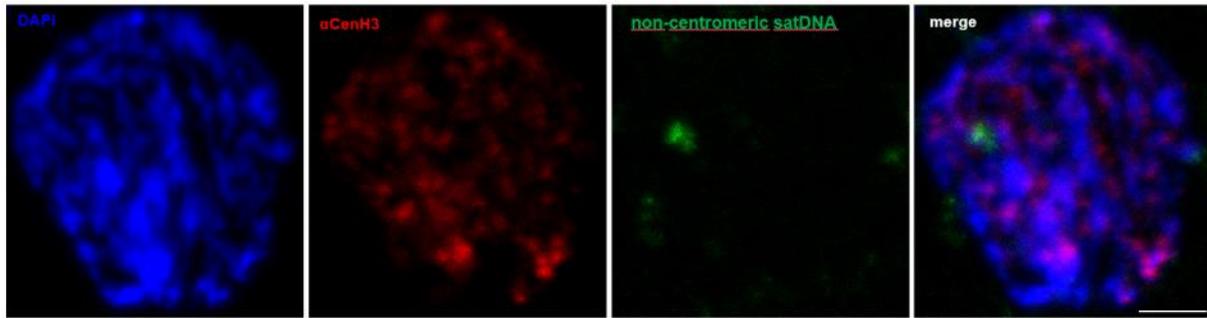
**A**

FISH hybridization probes	Primer sequence (5'-3')	
CL25m1i	forward	TCGGGCCTTCGGCCCTCGCC
	reverse	CAACCCATCTAAAAGGCAGA
CL16m1i	forward	CGTTTTAGATGTAATGAAAGC
	reverse	GAGCAATAGTCAAAGGCAG
CL16m3i, CL32m1i	forward	CGCGAGGGCCGAAGGC
	reverse	GGATGGATCTTAAGCTCG

**B**



**Supplementary Figure 8.** A) Primers used for labelling of  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers (CL25m1i, CL16m1i, CL16m3i and CL32m1i) which were used in FISH and dot blot hybridizations as probe. B) Gel electrophoresis of hybridization probes.

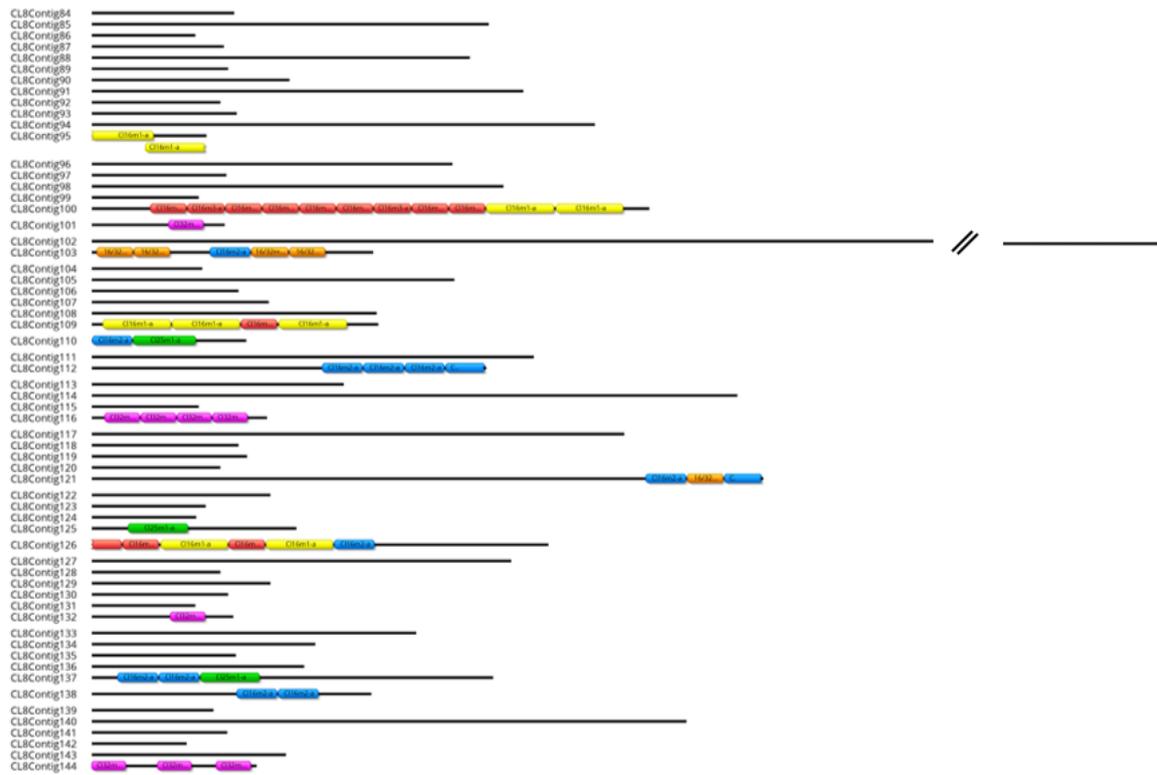


**Supplementary Figure 9.** Combined immunofluorescence and fluorescence in situ labeling with anti- $\alpha$ CenH (red) and  $\alpha$ CenH3 non-enriched satellite DNA (green) on *M. incognita* cytosmeer. DNA was counterstained with DAPI (blue). Scale bar = 3  $\mu$ m.

**A**

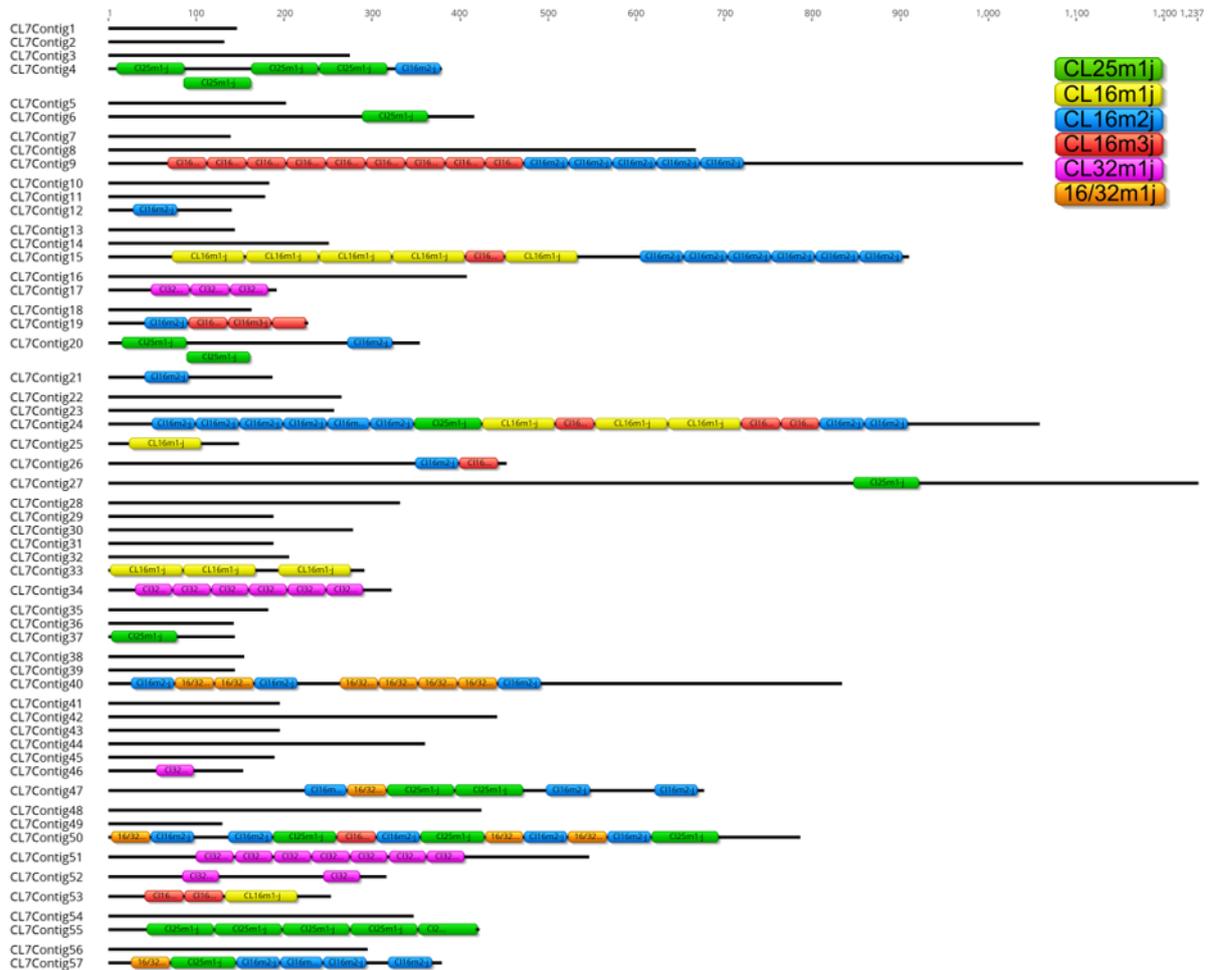
*M. arenaria*

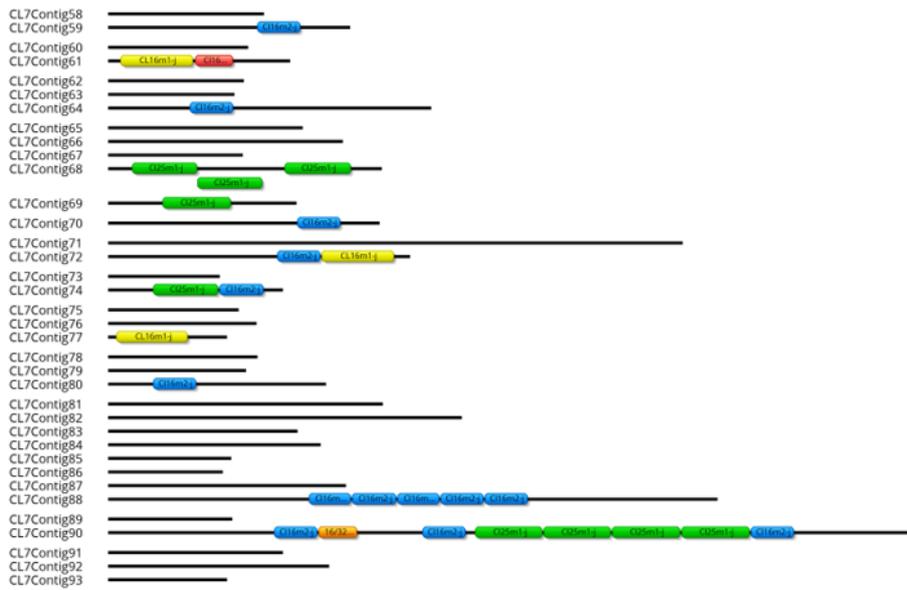




**B**

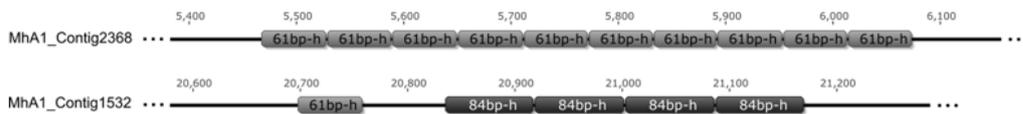
*M. javanica*



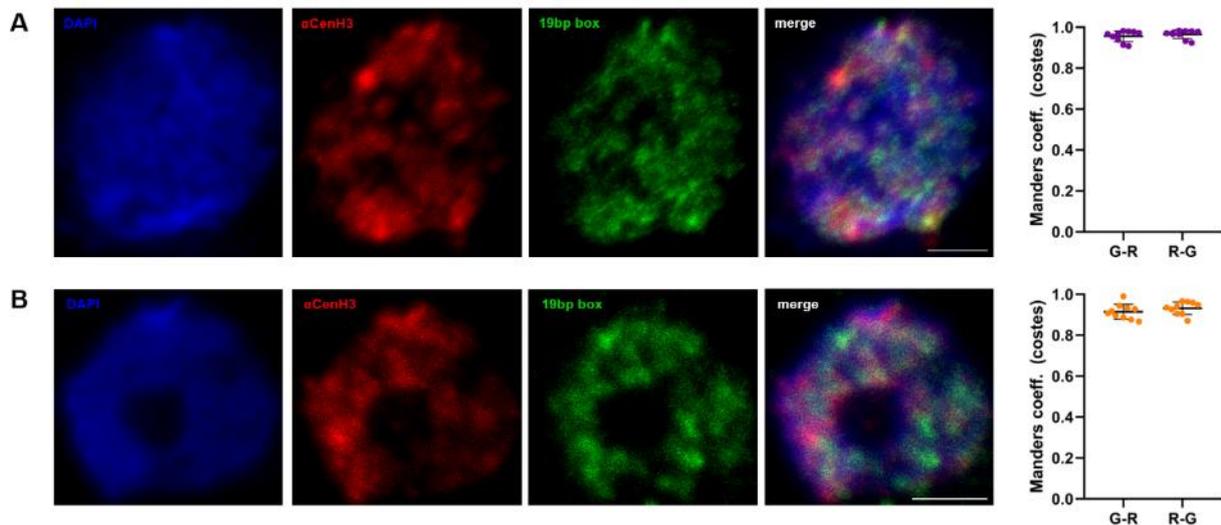


C

***M. hapla***



**Supplementary Figure 10.** Clusters obtained by clustering of Illumina WGS reads followed by mapping with  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated monomers (Figure 8A) in A) *M. arenaria* (CL8) and B) *M. javanica* (CL7). C) Representatives of contigs with tandemly repeated monomers-containing 19 bp box (Figure 8A) from *M. hapla* assembled genome (Opperman et al, 2008).



**Supplementary Figure 11.** Combined immunofluorescence and primed in situ labeling with anti- $\alpha$ CenH (red) and centromeric 19 bp box (green) together with graph of signal colocalization quantification for 10 representative images with calculated Manders coefficients (costes thresholding) in A) *M. arenaria* and B) *M. javanica*. Data on graph are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD (supplementary table 7). DNA was counterstained with DAPI (blue). Scale bar = 3  $\mu$ m.

**Supplementary Table 1.** List of CenH3 candidates with abbreviations and IDs from WormBase ParaSite database (<https://parasite.wormbase.org/index.html>) from *Meloidogyne* species (Minc-*M. incognita*; Mare-*M. arenaria*; Mjav-*M. javanica* and Mha-*M. hapla*). Grouping of sequences was done according to their mutual HFD sequence similarity (Supplementary Table 2).

	<b>CenH3 abbreviations</b>	<b>Gene/protein IDs in WormBase ParaSite database</b>
<b>group 1</b>	aCenH3 Minc	Minc3s02591g30793
	aCenH3 Mjav	M.Javanica_Scaff7130g046866
	aCenH3 Mare	M.Arenaria_Scaff7091g061788
	bCenH3 Mha	MhA1_Contig881.frz3.gene1
	cCenH3 Mha	MhA1_Contig773.frz3.gene16
<b>group 2</b>	αCenH3 Mha	MhA1_Contig20.frz3.gene12
	αCenH3 Minc A	Minc3s00059g03025
	αCenH3 Minc B	Minc3s00931g19001
	αCenH3 Mjav A	scaffold14337_cov303.g17394
	αCenH3 Mjav B	scaffold7103_cov296.g11640
	αCenH3 Mare A	tig00001842.g73055.t1
	αCenH3 Mare B	tig00002608.g35385.t1
	αCenH3 Mare C	tig00002642.g7848.t1
	βCenH3 Minc	Minc3s02448g30096
	βCenH3 Mjav	M.Javanica_Scaff2g000047
	βCenH3 Mare	M.Arenaria_Scaff2725g035701
	γCenH3 Minc	Minc3s00059g03056
	γCenH3 Mjav	M.Javanica_Scaff219g003590
	γCenH3 Mare	M.Arenaria_Scaff81g002502
	δCenH3 Mare	M.Arenaria_Scaff17829g091072
εCenH3 Mha	MhA1_Contig20.frz3.gene42	

a'CenH3 Mjav M.Javanica\_Scaff8474g052097

a'CenH3 Mare M.Arenaria\_Scaff14550g084642

**Supplementary Table 2.** Identity matrix of HFD protein regions of all CenH3 candidates from *Meloidogyne* species (Minc, *M. incognita*; Mare, *M. arenaria*; Mjav, *M. javanica* and Mha, *M. hapla*) together with HCP-3 and H3 from *C. elegans*

	HCP-3 <i>C.el</i>	H3 <i>C.el</i>	αMinc	αMjav	αMare	βMha	γMha	δMha	εMinc A	εMinc B	εMjav A	εMjav B	εMare A	εMare B	εMare C	βMinc	βMjav	βMare	γMinc	γMjav	γMare	δMare	εMha
HCP-3 <i>C.el</i>		54,8	29	26,9	26,9	35,5	36,1	49,5	49,5	49,5	49,5	49,5	49,5	49,5	49,5	47,3	47,3	47,3	44,1	44,1	44,1	47,3	41,9
H3 <i>C.el</i>			31,9	33	33	38,7	39,2	64,8	64,8	64,8	64,8	64,8	64,8	64,8	64,8	52,2	52,2	52,2	47,8	47,8	47,8	52,2	51,1
αMinc				85,7	85,7	39,8	35,1	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	30,4	30,4	30,4	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	23,9
αMjav					100	39,8	33	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	29,3	29,3	29,3	27,2	27,2	27,2	27,2	23,9
αMare						39,8	33	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	28,3	29,3	29,3	29,3	27,2	27,2	27,2	27,2	23,9
βMha							74,2	34,4	34,4	34,4	34,4	34,4	34,4	34,4	34,4	29	29	29	29	29	29	28	32,3
γMha								33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	29,9	29,9	29,9	29,9	29,9	29,9	28,9	33
εMha									98,9	98,9	98,9	98,9	98,9	98,9	98,9	66,3	66,3	66,3	66,3	66,3	66,3	66,3	67,4
εMinc A										100	100	100	100	100	100	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	67,4	67,4
εMinc B											100	100	100	100	100	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	67,4	67,4
εMjav A												100	100	100	100	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	67,4	67,4
εMjav B													100	100	100	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	67,4	67,4
εMare A														100	100	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	67,4	67,4
εMare B															100	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	67,4	67,4
εMare C																65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	65,2	67,4	67,4
βMinc																	100	100	94,6	94,6	94,6	92,4	78,3
βMjav																		100	94,6	94,6	94,6	92,4	78,3
βMare																			94,6	94,6	94,6	92,4	78,3
γMinc																				100	99,1	77,2	
γMjav																					100	89,1	77,2
γMare																						89,1	77,2
δMare																							73,9
εMha																							

**Supplementary Table 3.** Identity matrix of whole CenH3 protein sequences (α, β, γ, δ and εCenH3) from *Meloidogyne* species (Minc, *M. incognita*; Mare, *M. arenaria*; Mjav, *M. javanica* and Mha, *M. hapla*) together with H3 from *C. elegans*

	H3 <i>C.el</i>	αMha	αMinc B	αMinc A	αMjav A	αMjav B	αMare A	αMare B	αMare C	βMinc	βMjav	βMare	γMinc	γMjav	γMare	δMare	εMha
H3 <i>C.el</i>		51,3	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	36,7	35,5	36,1	34,1	34,1	34,1	36,7	35,6
αMha			95,1	94,4	94,4	95,1	94,4	94,4	95,1	43,3	42,1	43,3	42,5	42,5	42,5	42,2	43,3
αMinc B				98,8	98,8	99,4	98,8	98,8	99,4	44	42,9	44	43,2	43,2	43,2	44,1	44,6
αMinc A					100	99,4	100	100	99,4	44	42,9	44	43,2	43,2	43,2	43,5	44,6
αMjav A						99,4	100	100	99,4	44	42,9	44	43,2	43,2	43,2	43,5	44,6
αMjav B							99,4	100	99,4	44	42,9	44	43,2	43,2	43,2	43,5	44,6
αMare A								100	99,4	44	42,9	44	43,2	43,2	43,2	43,5	44,6
αMare B									99,4	44	42,9	44	43,2	43,2	43,2	43,5	44,6
αMare C										44	42,9	44	43,2	43,2	43,2	43,5	44,6
βMinc											97,8	96,1	78,3	78,3	78,3	82,7	60,1
βMjav												96,6	77,8	77,8	77,8	82,1	60,7
βMare													77,8	77,8	77,8	81,6	60,1
γMinc														100	100	78,8	60
γMjav															100	78,8	60
γMare																78,8	60
δMare																	59,2
εMha																	

**Supplementary Table 4.** Non-synonymous/synonymous substitution rate ratio (dN/dS= $\omega$ ) in  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ CenH3 variants among species as well as dN/dS ratio using HFD or N-tail of different CenH3s

$\alpha$ CenH3	$\alpha$ Minc A	$\alpha$ Minc B	$\alpha$ Mha	$\alpha$ Mare A	$\alpha$ Mare B	$\alpha$ Mare C	$\alpha$ Mjav A	$\alpha$ Mjav B
$\alpha$ Minc A		0,0353	0,0302	0,0000	0,0000	0,0156	0,0000	0,0156
$\alpha$ Minc B			0,0342	0,0331	0,0518	0,0188	0,0405	0,0188
$\alpha$ Mha				0,0292	0,0323	0,0414	0,0322	0,0414
$\alpha$ Mare A					0,0000	0,0147	0,0000	0,0147
$\alpha$ Mare B						0,0177	0,0000	0,0177
$\alpha$ Mare C							0,0156	#DIV/0!
$\alpha$ Mjav A								0,0156
$\alpha$ Mjav B								

$\beta$ CenH3	$\beta$ Minc	$\beta$ Mare	$\beta$ Mjav
$\beta$ Minc		0,5236	0,4878
$\beta$ Mare			0,7830
$\beta$ Mjav			

$\gamma$ CenH3	$\gamma$ Minc	$\gamma$ Mare	$\gamma$ Mjav
$\gamma$ Minc		0,0000	0,0000
$\gamma$ Mare			#DIV/0!
$\gamma$ Mjav			

HFD $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$	$\epsilon$ Mha	$\delta$ Mare	$\beta$ Minc	$\beta$ Mare	$\beta$ Mjav	$\gamma$ Minc	$\gamma$ Mare	$\gamma$ Mjav	$\alpha$ Minc A	$\alpha$ Minc B	$\alpha$ Mha	$\alpha$ Mare A	$\alpha$ Mare B	$\alpha$ Mare C	$\alpha$ Mjav A	$\alpha$ Mjav B
$\epsilon$ Mha		/	/	/	/	/	/	/	0,0918	/	0,1270	0,0918	0,1359	0,0895	0,0918	0,0895
$\delta$ Mare			0,0430	0,0430	0,0430	0,1305	0,1228	0,1228	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
$\beta$ Minc				#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	/	0,0140	0,0140	/	/	/	/	0,0970	/	/	/
$\beta$ Mare					#DIV/0!	/	0,0140	0,0140	/	/	/	/	0,0970	/	/	/
$\beta$ Mjav						/	0,0140	0,0140	/	/	/	/	0,0970	/	/	/
$\gamma$ Minc							0,0000	0,0000	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
$\gamma$ Mare								#DIV/0!	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
$\gamma$ Mjav									/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
$\alpha$ Minc A									0,0000	0,0212	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000	#DIV/0!	0,0000	0,0000
$\alpha$ Minc B										0,0211	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000
$\alpha$ Mha											0,0201	0,0213	0,0212	0,0212	0,0212	0,0212
$\alpha$ Mare A												0,0000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000
$\alpha$ Mare B													0,0000	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000
$\alpha$ Mare C														0,0000	0,0000	0,0000
$\alpha$ Mjav A															#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
$\alpha$ Mjav B																0,0000

N-tail $\beta\gamma\delta$	$\gamma$ Mare	$\gamma$ Mjav	$\gamma$ Minc	$\delta$ Mare	$\beta$ Mare	$\beta$ Minc	$\beta$ Mjav
$\gamma$ Mare		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0,1531	0,2209	0,2142	0,2371
$\gamma$ Mjav			#DIV/0!	0,1531	0,2209	0,2142	0,2371
$\gamma$ Minc				0,1531	0,2209	0,2142	0,2371
$\delta$ Mare					0,1449	0,1308	0,1591
$\beta$ Mare						0,3904	0,5726
$\beta$ Minc							0,4774
$\beta$ Mjav							

N-tail $\beta\delta\epsilon$	$\epsilon$ Mha	$\delta$ Mare	$\beta$ Mare	$\beta$ Minc	$\beta$ Mjav
$\epsilon$ Mha		0,2940	0,3806	0,4393	0,4252
$\delta$ Mare			0,1723	0,1288	0,1569
$\beta$ Mare				0,5062	0,7710
$\beta$ Minc					0,4774
$\beta$ Mjav					

N-tail $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$	$\epsilon$ Mha	$\gamma$ Mare	$\gamma$ Mjav	$\gamma$ Minc	$\delta$ Mare	$\beta$ Mare	$\beta$ Minc	$\beta$ Mjav
$\epsilon$ Mha		0,2407	0,2407	0,2407	0,1528	0,2244	0,2730	0,2628
$\gamma$ Mare			#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0,1354	0,2181	0,1873	0,2107
$\gamma$ Mjav				#DIV/0!	0,1354	0,2181	0,1873	0,2107
$\gamma$ Minc					0,1354	0,2181	0,1873	0,2107
$\delta$ Mare						0,1603	0,1162	0,1435
$\beta$ Mare							0,5235	0,7979
$\beta$ Minc								0,4937
$\beta$ Mjav								

N-tail $\gamma\epsilon$	$\epsilon$ Mha	$\gamma$ Mare	$\gamma$ Mjav	$\gamma$ Minc
$\epsilon$ Mha		0,2332	0,2332	0,2332
$\gamma$ Mare			#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
$\gamma$ Mjav				#DIV/0!
$\gamma$ Minc				

**Supplementary Table 5.** Analysis of the positive selection at individual codons on  $\alpha$ CenH3s and also among different CenH3s using likelihood ratio test (LRT) values. LTR values with P-values <0.1 were considered as codons under positive selection (highlighted in yellow)

$\alpha$ CenH3									$\beta$ sCenH3										
Site	$\alpha$	$\beta^-$	$p^-$	$\beta^+$	$p^+$	LRT	p-value	# branches under selection	Total branch length	Site	$\alpha$	$\beta^-$	$p^-$	$\beta^+$	$p^+$	LRT	p-value	# branches under selection	Total branch length
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
2	10,41	0	0,01	0	0,99	0	0,67	0	1,84	2	0	0	0,46	25,68	0,54	5,82	0,02	0	7,39
3	2,09	0	0,02	0	0,98	0	0,67	0	0,37	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
4	1,52	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,27	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0,71	25,51	0,29	3,37	0,09	1	4
6	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
7	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0,79	760,7	0,21	6,82	0,01	1	84,75
8	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
9	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	8,63	0	0,18	0	0,82	0	0,67	0	1,48
10	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	0	2,84	1	1,27	0,27	1	1,53
11	3,41	0	0,2	0	0,8	0	0,67	0	0,6	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
12	9,34	0	0,02	0	0,98	0	0,67	0	1,65	12	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
13	5,65	0	0,2	0	0,8	0	0,67	0	1	13	0	0	0,72	32,44	0,28	3,79	0,07	0	4,87
14	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
15	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	15	20,77	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	3,57
16	0,73	0,73	1	0,8	0	0	0,67	0	0,46	16	96,21	0	0,02	0	0,98	0	0,67	0	16,53
17	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	17	0	0	0,64	14,08	0,36	3,69	0,07	1	2,75
18	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	18	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
19	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	19	1,33	0	0,15	0	0,85	0	0,67	0	0,23
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										170	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
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										172	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0

βCenH3, γCenH3 and δCenH3										βCenH3, γCenH3, δCenH3 and εCenH3									
Site	α	β	p	β*	p*	LRT	p-value	# branches under selection	Total branch length	Site	α	β	p	β*	p*	LRT	p-value	# branches under selection	Total branch length
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7	0	0	0,87	930,23	0,13	9,77	0	1	101,65	7	0	0	0,27	0,57	0,73	1,1	0,3	1	1,11
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163	1,09	0	0,02	0	0,98	0	0,67	0	0,29	163	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
164	0,75	0	0,01	0	0,99	0	0,67	0	0,2	164	1,74	0	0,18	0	0,82	0	0,67	0	1,5
165	0,9	0	0,02	0	0,98	0	0,67	0	0,24	165	0,81	0	0,19	0	0,81	0	0,67	0	0,7
166	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	166	1,01	0	0,07	0	0,93	0	0,67	0	0,87
167	4,55	0,57	0,71	0,58	0,29	0	0,67	0	1,71	167	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
168	0	0	0,75	7,77	0,25	3,1	0,1	1	1,65	168	5,06	1,09	0,35	0	0,65	0	0,67	0	5,37
169	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	169	0	0	0,63	8,91	0,37	4,88	0,04	0	8,79
170	0	0	0	0,58	1	0,53	0,42	0	0,49	170	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
171	0	0	0	0,64	1	0,66	0,39	0	0,54	171	0	0	0	0,82	1	0,93	0,33	1	2,18
172	0	0	0	1,95	1	2,86	0,11	0	1,64	172	0	0	0						

βCenH3, δCenH3 and εCenH3									
Site	α	β	ρ	β*	p*	LRT	p-value	# branches under selection	Total branch length
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
3	0,81	0	0,64	25,43	0,36	3,06	0,1	1	23,22
4	1	0,56	1	0,58	0	0	0,67	0	2,18
5	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
6	0	0	0,8	16,23	0,2	4,74	0,04	1	7,94
7	0	0	0	0,53	1	1,09	0,3	1	1,31
8	0	0	0,69	1655	0,31	3,36	0,09	0	1255,47
9	0	0	0	0,49	1	1,09	0,3	1	1,22
10	7,23	0,27	0	0,27	1	0	0,67	0	6,37
11	0,66	0	0,84	84,68	0,16	3,88	0,07	1	32,91
12	0,31	0,31	1	0,35	0	0	0,67	0	1,01
13	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
14	0	0	0,61	23,54	0,39	1,31	0,27	0	22,75
15	1,56	0,15	0	0,15	1	0	0,67	0	1,6
16	23,15	0	0,2	0	0,8	0	0,67	0	18,31
17	71,82	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	56,79
18	0	0	0,8	17,28	0,2	5,5	0,03	1	8,42
19	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
20	1,05	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,83
21	1216,65	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	962,04
22	1,11	0,16	0,8	50,8	0,2	2,12	0,17	1	26,45
23	0,55	0	0,01	0	0,99	0	0,67	0	0,43
24	0,87	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,69
25	1,31	0,17	0	0,18	1	0	0,67	0	1,47
26	1,85	0,51	1	0,51	0	0	0,67	0	2,73
27	1306,58	6,96	0,22	0,49	0,78	0	0,67	0	1037,85
28	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
29	0,49	0,41	1	0,4	0	0	0,67	0	1,39
30	0,81	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,64
31	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
32	0	0	0	0,17	1	0,48	0,43	0	0,41
33	0	0	0	0,45	1	0,78	0,36	1	1,1
34	0,68	0,68	0	0,78	1	0	0,65	0	2,47
35	0	0	0	0,12	1	0,47	0,44	1	0,3
36	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
37	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
38	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
39	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
40	0	0	0	0,14	1	0,15	0,55	0	0,35
41	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
42	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
43	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
44	0,68	0,68	0,49	0	0,51	0	0,67	0	1,35
45	2,33	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	1,85
46	0,29	0,29	0	0,41	1	0,01	0,65	0	1,25
47	2,68	1,8	0	1,81	1	0	0,67	0	6,57
48	3,74	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	2,96
49	0	0	0,55	1,05	0,45	1,19	0,29	0	1,17
50	0,75	0	0,09	0	0,91	0	0,67	0	0,59
51	1,22	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,96
52	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
53	6,43	0	0,13	0	0,87	0	0,67	0	5,09
54	3,89	0,17	0	0,17	1	0	0,67	0	3,49
55	0,81	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,64
56	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
57	0	0	0	0,37	1	0,15	0,55	1	0,9
58	4,25	0,34	0	0,34	1	0	0,67	0	4,18
59	0	0	0	0,22	1	0,55	0,42	1	0,53
60	0	0	0	0,24	1	0,77	0,36	1	0,59
61	2,17	0,19	0	0,19	1	0	0,67	0	2,19
62	0	0	0	0,16	1	0,56	0,41	1	0,39
63	0,91	0,71	1	0,68	0	0	0,67	0	2,46
64	0,9	0,9	1	0,94	0	0	0,67	0	2,94
65	0,97	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,77
66	0,75	0	0,09	0	0,91	0	0,67	0	0,59
67	3,91	0,15	1	0,15	0	0	0,67	0	3,47
68	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
69	0	0	0	0,17	1	0,48	0,44	1	0,42
70	0,59	0,16	0	0,16	1	0	0,67	0	0,87
71	2,79	0	0,09	0	0,91	0	0,67	0	2,2
72	0,87	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,69
73	1,8	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	1,42
74	0,57	0	0,19	0	0,81	0	0,67	0	0,45
75	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
76	0,55	0	0,01	0	0,99	0	0,67	0	0,43
77	0,81	0	0,09	0	0,91	0	0,67	0	0,64
78	1,62	0	0,18	0	0,82	0	0,67	0	1,28
79	0,6	0,21	1	0,2	0	0	0,67	0	0,98
80	0,28	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,22
81	0,84	0,84	0,49	0	0,51	0	0,67	0	1,67
82	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
83	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
84	2,46	0	0,09	0	0,91	0	0,67	0	1,94
85	3,26	0	0,1	0	0,9	0	0,67	0	2,58
86	6,43	0	0,01	0	0,99	0	0,67	0	5,09
87	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
88	6,16	0,38	0,37	0,38	0,63	0	0,67	0	5,82
89	0,87	0	0,01	0	0,99	0	0,67	0	0,69
90	2,61	0,4	1	0,25	0	0	0,67	0	3,06
91	6,44	0	0,08	0	0,92	0	0,67	0	5,09
92	5,68	0	0,19	0	0,81	0	0,67	0	4,49
93	0,98	0,21	0	0,21	1	0	0,67	0	1,3
94	0,43	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,34
95	1,7	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	1,34
96	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0

97	0,55	0,15	0	0,15	1	0	0,67	0	0,8
98	3,49	0	0,7	4,26	0,3	0,01	0,64	0	5,96
99	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
100	0	0	0	0,22	1	0,43	0,45	1	0,54
101	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
102	1,46	0	0,1	0	0,9	0	0,67	0	1,16
103	2,31	1,17	0,46	0	0,54	0	0,67	0	3,15
104	0,38	0	0,04	0	0,96	0	0,67	0	0,3
105	0,57	0	0,19	0	0,81	0	0,67	0	0,45
106	0,35	0	0,02	0	0,98	0	0,67	0	0,28
107	0,55	0	0,11	0	0,89	0	0,67	0	0,44
108	0,8	0	0,04	0	0,96	0	0,67	0	0,63
109	0	0	0	0,16	1	0,44	0,45	0	0,4
110	4,26	2,09	0,59	0,32	0,41	0	0,67	0	6,73
111	0,82	0,22	1	0,2	0	0	0,67	0	1,18
112	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
113	0,41	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,32
114	1,47	0,16	1	0,17	0	0	0,67	0	1,57
115	0	0	0	0,45	1	1,02	0,31	1	1,12
116	1,39	0,2	1	0,33	0	0	0,67	0	1,6
117	2,1	1,12	0,44	0	0,56	0	0,67	0	2,87
118	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
119	2,7	0	0,09	0	0,91	0	0,67	0	2,13
120	1,48	0	0,1	0	0,9	0	0,67	0	1,17
121	0,38	0	0,02	0	0,98	0	0,67	0	0,3
122	0,42	0,15	1	0,15	0	0	0,67	0	0,7
123	1,24	0	0,19	0	0,81	0	0,67	0	0,98
124	1,14	0,19	0,29	0,19	0,71	0	0,67	0	1,37
125	2,65	0	0,1	0	0,9	0	0,67	0	2,1
126	6,15	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	4,86
127	2,7	0	0,18	0	0,82	0	0,67	0	2,13
128	0,57	0	0,19	0	0,81	0	0,67	0	0,45
129	3,74	0	0,02	0	0,98	0	0,67	0	2,96
130	2,27	0	0,14	0	0,86	0	0,67	0	1,79
131	3,26	0	0,02	0	0,98	0	0,67	0	2,58
132	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
133	6,43	0	0,01	0	0,99	0	0,67	0	5,09
134	1,43	0	0,1	0	0,9	0	0,67	0	1,13
135	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
136	0,8	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	0,63
137	1654,55	0,17	0	0,17	1	0	0,67	0	1308,72
138	1,55	0	0,18	0	0,82	0	0,67	0	1,23
139	2,7	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	2,13
140	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
141	0,9	0,9	0,46	0	0,54	0	0,67	0	1,73
142	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
143	0,92	0	0,1	0	0,9	0	0,67	0	0,73
144	6,43	0	0,05	0	0,95	0	0,67	0	5,09
145	1,97	0	0,11	0	0,89	0	0,67	0	1,55
146	0,34	0	0,02	0	0,98	0	0,67	0	0,27
147	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
148	2,8	0	0,14	0	0,86	0	0,67	0	2,21
149	0,91	0,17	0	0,17	1	0	0,67	0	1,13
150	0,54	0	0,19	0	0,81	0	0,67	0	0,42
151	3,74	0	0,07	0	0,93	0	0,67	0	2,96
152	0,81	0	0,02	0	0,98	0	0,67	0	0,64
153	7,39	0	0,18	0	0,82	0	0,67	0	5,84
154	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
155	0,46	0,17	0	0,17	1	0	0,67	0	0,79
156	0,57	0	0,19	0					

**Supplementary Table 6.** ChIP/input ratio of ChIP experiments in *M. incognita* with standard deviation values in A) first 100 most abundant clusters in cluster analysis and B) filtered contigs with >1000 hits in all three αCenH3 ChIP-seq reactions in contig analysis. Most prominent ChIP enriched sequences are highlighted in yellow in accordance with Figure 5.

**A**

Cluster	αCenH3 ChIP-1			αCenH3 ChIP-2A			αCenH3 ChIP-2B			Average ratio	stdev	cluster genome proportion (%)
	Chip Hits	Input Hits	Ratio Chip/Input	Chip Hits	Input Hits	Ratio Chip/Input	Chip Hits	Input Hits	Ratio Chip/Input			
1	40005	44802	0,89292889	39974	42509	0,9403656	40305	42509	0,9481522	0,927149	0,02989	1,4
2	23326	27719	0,84151665	23194	26656	0,870123	22636	26656	0,8491897	0,85361	0,014807	0,83
3	12539	9841	1,27415913	10044	8972	1,1194828	10446	8972	1,1642889	1,185977	0,079586	0,8
4	50732	44933	1,12905882	43485	39992	1,0873425	44437	39992	1,1111472	1,109183	0,020927	0,56
5	785	829	0,946924	705	1023	0,6891496	725	1023	0,7086999	0,781591	0,143516	0,38
6	30008	33836	0,88686606	31683	37348	0,8483185	31148	37348	0,8339938	0,856393	0,027345	0,37
7	5746	4671	1,23014344	5748	4845	1,1863777	5734	4845	1,1834881	1,200003	0,026142	0,36
8	1049	1160	0,90431034	1073	1495	0,7177258	854	1495	0,5712375	0,731091	0,166938	0,35
9	29474	28470	1,03526519	30616	26636	1,1494218	30716	26636	1,1531762	1,112621	0,067018	0,34
10	7099	6234	1,13875521	7062	6054	1,1665015	6768	6054	1,1179386	1,141065	0,024364	0,33
11	3916	3333	1,17491749	3958	3331	1,1882318	3782	3331	1,1353948	1,166181	0,02748	0,31
12	4059	3159	1,28490028	3877	3155	1,2288431	3946	3155	1,2507132	1,254819	0,028253	0,31
13	4317	2935	1,47086882	4218	2895	1,4569948	4240	2895	1,4645941	1,464153	0,006948	0,31
14	438	321	1,36448598	393	384	1,0234375	393	384	1,0234375	1,13712	0,196904	0,25
15	3085	2678	1,15197909	2920	2634	1,1085801	2991	2634	1,1355353	1,132032	0,021911	0,24
16	14116	8843	1,59629085	12714	8581	1,4816455	12330	8581	1,4368955	1,504944	0,082212	0,24
17	539	582	0,92611684	705	734	0,9604905	608	734	0,8283379	0,904982	0,068565	0,2
18	6548	10909	0,60023834	7787	9565	0,814114	7351	9565	0,7685311	0,727628	0,112652	0,2
19	10948	10295	1,06342885	11585	10594	1,0935435	11188	10594	1,0560695	1,071014	0,101955	0,2
20	17206	17725	0,97071932	16897	18448	0,9159258	17119	18448	0,9279597	0,938202	0,028797	0,2
21	522	572	0,91258741	469	665	0,7052632	595	665	0,8947368	0,837529	0,114893	0,2
22	2757	2225	1,23910112	2579	2194	1,1754786	2539	2194	1,1572747	1,190609	0,042973	0,19
23	6517	6602	0,98712511	6825	6361	1,0729445	6564	6361	1,0319132	1,030661	0,042923	0,19
24	7463	7236	1,03137092	7206	7337	0,9821453	7097	7337	0,9672891	0,993602	0,033542	0,19
25	42162	27397	1,53892762	40423	25923	1,5593488	40014	25923	1,5435713	1,547283	0,010705	0,19
26	3400	3875	0,87741935	3675	3970	0,9256927	3505	3970	0,8828715	0,895328	0,026438	0,18
27	3461	4669	0,74127222	3761	4611	0,8156582	4009	4611	0,8694426	0,808791	0,064361	0,17
28	3643	4064	0,89640748	3945	4069	0,9695257	3726	4069	0,9157041	0,927212	0,037893	0,17
29	3264	2552	1,27899687	2972	2524	1,177496	2953	2524	1,1699683	1,20882	0,060891	0,17
30	1962	1845	1,06341463	1964	1844	1,0650759	1933	1844	1,0482646	1,058918	0,009264	0,16
31	13783	17320	0,79578522	14196	17610	0,8061329	13991	17610	0,7944918	0,798803	0,006638	0,15
32	7658	5413	1,41474229	7322	5451	1,3432398	7377	5451	1,3533297	1,370437	0,0387	0,14
33	160	144	1,11111111	160	193	0,8290155	148	193	0,7668394	0,902322	0,18347	0,14
34	1356	1047	1,29512894	1180	944	1,25	1203	944	1,2743644	1,273164	0,022588	0,14
35	1597	1372	1,16399417	1463	1366	1,0710102	1525	1366	1,1163982	1,117134	0,046496	0,14
36	10753	8208	1,31006335	10656	7747	1,3755002	10948	7747	1,4131922	1,366252	0,052183	0,14
37	7999	9645	0,82934163	9860	10962	0,8994709	10057	10962	0,9174421	0,882085	0,046552	0,14
38	1351	1505	0,89767442	1554	1584	0,9810606	1543	1584	0,9741162	0,95095	0,046269	0,14
39	2486	1840	1,35108696	2152	1932	1,1138716	2193	1932	1,1350932	1,200017	0,13126	0,13
40	3685	3824	0,96365063	3757	3983	0,9432589	3754	3983	0,9425056	0,949805	0,011997	0,13
41	7117	7660	0,92911227	7547	7652	0,9862781	7899	7652	1,0322791	0,982557	0,051684	0,13
42	1771	1772	0,99943567	1560	1809	0,8623549	1631	1809	0,9016031	0,921131	0,070596	0,13
43	3812	3871	0,98475846	3788	3490	1,0853868	3799	3490	1,0885387	1,052895	0,059029	0,13
44	3220	3413	0,94345151	3308	3244	1,0197287	3279	3244	1,0107891	0,991323	0,041698	0,13
45	547	523	1,0458891	584	590	0,9898305	576	590	0,9762712	1,003997	0,036908	0,13
46	3930	3735	1,05220884	3348	3289	1,0179386	3526	3289	1,0720584	1,047402	0,027378	0,12
47	4158	3889	1,06916945	3955	3606	1,0967831	4093	3606	1,1350527	1,100335	0,033085	0,12
48	3531	3448	1,02407193	3653	3457	1,0566966	3486	3457	1,0083888	1,029719	0,024644	0,12
49	11276	11926	0,94549723	11075	12803	0,8650316	11687	12803	0,9128329	0,907787	0,040469	0,12
50	3776	3782	0,99841354	3632	3643	0,9969805	3626	3643	0,9953335	0,996909	0,001541	0,11
51	1956	2210	0,88506787	2226	2263	0,98365	2211	2263	0,9770217	0,94858	0,055103	0,11
52	5666	5439	1,04173561	8807	6400	1,3760938	8592	6400	1,3425	1,253443	0,184112	0,11
53	1198	1073	1,11649581	1160	1109	1,0459874	1194	1109	1,0766456	1,07971	0,035354	0,11
54	3933	4029	0,97617275	4204	4007	1,049164	4112	4007	1,0262041	1,01718	0,037323	0,11
55	3759	3604	1,04300777	3936	3437	1,1451848	3787	3437	1,101833	1,096675	0,051283	0,11
56	13975	11978	1,16672232	13361	11948	1,1182625	13718	11948	1,1481419	1,144376	0,024448	0,11
57	2895	2686	1,07781087	2745	2591	1,0594365	2945	2591	1,1366268	1,091291	0,040322	0,1
58	9031	9746	0,92663657	9788	11198	0,8740847	9930	11198	0,8867655	0,895829	0,027423	0,1
59	137	132	1,03787879	118	122	0,9672131	124	122	1,0163934	1,007162	0,036226	0,099
60	7668	8144	0,94155206	8120	8885	0,9138998	7702	8885	0,8668542	0,907435	0,037766	0,098
61	2216	2127	1,04184297	2192	2253	0,972925	2309	2253	1,0248557	1,013208	0,035905	0,096
62	2218	2440	0,90901639	2424	2375	1,0206316	2178	2375	0,9170526	0,9489	0,062251	0,093
63	2241	2330	0,96180258	2223	2356	0,9435484	2297	2356	0,9749576	0,960103	0,015773	0,092
64	3118	3445	0,90507983	3639	3548	1,0256483	3679	3548	1,0369222	0,989217	0,073082	0,092
65	1041	913	1,14019715	981	906	1,0827815	976	906	1,0772627	1,10008	0,034852	0,09
66	124	130	0,95384615	133	149	0,8926174	122	149	0,8187919	0,888419	0,067625	0,089
67	2897	2850	1,01649123	3064	2984	1,0268097	2804	2984	0,9396783	0,994326	0,047607	0,086
68	2351	1777	1,32301632	2211	1618	1,3665019	2189	1618	1,3529048	1,347474	0,022246	0,085
69	5677	6992	0,81192792	7086	7770	0,9119691	6692	7770	0,8612613	0,861719	0,050022	0,085
70	2423	2468	0,98176661	2469	2638	0,9359363	2447	2638	0,9275967	0,948433	0,029167	0,081
71	2866	2429	1,17990943	2745	2422	1,1333609	2947	2422	1,216763	1,176678	0,041795	0,08



**Supplementary Figure 7.** Quantification of  $\alpha$ CenH3 colocalization with centromeric probes (CL25m1, CL16m1 and CL16m3/32m1) or 19bp box as shown in Figure 7B-D and Supplementary Figure 9 for three species; *M. incognita*, *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica*. The quantification was done on ten interphase iamges using CellProfiler.

	<i>M. incognita</i>				<i>M. arenaria</i>		<i>M. javanica</i>	
	FISH centromeric probes		19bp box		19bp box		19bp box	
	R-G Manders coefficient (costes)	G-R Manders coefficient (costes)	R-G Manders coefficient (costes)	G-R Manders coefficient (costes)	R-G Manders coefficient (costes)	G-R Manders coefficient (costes)	R-G Manders coefficient (costes)	G-R Manders coefficient (costes)
1	0,823	0,883	0,943	0,978	0,924	0,972	0,87	0,887
2	0,8	0,724	0,97	0,954	0,978	0,955	0,964	0,917
3	0,683	0,869	0,969	0,971	0,98	0,979	0,942	0,99
4	0,734	0,886	0,958	0,976	0,972	0,967	0,905	0,896
5	0,71	0,832	0,971	0,982	0,965	0,914	0,904	0,928
6	0,82	0,841	0,959	0,996	0,933	0,982	0,949	0,944
7	0,822	0,859	0,991	0,961	0,971	0,969	0,926	0,876
8	0,791	0,812	0,934	0,931	0,966	0,977	0,96	0,908
9	0,704	0,829	0,887	0,973	0,984	0,939	0,966	0,933
10	0,87	0,82	0,987	0,934	0,981	0,995	0,935	0,941
average	0,7757	0,8355	0,9569	0,9656	0,9654	0,9649	0,9321	0,922

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**CenH3 distribution reveals extended centromeres in the model beetle *Tribolium castaneum***

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## Abstract

Centromeres are chromosomal domains essential for kinetochore assembly and correct chromosome segregation. Inconsistent in their underlying DNA sequences, centromeres are defined epigenetically by the presence of the centromere-specific histone H3 variant CenH3. Most of the analyzed eukaryotes have monocentric chromosomes in which CenH3 proteins deposit into a single, primary constriction visible at metaphase chromosomes. Contrary to monocentrics, evolutionary sporadic holocentric chromosomes lack a primary constriction and have kinetochore activity distributed along the entire chromosome length. In this work, we identified cCENH3 protein, the centromeric H3 histone of the coleopteran model beetle *Tribolium castaneum*. By ChIP-seq analysis we disclosed that cCENH3 chromatin assembles upon a repertoire of repetitive DNAs. cCENH3 in situ mapping revealed unusually elongated *T. castaneum* centromeres that comprise approximately 40% of the chromosome length. Being the longest insect regional centromeres evidenced so far, *T. castaneum* centromeres are characterized by metapolycentric structure composed of several individual cCENH3-containing domains. We suggest that the model beetle *T. castaneum* with its metapolycentromeres could represent an excellent model for further studies of non-canonical centromeres in insects.

## Author summary

Centromeres are specialized chromosome regions that mark a chromosomal “attaching site” from which the microtubules of the mitotic spindle pull the sister chromatids apart, ensuring accurate segregation of genetic material during cell division. Eukaryotic species studied to date mostly possess monocentric chromosomes with a functional centromere sited at a single locus, but there are also species with holocentric (polycentric) chromosomes whose centromeres stretch throughout the entire length of the chromosome. By investigating centromere-specific variant of the histone protein H3 and its associated centromeric DNA in the model beetle *Tribolium castaneum*, we discovered that *T. castaneum* centromeres comprise several functional domains merged into one remarkably extended region classified as a metapolycentromere. *T. castaneum* metapolycentromeres occupy approximately 40% of chromosome length, and emerge as the longest centromeres documented in insects to date. We believe that *T. castaneum*, as the representative species of the most numerous eukaryotic order Coleoptera could be a valuable model for future studies addressing atypical centromere structures.

## Introduction

Centromeres are chromosomal loci essential for chromosome pairing and accurate chromosome segregation during cell division. They represent a base upon which the kinetochore, a proteinaceous complex and the attachment site for spindle microtubules, is assembled. Despite centromere crucial role in chromosome inheritance and genome stability, organization of centromere domains varies among organisms [1,2]. From structural point of view, eukaryotic chromosomes are mainly monocentric, having functional centromere located within a single, cytologically distinct primary constriction. Regions of primary constrictions are often made up of highly repetitive DNA sequences such as satellite DNAs and mobile elements [3]. Contrary to monocentrics, holocentric chromosomes lack a primary constriction and have kinetochore activity distributed along almost the entire chromosome length. Holocentricity is less commonly found in eukaryotes studied so far, but it is assumed that it has arisen in different plant and animal lineages in multiple independent events [4]. In animals, holocentric chromosomes have been evidenced in nematodes [5] and arthropods [6] to date. A novel, possibly intermediate type of centromere structure has recently been identified in the plant genera *Pisum* [7] and *Lathyrus* [8], whose metapolycentric chromosomes comprise several centromere domains in a single, but remarkably elongated primary constriction.

Striking diversity of centromeric DNA sequences, not only between evolutionary distant species but also between closely related ones, led to a conclusion that there is no conserved DNA sequence that would be requisite or sufficient for centromere function. Neocentromeres, formed in ectopic sites upon anonymous sequences [9], as well as the new generation of the human artificial chromosomes that lack repetitive centromeric DNA [10], additionally challenge the idea of DNA sequence relevance. In the absence of a DNA cornerstone, the currently accepted definition of centromere identity is formulated epigenetically and relies on the presence of CenH3 proteins, centromere-specific histone H3 variants [11]. The human CENP-A was the first detected CenH3 protein [12], and afterwards its homologues have been identified in a wide range of eukaryotic organisms, from yeast to different animal and plant species [13]. Unlike the canonical histone H3, that is evolutionary well-conserved across eukaryotes, CenH3 proteins show considerable sequence variability at different

taxonomic levels. The N-terminal tail is the most variable part of the amino acid sequence, making CenH3s often species-specific. On the other hand, the C-terminal part with a histone fold domain (HFD) is more conserved. In addition to the highly divergent N-terminal tail, certain changes in the HFD region are declared to be CenH3-specific, so they discriminate CenH3 variants from the canonical H3 and set bioinformatic criteria for identifying putative CenH3 in silico [14]. Although there have been evidenced species that lack CenH3 [6,15,16], CenH3 proteins still represent the most reliable markers of active centromeres. Nevertheless, great interspecies CenH3 varieties, corroborated by extremely divergent underlying DNA sequences, provoke the question of the centromere paradox where the function of the centromere is evolutionarily preserved while its DNA and protein constituents evolve rapidly [17]. The centromere drive hypothesis postulates that the rapid evolution of centromeric components could be triggered by centromeric sequences behaving as selfish genetic elements which drive non-Mendelian chromosome transmission during meiosis, thus stimulating the concurrent evolution of centromeric proteins to reconstitute fair segregation [17,18].

The red flour beetle *Tribolium castaneum* is an important world-wide pest of stored grain and grain products [19]. It is also the representative species of the Coleoptera, the most numerous and most diverse eukaryotic order with approximately 400000 species and 25% of all animal species described [20]. Due to easy rearing, plentiful offspring, relatively short life cycle, lots of mutants, and availability and proliferation of tools for its genetic analysis and manipulation, *T. castaneum* has been used in laboratory research for nearly 50 years, what makes it the most studied insect model system after *Drosophila* [21,22]. *T. castaneum* is also the first beetle whose genome has been sequenced [23]. In spite of that, 20% of the genome (44 Mb out of 204 Mb), primarily from the (peri)centromere regions, remained unmapped to genome assembly. The genome assembly with the contigs assembled into 10 chromosome groups was recently upgraded to the improved version Tcas5.2 [24], but the centromeric gaps are still unpatched. It was experimentally estimated that 17% of the *T. castaneum* genome is built of the highly abundant major satellite DNA TCAST that, according to cytological evidence, resides mainly in pericentromeres and centromeres of all *T. castaneum* chromosomes [25]. Since TCAST makes only 0.3% of the assembled genome [26], it can be assumed that this satellite is the major candidate

for a centromere-eligible DNA sequence. As determined by reassociation kinetics, the repetitive DNA content in the *T. castaneum* genome is about 40% [27], and is mainly composed of tandemly repeated sequences and transposable elements residing for the most part within the chromosomal regions of low recombination [26]. Surprisingly, it was shown that at least 4% of the total genome sequence is comprised of nine satellite DNA families that are located principally in euchromatic portion of the *T. castaneum* genome [28]. Despite several elaborated studies on repetitive DNA content and distribution patterns in *T. castaneum*, its centromere regions as well as centromeric proteins have not been explored thus far.

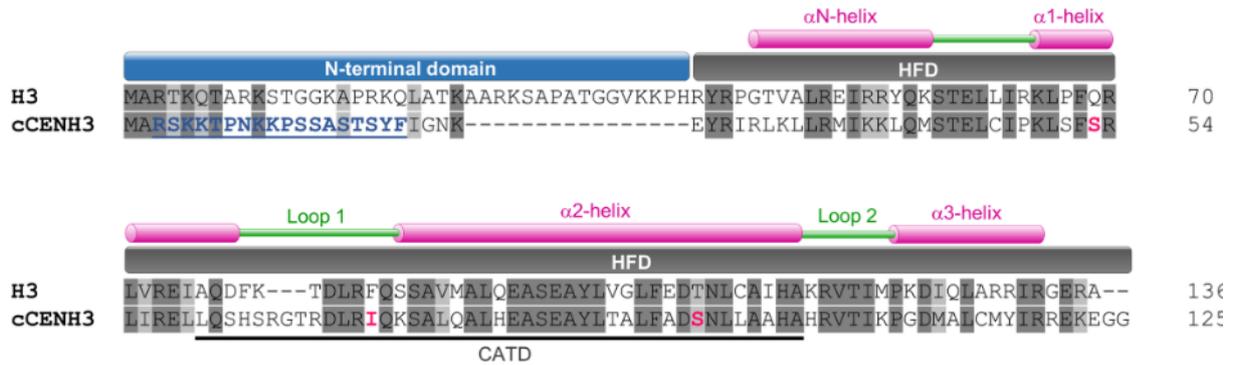
In this work, we identified cCENH3 protein, a histone H3 centromeric variant of the beetle *T. castaneum*. By cCENH3 in situ mapping we provided evidence that cCENH3 occupies approximately 40% of *T. castaneum* chromosomes' length, suggesting extraordinarily extended centromeres. By chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by high-throughput sequencing of cCENH3-associated DNA, we determined centromere-competent DNA sequences, among which the major satellite DNA dominates. This work represents the survey of centromeric regions in a species with unusually high content of a single repetitive DNA family, but also the pioneering experimental study of CenH3 proteins in the most species-rich eukaryotic order of Coleoptera in general.

## Results

### Identification of *Tribolium castaneum* cCENH3 coding sequence

In order to determine the CenH3 protein in *T. castaneum*, we performed an initial BLASTP search against the *Tribolium castaneum* OGS3 (Official Gene Set) database (<http://beetlebase.org/blast/blast.html>) using histone H3 protein sequence (NCBI Reference Sequence XP\_966487.1) as a query. BLASTP search resulted in 13 reported hits (S1 Appendix). In addition to the five matches of canonical H3 to itself, BLASTP search revealed the gene ID TC012577 match that shared 42% identity (E-value  $4e-19$ ) with the H3 sequence. TC012577 has been annotated as a “histone H3-like protein” coding sequence according to the unreviewed computer-annotated UniProtKB/TrEMBL section. The remaining seven BLASTP matches showed significantly higher E-values from 0.8 to 8.8, covering the H3 sequence query only partially (S1 Appendix). From the 13 hits, TC012577 emanated as the most promising *T. castaneum* CenH3 candidate, and we named it cCENH3, as abbreviation for “castaneum CENH3”.

The protein sequence alignment of H3 and cCENH3 demonstrated that the major difference between the two proteins is the length and composition of N-terminal domains, which share only 18% identity in amino acid sequence (Fig 1). The histone fold domains (HFD) are more conserved showing 51% identity in pairwise comparison. In the HFD domain the cCENH3 protein shows the differences reputed to be characteristic for CenH3 variants: 1) a longer loop 1 region, and 2) absence of specific amino acids including glutamine, phenylalanine, and threonine at positions 69, 85, 108, respectively as compared to the canonical H3 (Fig 1).

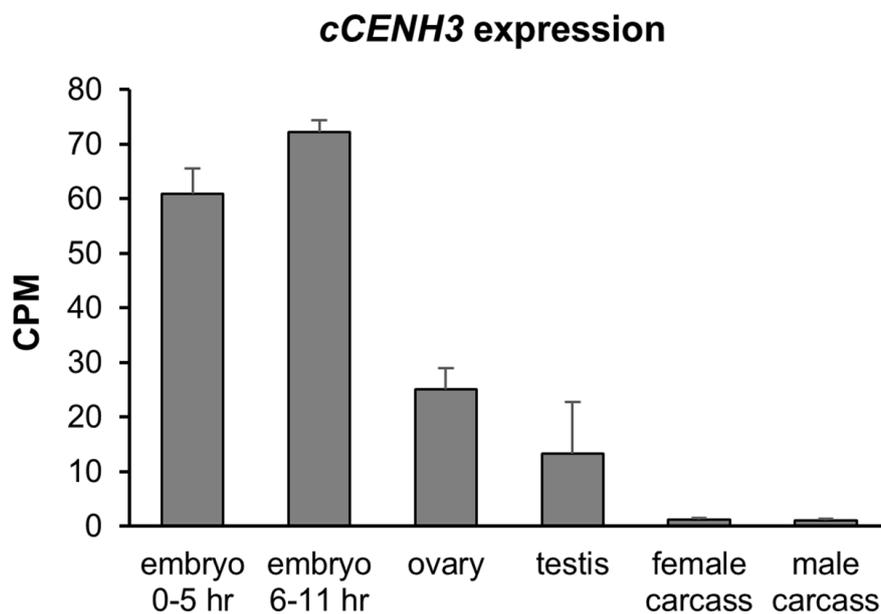


**Fig 1. Protein sequence alignment of canonical histone H3 and its centromeric variant cCENH3 from *Tribolium castaneum*.** The N-terminal domain and the histone fold domain (HFD) with its secondary structure are indicated above the alignment. The putative centromere-targeting domain (CATD) is marked under the cCENH3 sequence. The identical residues are highlighted in dark grey, while the similar residues are marked by light gray. The amino acid residues used for raising a peptide antibody against cCENH3 are highlighted and underlined in blue, and CenH3-characteristic amino acid changes are highlighted in red.

We performed TBLASTN search using cCENH3 protein sequence to query the latest *T. castaneum* genome assembly Tcas5.2 [24] in order to examine whether multiple copies of the gene are present in the genome. The TBLASTN search mapped the cCENH3 gene with 100% identity (E-value  $1e-67$ ) through entire length of the sequence only to one location at chromosome 9 (positions LG9:11651877–11652254) spanning a 378 bp long sequence. All the other matches, that showed remarkably lower significance (E-value  $>1.3e-12$ ) covering the gene just partially ( $<62\%$ ), clearly suggest that the *T. castaneum* genome encodes a single copy cCENH3 gene. By using cCENH3 specific primers, we amplified and sequenced the cCENH3 sequence from genomic DNAs isolated from three different *T. castaneum* strains, including GA2 that was used in *T. castaneum* genome sequencing project [23]. With the exception of a single synonymous substitution in one of the strains, the alignment of the sequenced PCR products showed no difference in DNA sequence between the three strains (S1 Fig), disclosing high conservation of the CENH3 coding sequence between the strains.

To confirm that the cCENH3 gene is actively transcribed, reverse transcription was performed. RT-PCR reaction resulted in a unique band corresponding to ~380 bp fragments (S2 Fig). PCR products from amplification of cDNA template were cloned and sequenced. The cCENH3 transcript sequence completely matched the coding sequence (S1 Fig), proving that the cCENH3 protein is encoded by a 378 bp long gene

with no introns. We examined the expression of cCENH3 in *T. castaneum* embryo, germline and somatic tissues by analyzing publicly available transcriptome datasets from Khan et al. [29]. We found that the cCENH3 expression was the highest during embryonic development, and the expression profiles of the two embryo stages (0–5 hr and 6–11 hr) were similar (Fig 2, S2 Appendix). Compared to embryos, the ovaries and testes showed 2.4–5.4x lower expression, while the expression is drastically decreased in adult female (without ovaries) and male (without testes) carcasses (Fig 2, S2 Appendix). Such expression pattern is concordant with the significantly higher cell division activity in embryogenesis and in germline compared to somatic tissues.

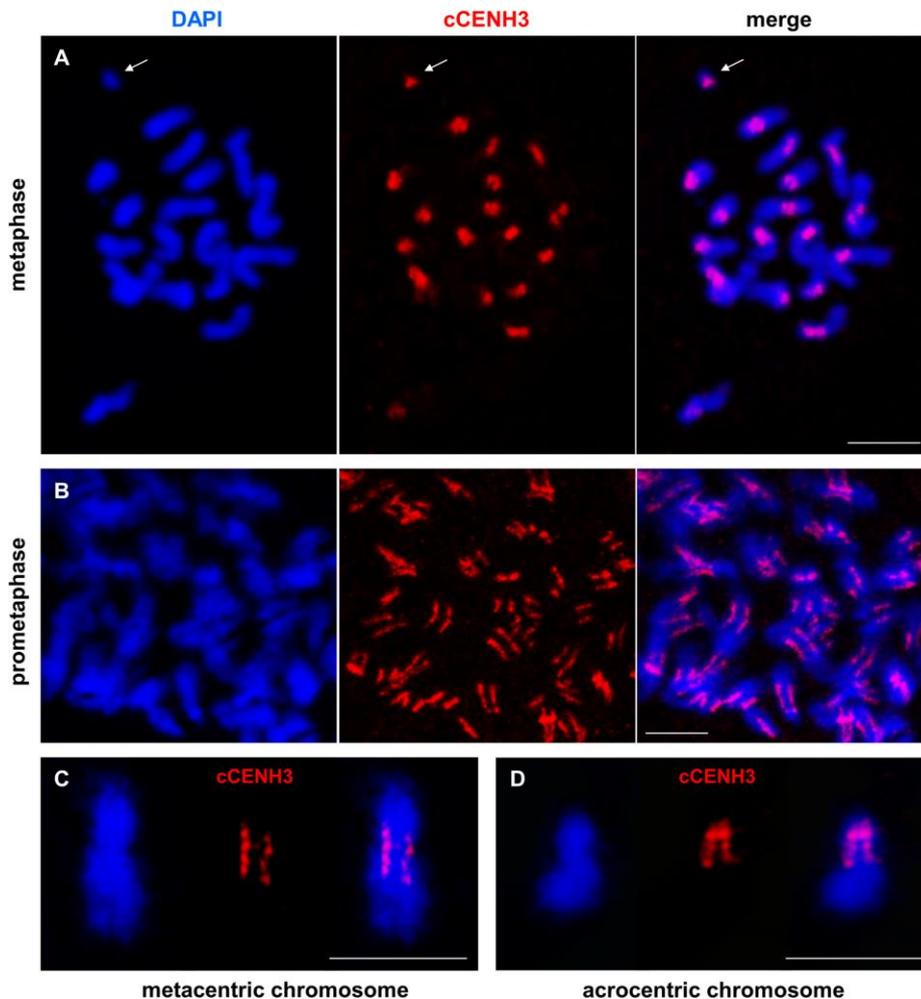


**Fig 2. Expression of cCENH3 gene.** The expression profiles of cCENH3 gene in embryos (0–5 hr and 6–11 hr), germline (ovary, testis) and somatic tissues (female and male carcasses without gonads) were obtained from the original RNA-seq datasets from Khan et al. [29]. Transcript hits were normalized using CPM method. Error bars represent standard deviation calculated from two (testes) or three (all the other samples) biological replicates. Data on cCENH3 transcript hits are provided in S2 Appendix.

## Chromosomal localization of the cCENH3 protein

We further produced an antibody specific for the N-terminal domain of cCENH3 (Fig 1). Western blot on the whole protein extract from *T. castaneum* revealed that the rabbit-raised antibody recognizes a protein of around 15 kDa (S3 Fig), consistent with cCENH3 predicted molecular weight of 14.23 kDa.

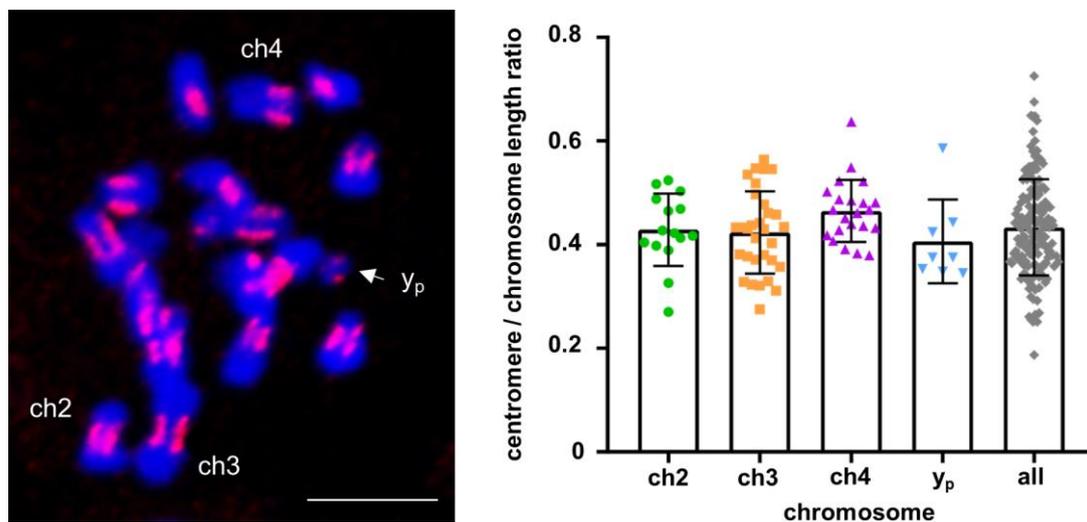
Using the cCENH3 antibody, we conducted immunofluorescence (IF) experiments on *T. castaneum* chromosome spreads. *T. castaneum* ( $2n = 20$ ) has a karyotype based on 18 autosomes and a sex chromosome pair, which is composed of two relatively large X chromosome in females, while males have a Xyp parachute-like association based on the X and a minute yp chromosome [30]. Immunodetection of cCENH3 on metaphase spreads revealed paired signals at primary constriction of all chromosomes (Fig 3A), thus confirming that cCENH3 is indeed a centromeric histone. *T. castaneum* chromosomes differ in their size and form, and therefore the position of cCENH3 signals varies between chromosomes reflecting their metacentric, submetacentric or acrocentric architecture.



**Fig 3. Localization of cCENH3 protein on *Tribolium castaneum* chromosomes.** The position of cCENH3 protein (shown in red) was determined on *T. castaneum* chromosomes (shown in blue) by immunodetection using cCENH3 antibody. (A) On metaphase chromosomes cCENH3 localizes to the primary constrictions of all chromosomes including the minute yp chromosome (marked by an arrow). (B) Prometaphase chromosomes show extended cCENH3-containing regions with bead-like signal patterns composed of multiple cCENH3-containing domains. Enlarged view of metapolycentromeres with cCENH3-containing domains separated by cCENH3-lacking segments is shown at metacentric (C) and acrocentric (D) chromosome. The chromosomes are counterstained with DAPI. Scale bars = 5  $\mu$ m.

Interestingly, cCENH3 distribution at prometaphase chromosomes did not demonstrate a typical centromeric dot-like signal. Instead, elongated cCENH3 signals disclosed extended centromeric regions (Fig 3B), which are best apparent at the metacentric (Fig 3C) and acrocentric (Fig 3D) chromosomes. Moreover, prometaphase chromosomes revealed the bead-like cCENH3 signals composed of several, in most instances four, individual cCENH3-containing domains (Fig 3B–3D). This form of “metapolycentric” signal has been evidenced irrespectively to the centromere position on the chromosome (Fig 3C and 3D). To estimate the relative size of the extended *T.*

*castaneum* centromeres, the distances between the two outermost cCENH3-containing domains were measured. Based on measurement of 240 prometaphase chromosomes, the centromere regions average 43.5% of the chromosome length (Fig 4, S3 Appendix). Due to relative small size (1–5  $\mu\text{m}$  in the most condensed form), *T. castaneum* chromosomes cannot be easily distinguished [30]. However, some of them can be recognized as the longest metacentric autosome ch3 (LG3), the second largest metacentric chromosome ch2 (LG2), the largest acrocentric chromosome 4 (LG4), and the smallest chromosome yp (Fig 4). According to the measurements performed on these four chromosomes, the cCENH3 signals occupy 40.6–46.5% of their length (Fig 4, S1 Table, S3 Appendix). Although the exact calculation is not possible due to different level of chromatin condensation in euchromatic and heterochromatic regions, we estimate that the longest centromere of approximate 15.8 Mb belongs to the longest chromosome ch3 (LG3), while the minute yp chromosome has the smallest centromere of about 2.3 Mb. It has to be stressed that in contrast to the other *T. castaneum* chromosomes that exhibit bead-like cCENH3 distribution, the yp shows a single, dot-like cCENH3 signal (Fig 4). Notwithstanding the bead-like or dot-like patterns, the cCENH3 signals are always located at the poleward surfaces of the primary constrictions (Figs 3 and 4), as expected for a centromeric histone H3 variant.



**Fig 4. *Tribolium castaneum* relative centromere length estimation.** Centromere length relative to chromosome length was calculated from 240 measured chromosomes. The left panel shows a representative chromosome spread with DAPI-stained chromosomes (shown in blue) with red-stained cCENH3 regions. Centromere length was defined as the distance between the two outermost cCENH3-containing domains at each chromosome. The scatter plot displays values for all measured chromosomes, and for the individual chromosomes ch2, ch3, ch4 and yp that can be distinguished in

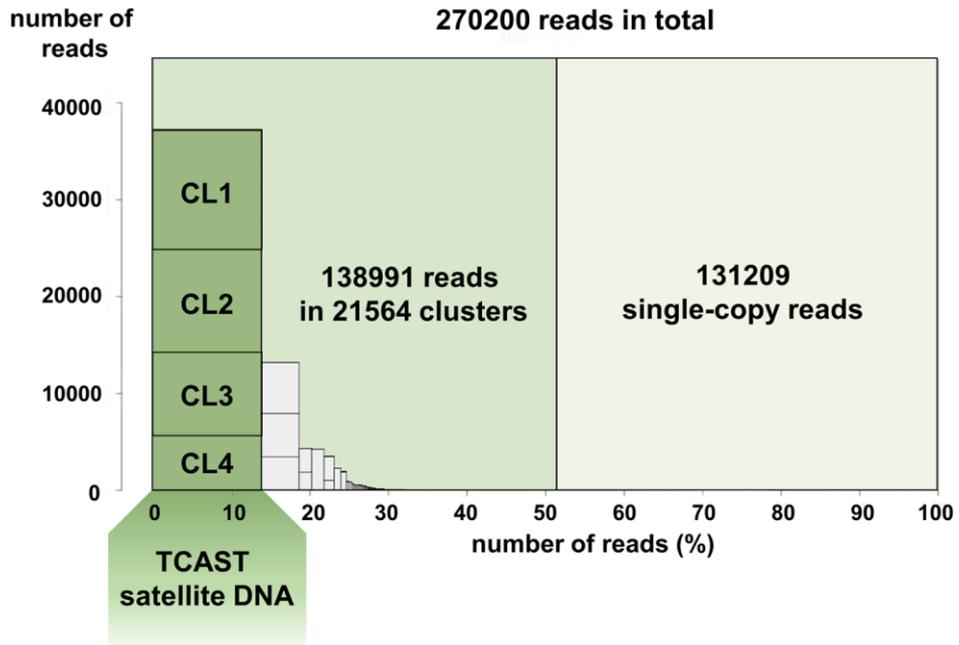
the chromosome complement (marked in the left panel, scale bar = 5  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Error bars represent standard deviations of the underlying measurement data supplied in the S3 Appendix.

## Detection of cCENH3-associated DNA sequences

In order to elucidate DNA sequences associated with cCENH3 at *T. castaneum* centromeres, we applied a native chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) approach using the antibody directed against cCENH3. DNA extracted from cCENH3-immunoprecipitated chromatin was fluorophore-labeled and fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) experiment was performed. Although the intensity and the size of FISH signals were not uniform, the cCENH3-ChIPped DNA probe hybridized to centromeric regions of all *T. castaneum* chromosomes (S4 Fig). The cCENH3-ChIPped DNA signals cover on average 45.8% of the chromosome length (S4 Appendix), which is in agreement with the estimated average size of cCENH3 regions (Fig 4). The position of the cCENH3-ChIPped DNA signals corresponds to the acrocentric and submetacentric morphology previously presumed for the majority of *T. castaneum* chromosomes [30]. This result provided cytological evidence for centromere specificity of cCENH3-ChIPped DNA material and suggested a large amount of repetitive DNA in *T. castaneum* centromeres.

Next, to investigate the identity of cCENH3-ChIPped DNA sequences, we performed chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by sequencing (ChIP-seq). Because of the assumed high DNA repetitiveness of centromeric regions, in the ChIP-seq data analysis we applied the strategy introduced by Neumann et al. [7]. In this approach, the repetitive DNA content of the genome is first classified into clusters according to the graph-based repeat clustering analysis [31], and the output of the annotated clusters serves as a reference for similarity-based mapping of ChIP-Seq reads. The advantage of this approach is that it does not depend on a genome assembly, and is optimized for analyzing next-generation sequence reads, as the algorithm uses short sequences randomly sampled from the low pass genome sequencing data. The workflow of the cCENH3-ChIP-seq experiments and data analysis is presented in S5 Fig. The *T. castaneum* genome has been assembled into ten chromosome/linkage groups, but the current Tcas5.2 assembly lacks 20% of the genome sequence attributed to the heterochromatic (peri)centromeric regions [23,24,26], so it could not

serve as a reliable repeat database reference. Therefore, we re-sequenced the *T. castaneum* genomic DNA using the Illumina HiSeq platform. From the low pass genome sequencing data and graph-based sequence clustering obtained by RepeatExplorer2 analysis, we generated the repeat database directly from the unassembled Illumina WGS reads. The repeat reference database was constructed from 270200 randomly selected, 151 nt long WGS reads that ensured 0.2x genome coverage, determined as optimal (as explained in the Materials and Methods section). Based on the RepeatExplorer2 analysis, 51.44% of the WGS reads were classified into 21564 clusters, while the rest (48.56%) represents ungrouped, singleton reads (Fig 5). As the clusters' order reflects their genome abundance, the first 1000 clusters were used for subsequent similarity-based mapping of ChIP-seq reads, while the rest were omitted from the analysis due to their low representation. For ChIP-Seq Mapper analysis, one million reads were randomly selected for the cCENH3-ChIPped sample together with one million reads randomly selected for the input sample (DNA isolated from an aliquot of native chromatin prior to ChIP). The ratio of ChIP to input read hits was calculated for the 1000 WGS reference clusters. The ChIP-Seq Mapper analysis set the mean ratio between ChIP and input hits to 2 (S6A Fig), propounding it as a ChIP enrichment threshold that 37 out of 1000 analyzed clusters exceeded (S6B Fig). However, as the enrichment threshold was set relatively low, when judging the centromere competence of a certain cluster, the number of supporting ChIP hits has to be considered. For that reason, we proceeded to further analysis only with the >2-fold enriched clusters that were supported by at least 0.01% of ChIP hits (i.e. 100 ChIP hits) (Table 1). We also included into analyses additional seven clusters showing ChIP enrichment >1, but being represented with >10000 ChIP hits (>1% of the analyzed reads). The clusters that met mentioned criteria (Table 1) were mapped to the *T. castaneum* Tcas5.2 genome assembly. Strikingly, we mapped them largely outside the assembled regions, in unplaced scaffolds and singletons, or in the arrays adjoining the unassembled regions. The clusters listed in the Table 1 were also BLAST-searched against Repbase and GenBank databases to reveal the possible identity or similarity with annotated sequences. According to similarity-search analysis, the clusters enriched in cCENH3-ChIP-seq data can be classified into four groups (Table 1): tandemly repeated sequences or satellite DNAs, transposable elements, rDNA-like sequences, and anonymous sequences.



**Fig 5. Summary of the *Tribolium castaneum* genome clustering.** 270220 Illumina reads corresponding to 0.2x genome coverage were analyzed using RepeatExplorer2 pipeline [31]. 138991 reads were assorted into 21564 clusters representing repetitive fraction of genomic DNA, while 131209 reads were classified as single-copy reads. The four most highly-repetitive clusters (CL1-CL4, marked by dark green columns) belong to the supercluster of *T. castaneum* major satellite DNA TCAST, and cumulatively comprise 13.8% of the genome.

**Table 1. Characterization of cCENH3-associated repetitive clusters.**

Criteria	Cluster <sup>1</sup>	ChIP hits <sup>2</sup>	Input hits <sup>2</sup>	ChIP/ Input ratio	Repeat type <sup>3</sup>
>10000 ChIP hits (>1%) AND ChIP/Input ratio >1	CL3	42004	38140	1.10	TCAST satellite DNA <sup>4</sup>
	CL4	31220	27988	1.12	TCAST satellite DNA <sup>4</sup>
	CL10	23779	14796	1.61	28S rDNA-like
	CL12	28617	19621	1.46	<i>T. castaneum</i> LINE-1 element ORF2 protein (LOC658088)
	CL13	42765	26017	1.64	18S rDNA-like
	CL19	12573	9903	1.27	Cast6 satellite DNA <sup>5</sup>
	CL20	10166	7557	1.35	DNA transposon (Helitron)-like
>100 ChIP hits (>0.01%) AND ChIP/Input ratio >2	CL48	10565	5052	2.09	tandem repeat
	CL141	488	158	3.09	<i>T. castaneum</i> non-LTR retrotransposon SARTTc1
	CL143	460	192	2.40	<i>T. castaneum</i> non-LTR retrotransposon SARTTc1
	CL169	495	238	2.08	<i>T. castaneum</i> non-LTR retrotransposon SARTTc3
	CL198	210	99	2.12	DNA transposon (Polinton)-like
	CL234	402	158	2.54	LTR retrotransposon (Copia)-like
	CL253	288	110	2.62	<i>T. castaneum</i> non-LTR retrotransposon SARTTc3
	CL264	337	145	2.32	<i>T. castaneum</i> non-LTR retrotransposon SARTTc1
	CL270	732	342	2.14	5S rDNA
	CL298	296	137	2.16	non-LTR retrotransposon (Jockey)-like
	CL336	177	70	2.53	<i>T. castaneum</i> non-LTR retrotransposon SARTTc3
	CL391	1591	602	2.64	unknown
	CL394	442	85	5.20	<i>T. castaneum</i> uncharacterized LOC107399056, partial mRNA
	CL399	202	61	3.31	<i>T. castaneum</i> non-LTR retrotransposon SARTTc1
	CL469	145	53	2.74	<i>T. castaneum</i> non-LTR retrotransposon SARTTc1
	CL611	216	78	2.77	<i>T. castaneum</i> tigger element-derived protein 4 (LOC103314401)
	CL669	118	58	2.03	unknown
	CL711	174	78	2.23	<i>T. castaneum</i> non-LTR retrotransposon SARTTc3
	CL797	115	41	2.80	<i>T. castaneum</i> mobile element jockey-like (LOC103314666)
	CL942	133	39	3.41	unknown
CL992	118	34	3.47	<i>T. castaneum</i> non-LTR R2 retrotransposon	

<sup>1</sup>Clustering of 270200 randomly selected WGS Illumina reads, corresponding to 0.2x genome coverage, was performed using RepeatExplorer2 pipeline [31].

<sup>2</sup>ChIP and Input hits values were generated using one million cCENH3-ChIP and Input reads in ChIP-seq Mapper analysis [7]. ChIP enrichment was calculated using the top 1000 most repetitive WGS clusters obtained by RepeatExplorer2 clustering.

<sup>3</sup>Repeat type was determined by BLAST searching against GIRI Repbase and NCBI GenBank database.

<sup>4</sup>Ugarković *et al.* [25]

<sup>5</sup>Pavlek *et al.* [28]

## Repeat classification of cCENH3-associated DNA sequences

Among cCENH3-associated tandem repeats, the clusters CL3 and CL4 dominate in terms of ChIP hits numbers (Table 1). These two clusters belong to the *T. castaneum* major satellite DNA TCAST, based on 360 bp long monomers [25]. In addition to being highly abundant, TCAST is a very heterogeneous satellite family composed of five subfamilies mutually divergent up to 30% [28]. The RepeatExplorer2 analysis assorted the TCAST satellite into four clusters, CL1-CL4, which cumulatively comprise 13.8% of the genome (Fig 5, Table 2). According to ChIP-Seq Mapper analysis, the clusters CL3 and CL4 were found enriched 10% and 12%, respectively, while the clusters CL1 and CL2 showed the ChIP/Input ratios of 0.84 and 0.90, respectively (Table 2). We analyzed the proportion of individual TCAST subfamilies defined by Pavlek *et al.* [28] in the CL1-CL4 clusters (Table 2), and we found that none of the four clusters

corresponds specifically to any of the TCAST subfamilies. For instance, the cluster CL3 includes mainly the reads associated to the subfamilies 1 and 4, but it also comprises the reads associated with subfamilies 2, 3 and 5 (Table 2). Similarly, CL4 is mostly based on the subfamily 3 reads, but it also harbors the reads sharing similarity with other subfamilies (Table 2). It is possible that the clusters cannot be attributed to the individual subfamilies because they were generated from the reads of submonomeric length (151 bp of ~360 bp). Since we did not find either a motif or any specific trait that would strictly differentiate CL3 and CL4 reads in comparison to CL1 and CL2 reads, we presume that all five TCAST subfamilies participate in the centromeric chromatin.

**Table 2. Contribution of the TCAST satellite subfamilies to four most abundant WGS clusters.**

Cluster <sup>1</sup>	Genome proportion <sup>1</sup>	cCENH3-ChIP enrichment <sup>2</sup>	TCAST subfamilies <sup>3</sup> proportions in the cluster				
			Subfamily 1	Subfamily 2	Subfamily 3	Subfamily 4	Subfamily 5
CL1	4.5%	0.84	7.18%	0.18%	15.27%	35.50%	41.25%
CL2	4%	0.90	71.32%	22.33%	0.14%	5.47%	0.67%
CL3	3.1%	1.10	47.12%	7.58%	2.20%	39.17%	3.88%
CL4	2.2%	1.12	0.03%	0.58%	82.12%	9.06%	8.14%

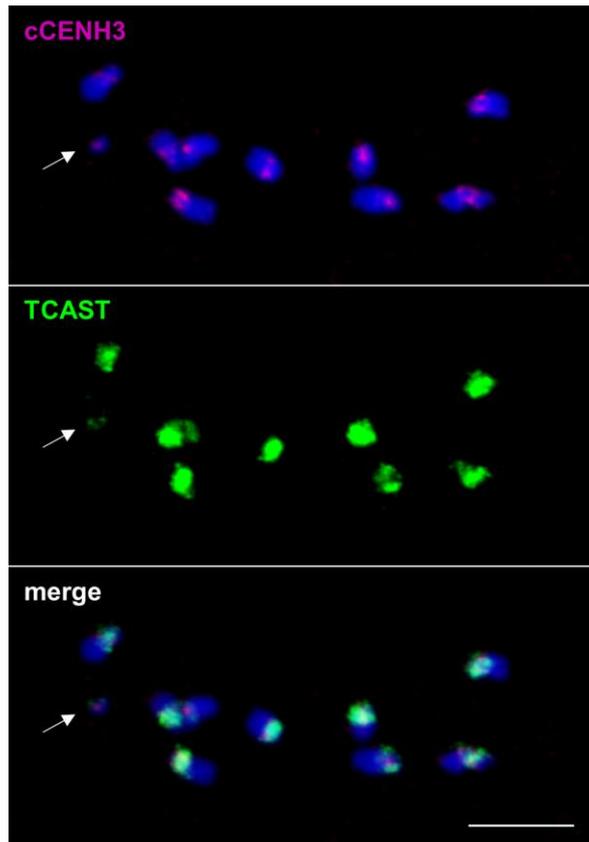
<sup>1</sup> Clustering of WGS Illumina reads and their estimated genome proportions were obtained by RepeatExplorer2 analysis [31].

<sup>2</sup> ChIP enrichment for cCENH3 protein was calculated by performing ChIP-seq Mapper analysis [7]. The values represent the ratio of cCENH3-ChIP hits and Input hits.

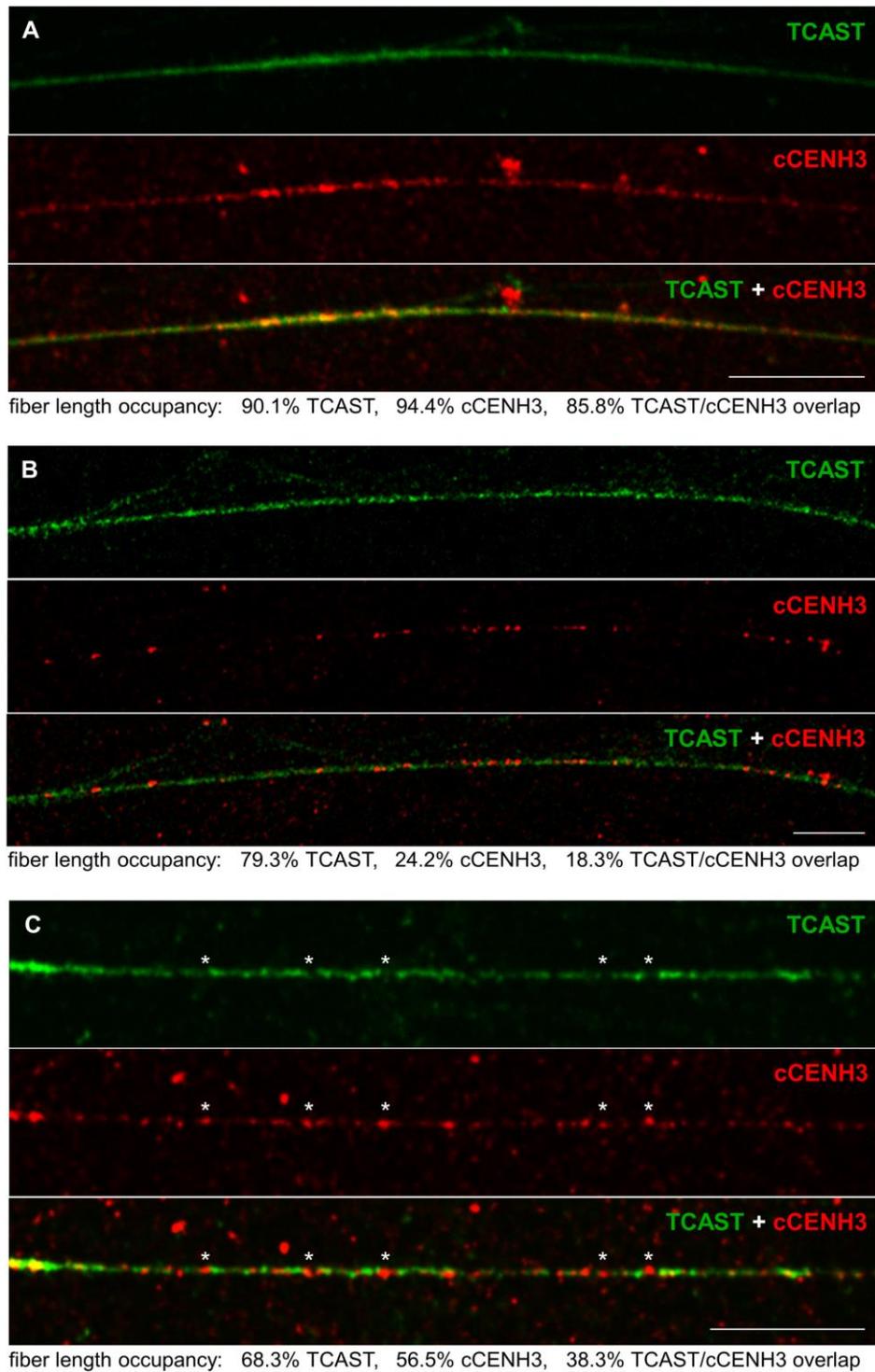
<sup>3</sup> Satellite DNA TCAST classification into five subfamilies is based on Pavlek *et al.* [28]. The subfamily consensus sequences were used in RepeatExplorer2 clustering to determine the proportions of satellite subfamilies within each cluster.

Although the reads belonging to TCAST satellite dominate by number in the ChIP sample, based on previously established TCAST localization in the heterochromatic (peri)centromeric blocks of *T. castaneum* chromosomes [25], we expected that TCAST would show higher enrichment for cCENH3 than it did in our ChIP experiment. Therefore, to explore in situ interrelation between cCENH3 and TCAST satellite DNA, we performed combined IF-FISH using the mixed DNA probe representative of all five TCAST subfamilies. First, IF-FISH experiments were conducted on *T. castaneum* metaphase chromosomes (Fig 6). In spite of the fact that the intensity and the extent of TCAST signals on metaphase chromosomes oscillate from very strong at majority of autosomes to discrete at the yp chromosome, IF-FISH confirmed that cCENH3 and TCAST signals coincide at centromeric regions of all chromosomes. The expanse of the FISH signals indicates that TCAST arrays outspread beyond cCENH3 domains, suggesting their presence also in the pericentromeric regions. Additionally, the TCAST signal outspread beyond the cCENH3 domains could potentially be influenced to some

degree by the methodology itself as the use of acetic acid in IF-FISH chromosome preparation reduces the cCENH3 signal strength, while the FISH signal amplification procedure could result in the TCAST signal overestimation. Since resolution of highly condensed chromatin at metaphase chromosomes does not provide insight into linear organization of centromeric chromatin constituents, we applied IF-FISH to extended chromatin fibers. Optical mapping on extended chromatin fibers revealed long arrays of TCAST satellite that were also largely occupied by cCENH3 protein (Fig 7A). The quantification of the 15 chromatin fibers with high presence of both TCAST and cCENH3 signals showed that TCAST/cCENH3 signal overlaps cover between 62% and 88% of the measured fibers' length (S5 Appendix). We observed, nevertheless, that at some continuous TCAST arrays cCENH3 is loosely distributed (Fig 7B). cCENH3-poor regions could be "linkers" between cCENH3-rich domains observed as bead-like patterns at prometaphase chromosomes (Fig 3C and 3D). Alternatively, they might come from pericentromere with potentially sparse cCENH3 domains. Additionally, in some segments of chromatin fibers we also noticed sporadic distribution of cCENH3 signals that do not co-localize with TCAST signals, but reside in the gaps within TCAST arrays (Fig 7C). It can be assumed that at these scattered spots cCENH3 nucleosomes are associated with other sequence candidates listed in Table 1.



**Fig 6. Co-localization of cCENH3 protein and TCAST satellite DNA on *Tribolium castaneum* meiotic chromosomes.** Combined IF-FISH analysis of in situ localization of cCENH3 protein (shown in magenta) and TCAST satellite DNA (shown in green) demonstrated their co-localization at centromeric regions of all *T. castaneum* chromosomes. An arrow points to the yp chromosome. Scale bar = 5  $\mu$ m.



**Fig 7. Co-localization of cCENH3 protein and TCAST satellite DNA on *Tribolium castaneum* extended chromatin fibers.** By combined IF-FISH analysis, position of TCAST satellite DNA (green signals) was revealed by FISH, while the position of cCENH3 protein (red) was detected by IF. The examples of a fiber with prominent TCAST-cCENH3 overlapping (A), a fiber mostly deprived of cCENH3 signal (B), and a fiber with asterisks-mark positions of cCENH3 signals which do not coincide with TCAST satellite signals (C) are shown. The percentages of the chromatin fiber length occupied by TCAST and cCENH3 signals are indicated under the panels. Scale bar = 10  $\mu$ m.

Within tandem repeat class of sequences, in addition to TCAST, ChIP-seq data revealed enriched cluster CL19 (Table 1) which corresponds to significantly less abundant satellite DNA Cast6. Cast6, being based on a ~180 bp monomer unit and making up to 0.5% of the genome, is one of the *T. castaneum* satellites that were proclaimed to be present primarily in euchromatic regions [28]. However, Cast6 occurrence in the centromeric heterochromatin blocks of at least one chromosome [28] suggests that some of its arrays contribute to the centromere chromatin. It has to be stressed that among nine “euchromatic” satellites that have been described in *T. castaneum* [28], only Cast6 was cCENH3-enriched, while the others were underrepresented in ChIPped data set showing enrichment factors between 0.44–0.73. CL48 is another tandem repeat enriched in cCENH3 reads (enrichment factor of 2.09, Table 1), that comprises 0.05% of the genome. Composed of average 73 bp long monomers and predominantly present in unplaced singletons, this repeat represents a novel satellite DNA not described in the *T. castaneum* genome so far.

In the group of cCENH3-enriched clusters that comprise mobile elements, there are predominant nine clusters which share similarity with *T. castaneum* non-long terminal repeat (non-LTR) retrotransposons from the SARTTc family. The SARTTc family includes seven types of retrotransposons (SARTTc1-SARTTc7) with target sequence preference to telomeric TCAGG motif [32]. According to our analysis, five clusters CL141, CL143, CL264, CL399, and CL469, enriched 2.3–3.3 times, are related to the non-LTR retrotransposon SARTTc1 sequence segments, while the clusters CL169, CL253, CL336, and CL711, with enrichment factors 2.1–2.6, are associated with the SARTTc3 sequence (Table 1). The presence of SARTTc sequences in the centromeric chromatin could explain the weak telomeric FISH signals on some of the *T. castaneum* chromosomes obtained by cCENH3-ChIPped DNA probe (S4 Fig).

Among rDNA-related clusters, the cluster CL270 shows the highest ChIP/Input ratio of 2.14 (Table 1). Interestingly, this cluster is identical to the 5S rDNA, whose 192 bp long repeat unit consists of a 119 bp long 5S rRNA gene and 73 bp long non-transcribed spacer (NTS) region. Although centromeric regions are not typical rDNA locations, ChIP enrichment suggests that a portion of the 5S rDNA arrays is drafted into centromere function. Besides tandem repeats, mobile elements and rDNA-like sequences, ChIP-seq analysis implies that other sequence candidates, whose status

we have not been able to determine, are likely to be centromeric (Table 1). Even though their contribution might be less prominent in terms of sequence abundance, they manifest the high diversity of DNA sequence composition at *T. castaneum* centromeres.

## Discussion

The red flour beetle *T. castaneum* with unassembled 20% of the genome corresponding to (peri)centromeric regions [23] certainly represents a challenging and compelling model organism for centromere biology research. In this work we ascertained cCENH3, the centromere-specific histone H3 of *T. castaneum*, and utilized it to determine architecture and characterize DNA composition of *T. castaneum* centromeres.

We identified the gene ID TC012577 from the current *T. castaneum* genome assembly Tcas5.2 [24] as the CenH3 homologue, and its coding sequence is identical to a candidate computationally predicted by Drinnenberg and coauthors [6]. By demonstrating cCENH3 chromosomal position, we validated cCENH3 experimentally as an authentic centromeric variant of histone H3. In this way it was confirmed that the prediction of CenH3 protein using defined bioinformatics criteria [14] was accurate and reliable in the *T. castaneum* case. CenH3 proteins differ from the canonical H3 foremost in N-tail domain, and CenH3 N-tail domain often extends over 100 amino-acid residues, as in *Drosophila melanogaster* CID [33], *Caenorhabditis elegans* HCP-3 [34] or *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* CSE4 [35]. *T. castaneum* cCENH3 is a rather small protein of 125 aa, having N-tail domain even shorter than the canonical H3 (24 aa versus 40 aa). Despite the shortness of NH<sub>2</sub>-terminal tail, we successfully produced an antibody that specifically recognizes cCENH3 and discriminates it from the canonical H3.

The repertoire of *T. castaneum* centromeric DNA sequences, which we obtained by cCENH3-ChIP-seq, includes a variety of repetitive DNAs. Notably, all of these sequences, regardless of a repeat type they belong to, are predominantly found in the unplaced scaffolds and singletons related to the unassembled part of the current Tcas5.2 genome assembly. Association with the unassembled genome fraction might indicate that these sequences belong to centromeric regions that have not yet been delineated for any of *T. castaneum* chromosomes. Not surprisingly, the major centromeric DNA constituent is the TCAST satellite that comprises one-sixth of the genome [25]. According to optical mapping on metaphase chromosomes and extended chromatin fibers, TCAST constitutes very long arrays that also include cCENH3

domains. Cytological experiments showed, however, that TCAST is not limited to the centromeres, and its arrays stretch beyond the cCENH3 signals. TCAST presence in the pericentromere could partly be a reason why its enrichment in cCENH3-ChIP experiments was lower than expected. Furthermore, it has been known for a long time that at centromeres with underlying highly abundant repeats, CenH3 nucleosomes interact generally only with a fraction of those repeats [36,37], and such a partial occupancy can diminish their relative ChIP enrichment. In the recent study of *D. melanogaster* centromeres, its most copious centromeric repeat Prodsat revealed lower CenH3-enrichment in comparison to AATAG repeat, although Prodsat was seven times more abundant in the IP fraction [38], and the authors stressed that not only enrichment, but also the abundance of a sequence has to be regarded when estimating its centromere potential. In the model plant species *Arabidopsis thaliana* functional centromeres assemble on the most homogeneous and evolutionary youngest specific subset of CEN180 repeats, mostly excluded from the genome assembly [39]. Similarly, in human centromeric chromatin dominate two dimeric alpha-satellite DNA units, mutually highly diverged, but both being highly homogenized and younger than the rest of the alpha-satellite variants [40]. *T. castaneum* TCAST has been described as a very divergent satellite DNA compiled from five subfamilies [28], but in our study we have not found an evidence that cCENH3-containing nucleosomes have any preference for a unique subfamily or a subset of TCAST monomers. According to FISH analysis performed by Pavlek and coauthors [28], all five TCAST subfamilies coincide at the centromeric regions of all chromosomes. Computational analysis of higher order repeat (HOR) structures in *T. castaneum* disclosed TCAST-incorporating HORs found solely in unplaced scaffolds and singletons; particularly interesting is the fact that the TCAST monomers in those HORs are very heterogeneous, come from different subfamilies and are combined with extraneous sequence elements [41]. Our ChIP results corroborate previous cytogenetic TCAST localization [28] and bioinformatic HOR analysis [41], and suggest that functional *T. castaneum* centromeres are not built upon an exclusive fraction of TCAST satellite. Instead, it is more likely that they comprise different variants/subfamilies of the major satellite DNA intermingled with other DNA sequences.

Satellite DNAs are among the most frequent DNA constituents of functional centromeres [42], and therefore it is not unexpected that in cCENH3-ChIP data set,

beside the major satellite DNA TCAST, we also found enriched other satellite DNAs. However, those satellites are less abundant by an order of magnitude or even two in comparison to TCAST. Thirteen satellite DNA families whose genome abundance differ ~10–1000 times have been recorded in the pea centromeres [7], confirming that tandem organization is favorable, while abundance of a tandem repeat could be less determinative criteria for centromeric assortment. In addition to satellites, retroelements can be equally important or even dominant centromere components [43], and contribution of retrotransposons to functional centromeres have been documented in different animal, plant and fungal lineages [43–47]. In *T. castaneum*, in the group of different cCENH3-associated transposable elements we found prevalent non-LTR retrotransposons SARTTc. Notwithstanding SARTTc elements were reported as telomeric retrotransposons that intermingle with TCAGG repeats in *T. castaneum* “composite” telomeres [32], we mapped them in unassembled scaffolds in the vicinity of (TCAGG)<sub>n</sub> arrays that are relatively short (100–400 bp) and might represent heterochromatic interstitial telomeric sequences (ITS) within centromeric regions. It has been assumed that ITSs at (peri)centromeres are mostly remnants of telomere-mediated DNA repairs and chromosomal rearrangements [48], but for different *Solanum* species including tomato, potato and eggplant, it was revealed that some ITS subfamilies expanded into functional centromeres [49]. Besides satellite repeats and retrotransposons, in the *T. castaneum* centromeric chromatin we also detected rDNA-associated sequences, and the most prominent of them is 5S rDNA with its NTS region. rDNA tracts can serve as an origin of satellite repeats [50,51], and centromerically located satellite DNA partially derived from 5S rDNA was described, for instance, in the frog *Physalaemus cuvieri* [52]. Remarkably, in the switchgrass *Panicum virgatum* it was recently shown that one of its centromeres propagated the exact 5S rDNA unit with its completely conserved 5S rRNA gene sequence and NTS region into functional centromeric DNA, without obstructing the fundamental function of the 5S rRNA genes [53]. We believe a similar scenario could be assumed in *T. castaneum*. Its centromeres, compiling different kinds of repetitive sequences, confirm that centromeric regions can be quite permissive regarding their DNA content, and that the presence of one highly abundant and dominant satellite DNA does not exclude or prevent other repetitive sequences to contribute. It can be even speculated that a widely outspread, abundant satellite DNA allows and/or fosters intrusion of different sequences whose locations are not primarily or exclusively centromeric. It is

questionable, though, whether these intrusive elements are indeed epigenetically favored or simply tolerated given their scarcity in the centromeric regions.

What makes *T. castaneum* centromeres exceptional is their unusual extent. We estimated that *T. castaneum* centromeres, ranging in size from 2.3 to 15.8 Mb, comprise over 40% of the chromosome length. In comparison, the centromeric regions in *D. melanogaster*, the insect of comparable genome size (180 Mb vs. 200 Mb), range between 100 and 170 kb [43]. To the best of our knowledge, *T. castaneum* centromeres are the longest insect regional centromeres described so far. Interestingly, in the red imported fire ant *Solenopsis invicta* unusually long centromeres, on average spanning one third of chromosomes' length (3.6 Mb), have also been observed [54]. In addition to the remarkable length, *T. castaneum* centromeres are marked by their metapolycentric structure, characterized by multiple CenH3-domains stretching along a large chromosome region that forms an extended, yet single primary constriction. Neumann and colleagues [7] introduced the term of metapolycentricity to describe such an unusual type of centromeres evidenced in the two closely related plant genera *Pisum* and *Lathyrus* [7,8]. In comparison to *T. castaneum*, the peas' genomes are 20–30 times bigger and their chromosomes are remarkably longer, so it does not surprise that the pea metapolycentric centromeres are notably larger ranging in size from 69 to 107 Mbp [7]. Notwithstanding the significant difference in centromere size, the peas' and *T. castaneum* centromeres share the bead-like pattern, a hallmark of metapolycentric structure.

The presence of metapolycentricity in very distant eukaryotic species suggests its convergent evolution, but the foundation of metapolycentricity remains an open question. In the pea species with metapolycentric chromosomes, CenH3 proteins are encoded by two paralogous genes that are equally expressed, and the two CenH3 proteins co-localize at the same domains of extended centromeres [7,8]. Nevertheless, Neumann and coauthors [8] warn that the potential dosage effect of CenH3 duplication cannot be solely responsible for such a drastic centromere expansion. *T. castaneum* cCENH3 protein is encoded by a single gene, and we found no evidence of additional CenH3 copies, which makes us conclude that metapolycentricity in *T. castaneum* arose through mechanisms unrelated to CenH3 duplication. Different chromosomal rearrangements, especially Robertsonian centric fusions, can lead to the enlarged

centromere size. One of the most illustrative examples is an unusually long, bead-like kinetochore region of chromosome C3X in Indian muntjac, the mammal whose small karyotype ( $2n = 6♀, 7♂$ ) evolved through numerous linear centromere-telomere fusions from the acrocentric  $2n = 70$  ancestral karyotype [55,56]. As the *T. castaneum* karyotype is based on the Coleoptera prevalent diploid number  $2n = 20$ , it is not very plausible that its metapolycentromeres were generated via chromosomal fusions. In our opinion, the expansion of *T. castaneum* centromeres could be most convincingly explained by centromere drive hypothesis [17,18,57]. According to the centromere drive model, “stronger” centromeres, i.e. those that segregate more successfully to the egg during female meiosis, provide more microtubule attachment sites by recruiting more centromeric proteins, and enhanced recruitment of centromeric nucleosomes could be driven by centromeric satellite expansion [17]. In a mouse model system it was shown that centromeres with more centromere-competent satellite repeats indeed engage more CENP-A, thus gaining a transmission advantage in the female germline [58]. We hypothesize that the highly repetitive *T. castaneum* metapolycentric regions can be evolutionary favored due to increased capacity for promoting cCENH3 chromatin expansion, which might ensure a selective advantage in the race to reach the oocyte. Similarly, long primary constrictions in the *Solenopsis* fire ants coincide with the position of the major, high-copy satellite DNA according to FISH analysis, and centromere drive was proposed to propel centromere elongation [54]. Although CenH3 localization was not examined so there is no exact data on fire ants’ centrochromatin structure, it is possible that metapolycentricity among insects, especially those with highly abundant centromeric satellites, is not unique to *Tribolium*.

Morphology of metapolycentric chromosomes suggests an intermediate state between monocentric and holocentric chromosome architecture [59]. It has been proposed that holocentricity has evolved at least 13 times among eukaryotes [4]; nevertheless, the evolutionary relationship between holocentricity and monocentricity remains an enigma. Assuming monocentricity as the initial state, Drinnenberg and coauthors [6] revealed independent transitions to holocentricity in at least four lineages of insects. Significantly, 13 of the 15 analyzed holocentric insect species have lost CenH3, and it was theorized that CenH3 loss was preceded by monocentricity-to-polycentricity architectural changes [6,60]. It is tempting to speculate that *T. castaneum*, which engages CenH3 in its extended metapolycentromeres, could represent an

intermediate between monocentricity and polycentricity in insects. However, further extensive analyses are required to test this speculative hypothesis.

The beetle *T. castaneum* with its metapolycentric chromosomes whose centromeres are founded on one, genome-prevailing satellite DNA is a *dare par excellence* for the correct centromere assembly. For complete understanding how kinetochore sites are designated and maintained in diverse eukaryotic species, the studies of kinetochore assembly in organisms with unusual centromere anatomies are crucial. We believe that *T. castaneum*, as the coleopteran model organism, could also be an excellent model to address these questions.

## Materials and methods

### Insect material

All experiments in this work were performed using the highly inbred Georgia 2 (GA2) strain of the red flour beetle *T. castaneum*. The initial GA2 strain stock was obtained from USDA-ARS (Manhattan, Kansas, USA), and subsequently maintained as a laboratory culture. The insects were reared in whole wheat flour at 28°C, and sub-cultured every four weeks. In addition to GA2 strain, genomic DNAs isolated from the two additional *T. castaneum* strains DE and ES (obtained from Germany and Spain, respectively) were used for checking the nucleotide sequence of the cCENH3 gene.

### DNA extraction and PCR amplification

Total DNA was isolated from ~50 mg of adult insects (25 individuals) by using DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (Qiagen). DNA quantification was done by Qubit fluorometer (Invitrogen) using Qubit dsDNA BR Assay Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Based on the cCENH3 coding sequence and its flanking regions, the primers cCENH3pr0 (5'-AAGGTAGGATAATGCCGA-3'), cCENH3pr1 (5'-ATGGCCCGTTCTAAG-3'), cCENH3pr3 (5'-TTAACCACCTTCTTTTTCC-3'), and cCENH3pr5 (5'-TTAACCACCTTCTTTTTCCCTCC-3') were designed to amplify the entire cCENH3 gene sequence. PCR reaction was performed in 50- $\mu$ l volume containing 1 $\times$  Green GoTaq Reaction Buffer (Promega), 2.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1 mM of each dNTP, 0.1  $\mu$ M of each primer and 2 units of GoTaq G2 DNA Polymerase (Promega). PCR program included pre-denaturation at 94°C for 3 min, 35 cycles of amplification (denaturation at 94°C for 20 s, annealing at 61°C for 20 s, and extension at 72°C for 30 s), and final extension at 72°C for 7 min. PCR products were analyzed in agarose gel electrophoresis, extracted by QIAquick Gel Extraction Kit (Qiagen), and Sanger-sequenced in Macrogen Europe Laboratory (Amsterdam, The Netherlands).

## RNA isolation and reverse transcription

Total RNA was purified from ~55 mg of larvae (20 individuals) by using RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen), and additionally treated with RQ1 RNase-Free DNase (Promega). RNA was quality-checked on agarose gel, and quantified by BioSpec-nano Micro-volume UV-Vis Spectrophotometer (Shimadzu). The coding region of the cCENH3 gene was obtained by RT-PCR amplification using OneStep RT-PCR Kit (Qiagen) and the gene-specific primers cCENH3pr1 and cCENH3pr3. cDNA was synthesized from 250 ng of RNA in 25 µl RT reaction at 50°C for 30 min. Initial PCR activation step at 95°C for 15 min was followed by 35 cycles of amplification (denaturation at 95°C for 30 s, annealing at 61°C for 30 s, and extension at 72°C for 1 min), and final extension at 72°C for 10 min using HotStarTaq DNA Polymerase. Three negative controls were included in the RT-PCR experiment: 1) a control reaction in which reverse-transcriptase activity was inhibited by keeping the reaction on ice and placing it in the thermal cycler only after it had reached 95°C for the HotStarTaq DNA Polymerase activation step, 2) a control reaction in which RNA template was added during the HotStarTaq DNA Polymerase activation step, 3) a blank control without template RNA. RT-PCR cCENH-3 products were purified using PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen), and Sanger-sequenced with the primers above.

## cCENH3 expression analysis

To examine the expression pattern of the cCENH3 gene, we used publicly available RNA-seq datasets from Khan et al. [29] deposited at the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) repository under accession number GSE119739. Sets of transcriptome reads corresponding to embryo 0–5 hr, embryo 5–11 hr, ovary, testis, female carcasses (lacking ovaries), and male carcasses (lacking testes), were separately mapped to the cCENH3 gene sequence using Bowtie2 with—local and—very-sensitive option implemented in Geneious R11.1.4 (Biomatters, Ltd.). All obtained hits were normalized with CPM method ((counts per million reads mapped) = (hit number/library size)\*106) and average values were calculated for different runs and biological replicates (four runs for each replicate; two replicates for testes, three replicates for all the other samples).

## Antibody design and production

Polyclonal IgG antibodies were generated against a synthetic peptide NH<sub>2</sub>-RSKKTTPNKKPSSASTSYF-CONH<sub>2</sub>, corresponding to amino acids 3–20 of the N-terminal end of the *T. castaneum* cCENH3 protein (Fig 1). Peptide synthesis and immunization of two rabbits were performed by Pineda Antikörper-Service (Berlin, Germany). To monitor the development of the immune response, we tested by Western blotting the preimmune sera as well as the sera samples on the monthly basis during the immunization period. Although the preimmune sera showed certain background of non-specific bands corresponding to higher molecular weight proteins in the Western blot testing (S3 Fig), the polyclonal antibodies to the targeted protein of ~15 kDa were first detected after the 2-month immunization period. After 120 days, the immunization was stopped, and affinity purification of the monospecific IgG fraction from cCENH3-antisera on sepharose columns was performed. Purified monospecific IgG fraction was concentrated 25x using Amicon Ultra-0.5 centrifugal filter device (Merck), and used in all downstream applications.

## Protein extraction and Western blot

125 mg of snap-frozen *T. castaneum* adults was ground to a fine powder using mortar, pestle and liquid nitrogen. Immediately after grinding, tissue powder was transferred to 5 ml of ice-cold RIPA buffer (150 mM NaCl, 1% Triton X-100, 0.5% sodium deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS, 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0) supplemented with 2 mM PMSF and cOmplete Mini EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche). The suspension was homogenized in an ice-cold glass dounce homogenizer, and the cells were disrupted with 15–20 strokes of the pestle. The sample was rotated on an orbital shaker (7 rpm) for 2 h at 4°C. The homogenate was centrifuged for 20 min at 13500 g at 4°C, and the supernatant containing the protein extract was collected, aliquoted to ice-chilled tubes, and stored at -80°C until use. The protein concentration was estimated using the Bradford protein assay. For Western blot, 20 µg of proteins per reaction was resuspended in 15 µl total volume of 1xLaemmli buffer (50 mM TrisHCl pH 6.8, 10% glycerol, 2% SDS, 0.005% bromophenol blue) supplemented with 0.1 M dithiothreitol (DTT). The samples were heated at 37°C for 30 min, and then run on a 4–20% Mini-PROTEAN TGX precast protein gel (Bio-Rad) and transferred onto Amersham Protran

Supported 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  nitrocellulose membrane (GE Healthcare Life Sciences). For probing, the rabbit preimmune serum or the primary anti-cCENH3 antibody, and the horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-linked goat anti-rabbit IgG antibody (Cell Signaling Technology), were used at 1:500 and 1:2000 dilution, respectively, in TBST buffer (20 mM Tris, 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.6, 0.1% Tween 20) supplemented with 5% BSA. The blots were developed using the Pierce ECL Western Blotting substrate (Thermo Scientific) and Amersham Hyperfilm ECL X-ray films (GE Healthcare Life Sciences).

### Cytological preparations

Immunofluorescence (IF), fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH), and IF-FISH experiments were done on metaphase spreads, interphase nuclei and chromatin fibers isolated from the gonads of male pupae. We optimized, however, different protocols for IF, FISH and IF-FISH chromosome and fiber preparations in order to preserve chromosome/chromatin architecture and the antibody's epitopes, but at the same time allowing the penetration of the DNA probes when FISH performed.

For IF experiments, freshly isolated male gonads were incubated in 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  colcemid solution for 1–2 h, then transferred to 0.5% sodium citrate for 5 min. After hypotonic shock, the testes were incubated in pre-warmed 2% paraformaldehyde (PFA) at 37°C for 10 min, then transferred to phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) supplemented with 30 mM glycine for 10 min at RT. After 3x5 min washing in PBS, the tissue was manually disaggregated on a slide in a drop of 0.05 M NaOH, covered with a coverslips and squashed. Slides were then frozen briefly (30–60 s) in liquid nitrogen. Coverslips were removed immediately, and slides were air-dried and stored at -80°C until use. For FISH experiments, freshly dissected testes were incubated in 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  colcemid solution (Roche Diagnostics) for 1–2 h at RT. The tissue was subjected to hypotonic shock in 75 mM KCl for 15 min, and then fixed in Clarke's solution (absolute ethanol:acetic acid, 3:1) for at least 30 min. The testes were macerated on a slide in a drop of 45% acetic acid, squashed and frozen as described for IF slide preparation. Air-dried slides were stored at -20°C until use.

For combined IF-FISH analysis, dissected male gonads were incubated in 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  colcemid solution for 1–2 h, and subjected to hypotonic shock in 75 mM KCl for 15 min.

The fixation was done in freshly prepared solution of 3.7% PFA, 5% acetic acid and 0.9% sodium chloride at RT for 18 min. After 10 min washing in PBS, the gonads were disaggregated and squashed on a slide in a drop of 0.05 M NaOH, frozen and processed as described for IF slide preparation, being kept at -80°C until use. In all aforementioned cytological preparations, the poly-D-lysine coated slides were used.

The extended chromatin fibers were prepared from dissected testes isolated and washed in PBS supplemented with 1 mM PMSF. Approximately 20 gonads resuspended in 100 µl PBS + 1 mM PMSF were mixed by microtube homogenizer for 30 s, supplemented with 700 µl PBS + 1 mM PMSF, and strained through 100 µm cell strainer. Using Cytospin 4 cytocentrifuge (Shandon, ThermoFisher Scientific), 400 µl of suspension was cytospun for 10 min at 1200 rpm onto coated Shandon Cytoslides (ThermoFisher). After short air-drying, 15 µl of a freshly prepared mild SDS lysis buffer (200 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, 50 mM EDTA, 0.2% SDS, 1 mM PMSF) was added per slide, that was immediately covered with a 18x18 mm square coverslip. After 4–8 min lysis reaction at room temperature, a coverslip was lifted slowly. Air-dried slides were fixed in 2% formaldehyde diluted in PBS for 10 min, and then washed in PBS for 3x5 min. Four drops of Image-iT FX signal enhancer (ThermoFisher Scientific) were applied per slide, and slides were covered by 20x40 mm coverslips and incubated for 30 min at room temperature in a humid chamber. After that, coverslips were removed, and slides were thoroughly rinsed with PBS for 3x5 min, and directly subjected to IF-FISH procedure.

#### Immunofluorescence (IF) and fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH)

For IF, slides were rinsed in PBS for 2 min, and then incubated in PBS containing 1% Triton X-100 for 25 min on ice. After 3x5 min washing in PBST (PBS, 0.2% Tween 20), slides were blocked in PBST supplemented with 2.5% BSA and 0.3 M glycine in a moist chamber at 37°C for 1 h. Anti-cCENH3 antibody was diluted 1:400 (for chromosome spreads) or 1:200 (for chromatin fibers) in blocking solution (PBST containing 2.5% BSA), and added to slides which were incubated in a humid chamber overnight at 37°C. Slides were washed 5x5 min with PBST at RT, and then incubated for 1 h at 37°C with Alexa Fluor 594-labeled or Alexa Fluor 488-labeled goat anti-rabbit antibodies (Abcam), diluted 1:1000 in blocking solution. Final washes were performed

4x5 min in PBST, and 1x5 min in PBS at RT. Slides were counterstained in 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI) solution for 15 min, then rinsed briefly with distilled water and air-dried. Slides were finally embedded in Mowiol 4–88 mounting medium (Sigma-Aldrich).

For FISH, cCENH3-ChIPped DNA was labeled with Cy3-dCTP (GE Healthcare Life Sciences) using random priming assay. TCAST satellite probe was prepared from the mix of plasmid clones CT8 and CT19 (available upon request) and labelled with biotin-16-dUTP (Roche) by PCR using the primers Tcastan1 (5'-TGTAGGACTAACCATAAGCG-3') and Tcastan2 (5'-CAATGTTTGAGACGAAGACG3'). Slides were pretreated with RNase A and pepsin, post-fixed by 1% formaldehyde and dehydrated in an ice-cold ethanol series. Slides were denatured in 70% formamide at 70°C for 2 min and hybridized with denatured probes (150 ng of a labeled DNA probe in 15 µl of 60% deionized formamide, 8% dextran sulfate, 1.6xSSC, 20 mM sodium phosphate pH 7.0) overnight at 37°C. Posthybridization washes were done at 37°C in 50% formamide. While the Cy3-labeled cCENH3-ChIPped DNA probe was detected directly after posthybridization washes, the TCAST biotin-labeled probe was visualized with fluorescein avidin D and biotinylated anti-avidin D system (Vector Laboratories) by signal amplification through three layers of fluorophore conjugates and antibodies using the following dilutions: 1:500 fluorescein avidin D, 1:100 biotinylated anti-avidin D, 1:2000 fluorescein avidin D. Preparations were counterstained and embedded as described above.

When IF was followed by FISH, RNase A and pepsin pretreatments were omitted.

#### Microscopy and image analyses

Image acquisition was done using a confocal laser scanning microscope Leica TCS SP8 X (Leica Microsystems) equipped with a HC PL APO CS2 63x/1.40 oil objective, 405 nm diode laser and a supercontinuum excitation laser (Leica Microsystems). Images were captured separately for each fluorochrome and processed with ImageJ [61] and Adobe Photoshop (CS5).

In order to estimate the relative size of *T. castaneum* centromeres, the extent of cCENH3 signals was measured. For quantification of the signal lengths, maximum intensity projections of z-stacked images were analyzed using “Measure” tool in ImageJ with normalization of scale length across different images. The lengths of the chromosomes and associated centromeres were measured separately for each color channel that was converted to grayscale. Due to different degree of chromosome condensation, centromere sizes were examined using centromere to chromosome length ratios. The chromosomes ch2, ch3, ch4, and yp, which can be differentiated from the other chromosomes by their size and centromere position, have been singled out for individual analysis. More than 30 chromosome spreads with accompanied non-overlapping chromosomes were analyzed. Measurement of FISH signals obtained by cCENH3-ChIPped DNA probe was performed on 10 spreads in the same manner described above for the cCENH3 measurement. The average value was calculated from ratios of cCENH3-ChIPped DNA signal length to chromosome length obtained for all chromosomes.

Quantification of cCENH3 and TCAST signal interrelation on extended chromatin fibers was done by examining 15 selected regions where cCENH3 and TCAST showed evident co-localization. The z-stacked images were first adjusted for regions of interest in order to minimize background interference. The same default threshold was then applied in ImageJ on grayscale channels for each image. Manual spline fitted lines were drawn on chromatin fibers and “Plot profile” tool was used to obtain values of pixel intensities along the selected line. Presence or absence of each signal was evaluated by extracting values that were higher or equal to 0, respectively, followed by comparison of the degree of two signals’ overlap. The scatter plots were done in GraphPad Prism version 8.

#### Native chromatin isolation and chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP)

750 mg of snap-frozen adult insects were ground to a fine powder and resuspended in 10 ml of ice-cold chromatin isolation buffer, CIB (15 mM Tris HCl pH = 7.5, 60 mM KCl, 15 mM NaCl, 0.34 M sucrose, 0.15 mM spermine, 0.5 mM spermidine) supplemented with cOmplete Mini EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche), 2 mM PMSF and 0.5% Triton X-100. The suspension was homogenized in an ice-cold glass dounce

homogenizer and strained through 40  $\mu\text{m}$  cell strainer. The isolated nuclei were centrifuged at 2500 g for 5 min at 4°C, rewashed in CIB, centrifuged again, and resuspended in 1.5 ml CIB supplemented with 1 mM  $\text{CaCl}_2$  and 4 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$ . The chromatin was digested with 200 U MNase (Thermo Scientific) for 30 min at 37°C, and the reaction was stopped by adding EDTA to a final concentration of 10 mM. After centrifugation at 8000 g for 5 min at 4°C, the pellet containing chromatin was resuspended in 1.2 ml of PBS supplemented with 0.5 M NaCl. After rotation on an orbital shaker (7 rpm) for 2 h at 4°C, the sample was centrifuged for 15 min at 15000 g at 4°C. The supernatant containing digested chromatin of preferentially mononucleosomal length was saved, and kept at -80°C until use.

For ChIP assay, first we tested the two commercial ChIP kits, Pierce Magnetic ChIP Kit (Thermo Scientific) and Dynabeads Protein A Immunoprecipitation Kit (Invitrogen), but with them we obtained unspecific immunoprecipitation presumably due to insufficiently stringent washing with commercial washing buffers. Therefore, using Dynabeads Protein A, we modified the protocol as follows. In short, Dynabeads were pre-blocked with BSA, and soluble chromatin was pre-cleared with pre-blocked Dynabeads in ChIP buffer (16.7 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.1, 1.2 mM EDTA, 0.167 M NaCl, 0.01% SDS, 1.1% Triton X-100) supplemented with cOmplete Mini EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche) and 2 mM PMSF, by rotation on an orbital shaker (7 rpm) for 1 h at 4°C. Pre-cleared chromatin was separated on a magnetic rack, and 5% was reserved as an input control sample. In ChIP experiment we tested two different anti-cCENH3 antibody amounts per reaction: 5  $\mu\text{g}$  (as a typical amount) and 8  $\mu\text{g}$  (as a Dynabeads Protein A maximum binding capacity). 30  $\mu\text{l}$  of pre-blocked Dynabeads per reaction were mixed with 5  $\mu\text{g}$  / 8  $\mu\text{g}$  anti-cCENH3 antibody diluted in 120  $\mu\text{l}$  Ab Binding & Washing Buffer (Invitrogen), and antibody binding was done by rotation for 30 min at 4°C. As negative controls, 5  $\mu\text{g}$  of normal rabbit IgG (Cell Signaling Technology) and a mock control (a sample without antibody) were included in each ChIP experiment. The Dynabeads-antibody complexes were separated on a magnetic rack, and 230  $\mu\text{l}$  of pre-cleared chromatin (~4  $\mu\text{g}$ ) was added. After 2-hour incubation at 4°C with rotation, the precipitated immunocomplexes were washed in a series of buffers (5 min each wash): 3 times low salt buffer (0.15 M NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 2 mM EDTA pH 8.0, 0.1% SDS, 1% Triton X-100), 3 times high salt buffer (0.5 M NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 2 mM EDTA pH 8.0, 0.1% SDS, 1% Triton X-

100), once LiCl buffer (0.25 M LiCl, 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA pH 8.0, 1% sodium deoxycholate, 0.1% Triton X-100), twice TE buffer pH 8.0. Chromatin was eluted from the Dynabeads with 2x100 µl of elution buffer (1%SDS, 0.1M NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) after 2x15 min incubation at 55°C. After RNase A / proteinase K treatment, DNA from ChIP and input samples was extracted using QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen). In S6 Appendix we showed the comparison of the subsequent ChIP-Seq analyses using 5 µg and 8 µg anti-cCENH3 antibody in ChIP experiments, as well as the comparison between ChIP experiments performed by using commercial washing buffers and prepared low/high salt buffers. Unlike washing with prepared low/high salt buffers, using commercial washing buffers did not yield any difference between cCEN3-ChIP and input samples, and we concluded that the washing with commercial buffers was not stringent enough. ChIP experiments using different amounts of anti-cCENH3 antibody produced congruent results, and the data for the ChIP experiment with 5 µg anti-cCENH3 were used in the following analysis.

#### ChIP-seq data analysis

Following the strategy described by Neumann and coauthors [7], we evaluated the enrichment of repetitive sequences in the ChIP-seq data by using the ChIP-Seq Mapper tool at the Galaxy web-server (<https://repeatexplorer-elixir.cerit-sc.cz/galaxy/>). The workflow of the ChIP-Seq analysis is shown in S5 Fig. The ChIP-Seq Mapper performs BLASTN similarity search of ChIP reads and control input reads (DNA isolated from the chromatin aliquot prior to ChIP experiment) against repeats' database used as a reference. Repetitive DNA reference database is obtained by the RepeatExplorer2 tool that performs similarity-based clustering and groups short unassembled WGS reads into repeat clusters [31]. The ChIP enrichment for individual WGS repeat clusters is calculated based on ChIP/Input hit ratio. Sequencing of cCENH3-ChIPped DNA and input DNA control, as well as *T. castaneum* whole genome sequencing (WGS) was performed on the Illumina HiSeq2500 platform (Admera Health, USA) resulting in 10904694, 9232324 and 9664142 paired-end reads, respectively. By RepeatExplorer2 tools available at Galaxy web-server (<https://repeatexplorer-elixir.cerit-sc.cz/galaxy/>), FASTQ reads were preprocessed using cutadapt filtering, quality-filtering (95% of bases equal to or higher than the quality cutoff value of 10), trimming to 151 nt, interlacing, and random sampling

(different random number generator seeds tested) to scale down large data sets. To generate repetitive DNA reference database, from 9290920 preprocessed WGS reads, 270200 paired-end reads were randomly selected to ensure low genome coverage (0.2x). Repeat identification by graph-based sequence clustering was performed using RepeatExplorer2 pipeline [31] that recommends low-pass genome sequencing corresponding to 0.01–0.50x genome coverage because in genome skimming only the reads derived from the repetitive regions can produce multiple similarity hits and group into the clusters of frequently overlapping sequences. Also, the repetitiveness of the analyzed genome limits the number of reads that can be analyzed with this pipeline. For highly repetitive genome of *T. castaneum*, 0.2x genome coverage by 270200 randomly selected reads was determined as an optimal sample size to be processed. RepeatExplorer2 analysis resulted in 21564 WGS clusters (Fig 5), ranked according their genome proportion. Although the genome proportions for cluster CL167 and onwards were estimated lower than 0.01%, in the ChIP-Seq Mapper analysis we examined the first 1000 clusters. From 6623300 and 3828990 preprocessed reads obtained for cCENH3-ChIPped DNA and input DNA, respectively, for each data set three random sampling subsets were generated comprising 1000000, 500000 or 250000 reads. We performed ChIP-Seq Mapper analysis for the top 1000 WGS repeat clusters testing different bit score thresholds (30, 90, 150). As the results of ChIP-Seq Mapper analysis from three different randomly sampled subsets of ChIP/Input reads were consistent (S7 Appendix), only the data for the 1000000 reads analysis were presented. Using Geneious R11.1.4 software (Biomatters, Ltd.), the sequences of cCENH3-ChIP-enriched clusters were mapped against the current *T. castaneum* genome assembly Tcas5.2 [24], comprising ten chromosome/linkage groups (LG) and the unassembled sequence represented as 305 unplaced scaffolds (GenBank accessions DS497665-DS497969) and 1848 unplaced singletons (GenBank accessions GG694051-GG695898). Enriched clusters were also subjected to BLAST search against NCBI GenBank database [62], using different BLAST algorithms (megablast, discontinuous megablast, and blastn). CENSOR tool was used to search GIRI Repbase [63].

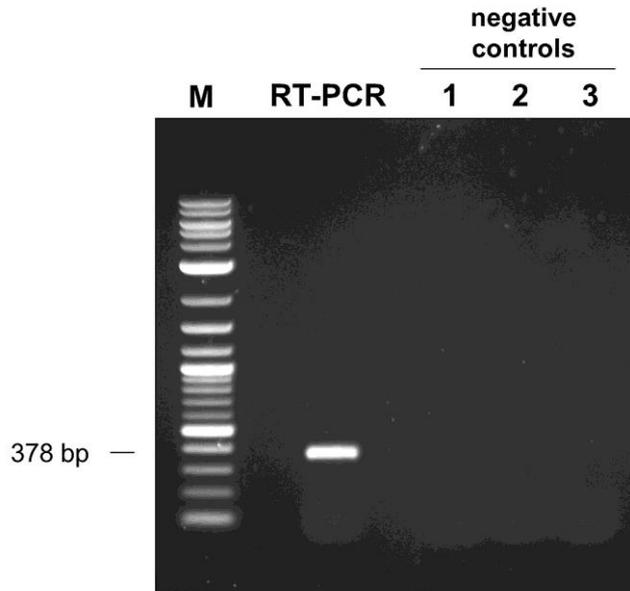
## Accession codes

The cCENH3 nucleotide sequence has been deposited in NCBI GenBank under the accession number MT043459. Raw Illumina reads from CHIP-seq experiment have been deposited in the Sequence Read Archive under the study accession number PRJNA606031.

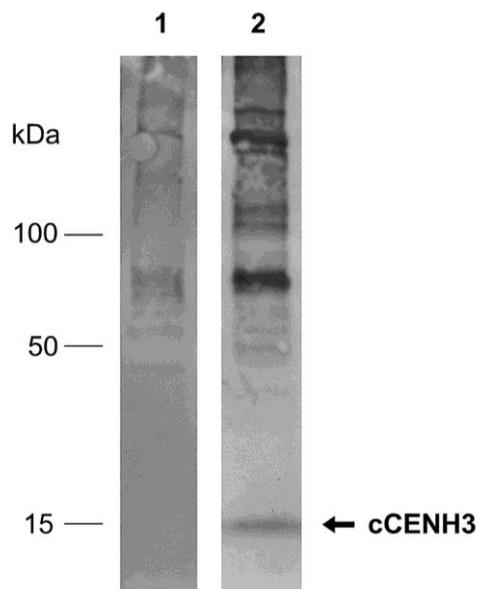
## Supporting information

<b>cCENH3 gene</b>	ATG GCC CGT TCT AAG AAA ACC CCA AAC AAG AAG CCT TCG TCA GCC TCT ACG TCC TAT TTT	60
GA2 gDNA	...	60
DE gDNA	...	60
ES gDNA	...	60
<b>cCENH3 cDNA</b>	...	60
<b>cCENH3 protein</b>	M A R S K K T P N K K P S S A S T S Y F	20
<b>cCENH3 gene</b>	ATC GGA AAC AAA GAA TAT CGC ATC AGA CTC AAG CTG CTC AGG ATG ATT AAG AAG CTG CAG	120
GA2 gDNA	...	120
DE gDNA	...	120
ES gDNA	...	120
<b>cCENH3 cDNA</b>	...	120
<b>cCENH3 protein</b>	I G N K E Y R I R L K L L R M I K K L Q	40
<b>cCENH3 gene</b>	ATG TCT ACA GAG CTA TGC ATC CCA AAA CTA TCG TTT TCA AGA CTT ATC CGA GAA CTT CTC	180
GA2 gDNA	...	180
DE gDNA	...	180
ES gDNA	...	180
<b>cCENH3 cDNA</b>	...	180
<b>cCENH3 protein</b>	M S T E L C I P K L S F S R L I R E L L	60
<b>cCENH3 gene</b>	CAA AGT CAT AGT CGA GGG ACA CGG GAT CTT AGG ATT CAG AAA AGC GCG TTG CAA GCA TTG	240
GA2 gDNA	...	240
DE gDNA	...	240
ES gDNA	...	240
<b>cCENH3 cDNA</b>	...	240
<b>cCENH3 protein</b>	Q S H S R G T R D L R I Q K S A L Q A L	80
<b>cCENH3 gene</b>	CAC GAG GCC TCC GAG GCC TAT TTG ACT GCA CTG TTC GCT GAC AGT AAC TTG TTG GCG GCA	300
GA2 gDNA	...	300
DE gDNA	...	300
ES gDNA	...	300
<b>cCENH3 cDNA</b>	...	300
<b>cCENH3 protein</b>	H E A S E A Y L T A L F A D S N L L A A	100
<b>cCENH3 gene</b>	CAT GCA CAC CGC GTT ACC ATA AAA CCG GGG GAT ATG GCA CTC TGC ATG TAC ATA AGG AGG	360
GA2 gDNA	...	360
DE gDNA	...	360
ES gDNA	...G...	360
<b>cCENH3 cDNA</b>	...	360
<b>cCENH3 protein</b>	H A H R V T I K P G D M A L C M Y I R R	120
<b>cCENH3 gene</b>	GAA AAA GAA GGT GGT TAA	378
GA2 gDNA	...	378
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ES gDNA	...	378
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<b>cCENH3 protein</b>	E K E G G *	125

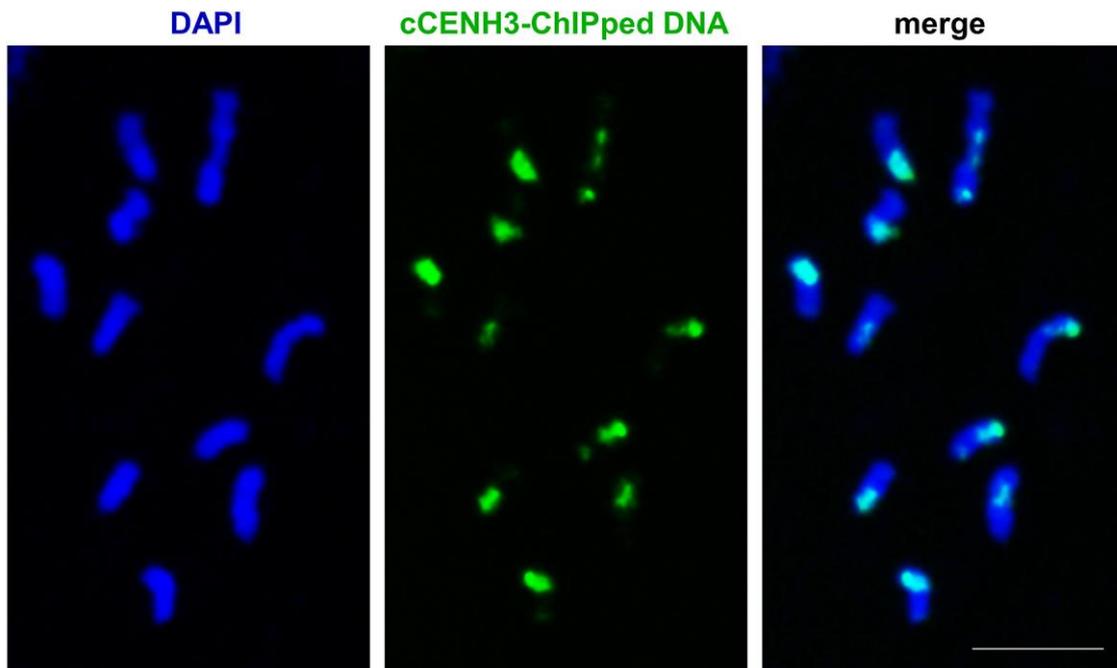
**S1 Fig. Alignment of cCENH3 coding sequence and cCENH3 cDNA.** 378 bp long cCENH3 coding sequence (gDNA) was amplified from genomic DNAs isolated from three different *T. castaneum* strains (GA2, DE, and ES). Complementary DNA (cDNA) was synthesized from cCENH3 transcript by RT-PCR using primers specific for cCENH3 gene. Identical nucleotides are indicated by a dot, and only one synonymous substitution is present in ES strain. The cCENH3 protein translation is presented below the nucleotide alignment.



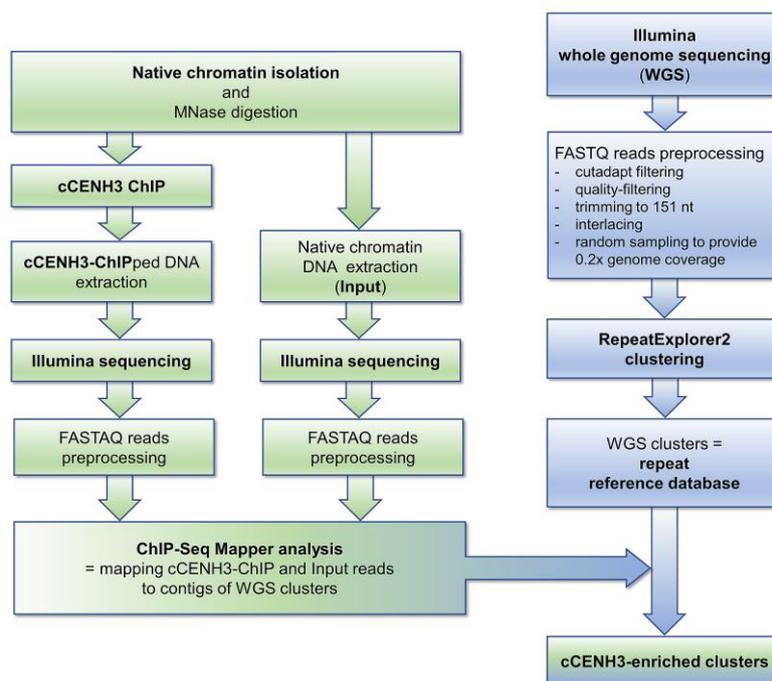
**S2 Fig. Agarose gel electrophoresis of RT-PCR amplification of cCENH3 mRNA.** Reverse transcription PCR amplification was done on total RNA isolated from *T. castaneum* larvae by using the primers specific for the cCENH3 gene. The three negative controls included reactions: (1) without RT step, (2) with template RNA added after RT step, (3) RT-PCR without template RNA. M lane represents a 100-bp-size marker ladder.



**S3 Fig. Western blot of the cCENH3 antibody on *Tribolium castaneum* protein lysate.** *T. castaneum* whole protein extract was fractionated by SDS-PAGE under denaturing conditions and transferred to nitrocellulose membrane. The membrane was subjected to Western blot analysis. (1) Testing of the rabbit preimmune serum. (2) Testing of the monospecific IgG fraction purified from the rabbit immunoserum after 120 days of immunization with the cCENH3-specific peptide (NH<sub>2</sub>-RSKKTTPNKKPSSASTSYF-CONH<sub>2</sub>) revealed a ~15 kDa signal which is consistent with the expected molecular weight of cCENH3 protein. Molecular weights of protein sizes are indicated in kDa.

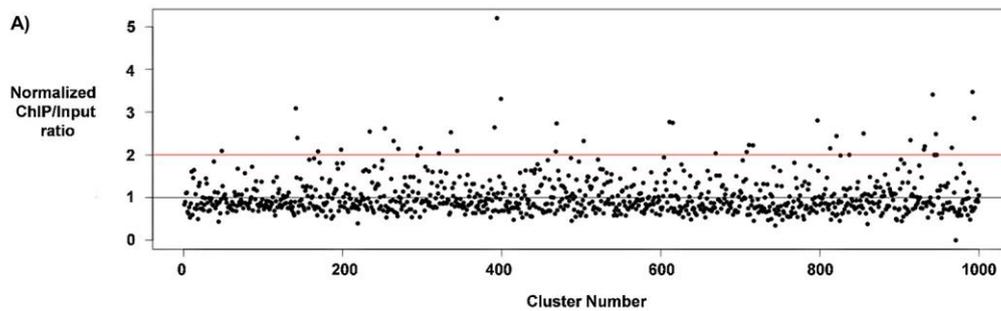


**S4 Fig. Fluorescence in situ hybridization with cCENH3-ChIPped DNA.** DNA immunoprecipitated by using cCENH3 antibody (cCENH3-ChIPped DNA) was Cy3-labelled and hybridized to *T. castaneum* chromosomes. cCENH3-ChIPped DNA (pseudocolored in green) hybridizes to the centromeric regions of all chromosomes (counterstained in DAPI). Scale bar = 5  $\mu$ m.



**S5 Fig. The workflow of cCENH3-ChIP-seq analysis.** DNA sequences enriched for cCENH3 were identified following the strategy introduced by Neumann et al. [7]. First, the repetitive DNA reference database is formed by low-pass Illumina sequencing and RepeatExplorer2 similarity-based clustering of WGS unassembled reads. Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) was performed using the cCENH3

antibody. Immunoprecipitated DNA was Illumina sequenced, as well as DNA obtained from the chromatin preparation prior to ChIP (Input). ChIP and Input reads were mapped to the WGS clusters, and the cCENH3-enriched clusters were determined based on ChIP/Input reads elevated ratio.



B)

Cluster	ChIP Hits	Input Hits	Normalized ChIP/Input ratio
48	10565	5052	2.1
141	488	158	3.1
143	460	192	2.4
169	495	238	2.1
198	210	99	2.1
234	402	158	2.5
253	288	110	2.6
264	337	145	2.3
270	732	342	2.1
298	296	137	2.2
321	61	30	2.0
336	177	70	2.5
344	67	32	2.1
391	1591	602	2.6
394	442	85	5.2
399	202	61	3.3
468	54	26	2.1
469	145	53	2.7
503	79	34	2.3
611	216	78	2.8
615	44	16	2.8
669	118	58	2.0
708	31	15	2.1
711	174	78	2.2
716	60	27	2.2
797	115	41	2.8
813	99	46	2.2
821	61	25	2.4
855	10	4	2.5
914	75	32	2.3
931	17	8	2.1
932	66	30	2.2
942	133	39	3.4
946	97	39	2.5
966	13	6	2.2
992	118	34	3.5
994	20	7	2.9

**S6 Fig. cCENH3-ChIP-Seq Mapper analysis.** ChIP-Seq Mapper analysis based on one million cCENH3-ChIP and one million Input Illumina reads mapped to the top 1000 WGS *T. castaneum* repeat clusters obtained by RepeatExplorer2 analysis. (A) ChIP-Seq Mapper plot for the top 1000 WGS *T. castaneum* clusters analyzed for cCENH3 enrichment. The red line marks the mean ratio between ChIP and Input hits, and the clusters above red line show >2-fold enrichment for cCENH3. (B) List of 37 out of the top 1000 *T. castaneum* WGS clusters showing cCENH3-ChIP/Input ratio >2.

**S1 Table. Estimation of *Tribolium castaneum* centromere sizes.**

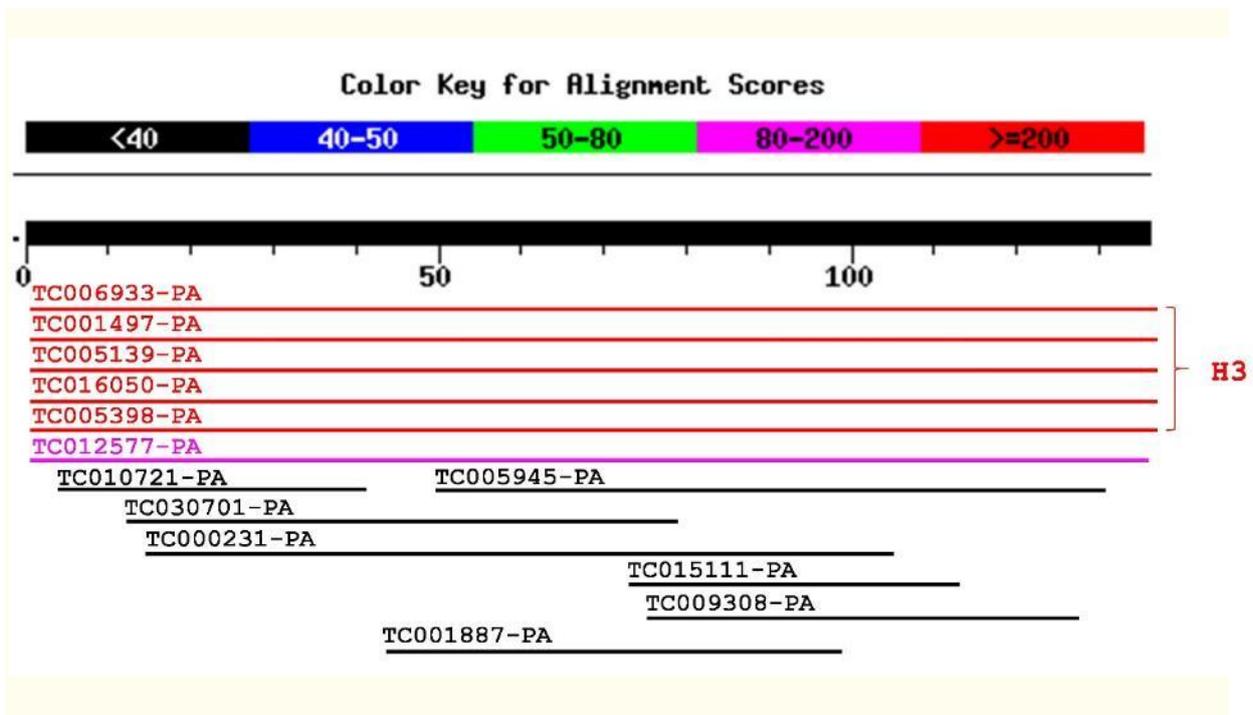
Chromosome	Chromosome size [Mbp] <sup>1</sup>	Number of measured chromosomes	Centromere proportion [%] <sup>2*</sup>	Estimated centromere size [Mbp]*
all	204	240	43.47 (±8.68)	88.68 (±17.71)
ch2	22.42	15	42.89 (±6.97)	9.62 (±1.56)
ch3	37.41	31	42.34 (±7.92)	15.84 (±2.96)
ch4	22.52	22	46.48 (±5.99)	10.47 (±1.35)
y <sub>p</sub>	5.71	8	40.60 (±8.09)	2.31 (±0.46)

<sup>1</sup> The chromosome sizes were calculated from the relative length of the individual chromosomes [30] and haploid genome size of 204 Mb [23].

<sup>2</sup> Centromere proportions were estimated from the ratio of the cCENH3 signal length demarcated by the outermost cCENH3-containing regions to the chromosome length. The quantifications are presented in the S3 Appendix.

\* Standard deviations are indicated in brackets.

**S1 Appendix. BLASTP search against the *Tribolium castaneum* OGS3 database using histone H3 protein sequence as a query.** Distribution of 13 Blast hits on the H3 query sequence is shown by the graphic alignment. The sequences in red represent H3 matches, while the potential CenH3 candidate (TC012577-PA) is marked in magenta. The matches in black represent partial and less significant hits. The alignments between H3 and all 13 matches are listed below, including the alignment score and expected values, and percentage of query/subject identities and positives.



Sequences producing alignments:	Score (bits)	E Value
TC006933-PA (Unknown:14570956..14571366)	264	7e-72
TC001497-PA (Unknown:29373457..29373867)	264	7e-72
TC005139-PA (Unknown:23334197..23334607)	264	7e-72
TC016050-PA (Unknown:36741348..36741758)	264	7e-72
TC005398-PA (ChLG8:17239546..17240958)	258	4e-70
<b>TC012577-PA (ChLG9:16066895..16067272)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>4e-19</b>
TC005945-PA (ChLG8:5643896..5650497)	28	0.80
TC030701-PA (ChLG3:35759566..35834262)	26	4.0
TC009308-PA (ChLG7:1817276..1819114)	25	6.7
TC015111-PA (ChLG6:5039228..5049650)	25	6.7
TC000231-PA (ChLG2:18781787..18783630)	25	6.7
TC010721-PA (Unknown:11584977..11586401)	25	8.8
TC001887-PA (Unknown:10737145..10747799)	25	8.8

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Length = 136

Score = 264 bits (675), Expect = 7e-72  
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X2: 38 (14.6 bits)  
X3: 64 (24.7 bits)  
S1: 41 (21.9 bits)  
S2: 53 (25.0 bits)

**S2 Appendix. RNA-seq data on cCENH3 expression in different life stages and tissues of *Tribolium castaneum*.** Normalized expression of cCENH3 gene in *T. castaneum* embryos (0-5 hr and 6-11 hr), ovary, testis, female and male carcasses is based on publicly available RNA-seq datasets from Khan et al. [29]. Hits were normalized with CPM method [(counts per million reads mapped) = (hit number/library size)\*106]. Average values were calculated for separate runs and replicates.

Run accession	Read number	Life stage	Replicate	Run	cCENH3 hits	CPM (counts per million)
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SRR7814770	8287846	male carcass	S12	3	9	1,09
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SRR7814772	8417428	ovary	S13	1	247	29,34
SRR7814773	7992090	ovary	S13	2	224	28,03
SRR7814774	8533917	ovary	S13	3	228	26,72
SRR7814775	8089904	ovary	S13	4	243	30,04
SRR7814776	10118373	ovary	S14	1	276	27,28
SRR7814777	9611048	ovary	S14	2	239	24,87
SRR7814778	10270646	ovary	S14	3	277	26,97
SRR7814779	9721794	ovary	S14	4	242	24,89
SRR7814780	7762183	ovary	S15	1	169	21,77
SRR7814781	7365673	ovary	S15	2	148	20,09

SRR7814782	7878986	ovary	S15	3	161	20,43
SRR7814783	7459026	ovary	S15	4	154	20,65
SRR7814784	7380882	testis	S16	1	123	16,66
SRR7814785	7005021	testis	S16	2	148	21,13
SRR7814786	7474868	testis	S16	3	156	20,87
SRR7814787	7086993	testis	S16	4	152	21,45
SRR7814788	7590852	testis	S17	1	39	5,14
SRR7814789	7224330	testis	S17	2	44	6,09
SRR7814790	7659461	testis	S17	3	48	6,27
SRR7814791	7295975	testis	S17	4	64	8,77

Life stage	Replicate	Run average CPM
embryo 0-5 hr	S1	63,43
	S2	63,74
	S3	55,73
embryo 6-11 hr	S4	70,31
	S5	72,01
	S6	74,49
female carcass	S7	1,52
	S8	1,20
	S9	1,10
male carcass	S10	1,17
	S11	1,46
	S12	0,84
ovary	S13	28,53
	S14	26,00
	S15	20,74
testis	S16	20,03
	S17	6,57

	embryo 0-5 hr	embryo 6-11 hr	ovary	testis	female carcass	male carcass
Replicate average CPM	60,97	72,27	25,09	13,30	1,27	1,16
stdev	4,54	2,10	3,98	9,52	0,22	0,31

**S3 Appendix. Related to Fig 4.** Source data for *Tribolium castaneum* centromere size estimation.

chromosome number	all chromosomes measured		
	chromosome length (μm)	cCENH3 region length (μm)	cCENH3/chr length
1	4,588	2,206	0,4808
2	7,380	3,262	0,4420
3	4,630	2,233	0,4823
4	3,409	1,789	0,5248
5	5,309	1,746	0,3289
6	3,610	2,095	0,5803
7	4,337	2,272	0,5239
8	4,492	2,465	0,5488
9	4,131	2,079	0,5033
10	4,102	1,850	0,4510
11	1,768	0,877	0,4960
12	8,509	3,683	0,4328
13	2,593	1,879	0,7246
14	3,855	2,493	0,6467
15	7,232	2,766	0,3825
16	5,270	2,272	0,4311
17	4,235	2,207	0,5211
18	5,214	2,328	0,4465
19	5,325	2,280	0,4282
20	2,824	0,912	0,3229
21	6,101	2,316	0,3796
22	3,576	1,648	0,4609
23	4,177	1,836	0,4395
24	6,396	2,413	0,3773
25	5,829	2,353	0,4037
26	4,353	1,788	0,4108
27	6,455	2,956	0,4579
28	5,084	3,140	0,6176
29	2,325	1,508	0,6486
30	4,878	2,548	0,5223
31	3,983	2,001	0,5024
32	5,433	2,986	0,5496
33	9,034	4,933	0,5460
34	2,866	1,690	0,5897
35	2,208	1,170	0,5299
36	6,360	3,285	0,5165
37	3,812	1,405	0,3686
38	4,408	1,511	0,3428
39	3,755	1,278	0,3403
40	3,457	1,416	0,4096
41	3,392	1,884	0,5554
42	5,016	1,795	0,3579
43	4,579	0,855	0,1867
44	4,521	1,859	0,4112
45	2,102	1,143	0,5438
46	4,161	1,777	0,4271
47	3,607	1,614	0,4475
48	1,563	0,551	0,3525
49	1,841	1,243	0,6752
50	2,244	0,881	0,3926
51	3,577	1,908	0,5334
52	3,178	1,616	0,5085
53	6,991	1,924	0,2752
54	7,413	3,209	0,4329
55	6,063	2,558	0,4219
56	4,282	1,977	0,4617
57	4,537	1,814	0,3998
58	6,761	3,223	0,4767
59	4,068	2,306	0,5669
60	4,713	1,878	0,3985
61	3,941	1,874	0,4755
62	4,233	1,977	0,4670
63	5,574	3,144	0,5640
64	5,578	3,049	0,5466
65	1,282	0,568	0,4431
66	5,756	2,802	0,4868
67	4,888	2,153	0,4405
68	3,553	1,951	0,5491
69	1,617	0,558	0,3451
70	5,721	2,637	0,4609
71	3,377	1,552	0,4596
72	4,001	1,726	0,4314
73	1,793	0,760	0,4239
74	4,931	1,793	0,3636
75	4,246	1,419	0,3342
76	4,728	1,232	0,2606
77	2,772	1,232	0,4444
78	5,027	2,071	0,4120
79	3,159	1,253	0,3966
80	4,409	1,108	0,2513
81	2,274	1,281	0,5633
82	3,403	1,532	0,4502
83	2,998	1,576	0,5257
84	3,563	1,432	0,4019
85	3,164	1,453	0,4592
86	1,287	0,483	0,3753
87	2,695	1,206	0,4475
88	3,403	1,162	0,3415
89	3,037	1,282	0,4221
90	4,648	1,706	0,3670
91	3,223	1,631	0,5061
92	2,701	1,274	0,4717
93	3,098	1,447	0,4671
94	3,188	1,623	0,5091
95	3,425	1,606	0,4689
96	3,885	1,415	0,3642
97	4,016	1,696	0,4223
98	4,037	1,480	0,3666
99	1,136	0,395	0,3477
100	5,433	1,361	0,2505
101	3,517	1,730	0,4919
102	3,397	1,501	0,4419
103	3,076	1,277	0,4151
104	4,320	1,654	0,3829
105	2,424	1,007	0,4154
106	4,094	2,092	0,5110
107	6,186	2,490	0,4025
108	1,654	0,782	0,4728
109	4,721	1,745	0,3696
110	2,806	1,063	0,3788
111	2,707	1,070	0,3953
112	3,280	1,369	0,4174
113	2,780	0,924	0,3324
114	4,354	2,166	0,4975
115	3,828	1,781	0,4653
116	5,278	2,881	0,5459
117	1,834	1,008	0,5496
118	3,117	1,870	0,5999
119	1,617	0,940	0,5813
120	3,311	1,743	0,5264

121	2,085	1,036	0,4969
122	4,475	2,426	0,5421
123	5,627	2,943	0,5230
124	5,218	2,363	0,4529
125	9,122	3,001	0,3290
126	4,542	1,808	0,3981
127	6,503	2,860	0,4398
128	4,299	1,668	0,3880
129	4,775	2,028	0,4247
130	6,791	3,268	0,4812
131	4,667	1,804	0,3865
132	7,733	4,140	0,5354
133	7,175	2,562	0,3571
134	4,870	2,031	0,4170
135	2,710	1,269	0,4683
136	5,180	2,625	0,5068
137	4,070	1,835	0,4509
138	3,667	1,828	0,4985
139	2,394	1,331	0,5560
140	5,401	2,593	0,4801
141	3,499	1,544	0,4413
142	4,808	1,838	0,3823
143	9,201	2,968	0,3226
144	6,614	2,890	0,4370
145	5,504	2,670	0,4851
146	3,321	1,472	0,4432
147	4,088	1,847	0,4518
148	3,824	1,811	0,4736
149	4,634	1,912	0,4126
150	4,289	2,013	0,4693
151	3,431	1,501	0,4375
152	6,155	2,652	0,4309
153	3,969	2,268	0,5714
154	4,369	2,133	0,4882
155	4,680	1,957	0,4182
156	4,129	1,568	0,3798
157	3,584	2,321	0,6476
158	9,324	4,044	0,4337
159	3,820	1,654	0,4330
160	6,416	3,461	0,5394
161	6,598	2,216	0,3359
162	4,778	1,810	0,3788
163	9,063	4,333	0,4781
164	5,843	2,153	0,3685
165	7,408	3,148	0,4249
166	6,157	2,216	0,3599
167	0,917	0,537	0,5856
168	4,307	1,710	0,3970
169	4,668	2,216	0,4747
170	3,568	1,308	0,3666
171	4,428	1,445	0,3263
172	4,165	1,302	0,3126
173	3,854	1,795	0,4657
174	3,858	1,713	0,4440
175	2,126	0,939	0,4417
176	4,113	1,814	0,4410
177	5,776	2,813	0,4870
178	3,621	1,474	0,4071
179	4,349	1,798	0,4134
180	4,768	2,348	0,4924
181	6,744	2,209	0,3276
182	4,866	1,837	0,3775
183	2,916	1,862	0,6385
184	3,204	1,163	0,3630
185	4,158	1,476	0,3550

186	2,158	1,064	0,4930
187	5,110	2,061	0,4033
188	4,005	1,197	0,2989
189	3,459	1,882	0,5441
190	4,270	1,670	0,3911
191	3,720	1,818	0,4887
192	3,308	1,327	0,4011
193	8,129	3,017	0,3711
194	3,852	1,391	0,3611
195	7,458	3,206	0,4299
196	5,406	2,104	0,3892
197	3,509	1,343	0,3827
198	4,292	1,763	0,4108
199	1,485	0,557	0,3751
200	2,014	0,761	0,3779
201	3,154	0,845	0,2679
202	2,538	1,617	0,6371
203	2,149	1,001	0,4658
204	2,883	1,084	0,3760
205	3,168	0,838	0,2645
206	4,686	1,505	0,3212
207	2,513	1,128	0,4489
208	2,685	1,167	0,4346
209	2,208	0,790	0,3578
210	4,256	2,203	0,5176
211	2,587	0,877	0,3390
212	4,032	1,177	0,2919
213	3,598	1,567	0,4355
214	3,088	1,358	0,4398
215	2,323	0,872	0,3754
216	2,686	1,199	0,4464
217	2,520	0,841	0,3337
218	2,541	0,904	0,3558
219	2,617	0,884	0,3378
220	3,836	1,380	0,3597
221	2,846	1,180	0,4146
222	4,058	1,097	0,2703
223	4,527	1,424	0,3146
224	3,587	1,958	0,5459
225	3,112	1,063	0,3416
226	3,761	1,439	0,3826
227	3,492	1,108	0,3173
228	4,026	1,533	0,3808
229	3,857	1,665	0,4317
230	3,682	1,751	0,4756
231	2,362	0,697	0,2951
232	2,889	1,115	0,3859
233	3,366	0,858	0,2549
234	3,489	1,197	0,3431
235	5,129	1,939	0,3780
236	5,812	1,808	0,3111
237	4,397	2,308	0,5249
238	2,522	0,825	0,3271
239	5,181	2,079	0,4013
240	3,666	1,447	0,3947
		<b>average</b>	0,4347
		stdev	0,0868

ch2		
chromosome length (μm)	cCENH3 region length (μm)	cCENH3/chromosome length
4,337	2,272	0,5239
4,131	2,079	0,5033
5,829	2,353	0,4037
6,360	3,285	0,5165
4,161	1,777	0,4271
6,063	2,558	0,4219
4,713	1,878	0,3985
3,425	1,606	0,4689
3,280	1,369	0,4174
3,828	1,781	0,4653
4,634	1,912	0,4126
4,369	2,133	0,4882
4,428	1,445	0,3263
5,406	2,104	0,3892
4,058	1,097	0,2703
	<b>average</b>	<b>0,4289</b>
	stdev	0,0697

ch4		
chromosome length (μm)	cCENH3 region length (μm)	cCENH3/chromosome length
4,588	2,206	0,4808
4,492	2,465	0,5488
4,102	1,85	0,4510
5,325	2,28	0,4282
3,576	1,648	0,4609
4,878	2,548	0,5223
3,983	2,001	0,5024
4,233	1,977	0,4670
4,888	2,153	0,4405
3,098	1,447	0,4671
2,806	1,063	0,3788
5,627	2,943	0,5230
5,401	2,593	0,4801
5,504	2,670	0,4851
4,680	1,957	0,4182
5,776	2,813	0,4870
3,621	1,474	0,4071
4,270	1,670	0,3911
2,538	1,617	0,6371
3,598	1,567	0,4355
3,761	1,439	0,3826
3,857	1,665	0,4317
	<b>average</b>	<b>0,4648</b>
	stdev	0,0599

ch3		
chromosome length ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	cCENH3 region length ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	cCENH3/chromosome length
7,38	3,262	0,4420
8,509	3,683	0,4328
6,101	2,316	0,3796
6,396	2,413	0,3773
6,455	2,956	0,4579
9,034	4,933	0,5460
6,991	1,924	0,2752
7,413	3,209	0,4329
6,761	3,223	0,4767
5,574	3,144	0,5640
5,578	3,049	0,5466
5,721	2,637	0,4609
5,027	2,071	0,4120
4,721	1,745	0,3696
4,354	2,166	0,4975
5,278	2,881	0,5459
9,122	3,001	0,3290
7,733	4,140	0,5354
7,175	2,562	0,3571
9,201	2,968	0,3226
6,614	2,890	0,4370
6,155	2,652	0,4309
9,324	4,044	0,4337
6,744	2,209	0,3276
5,110	2,061	0,4033
8,129	3,017	0,3711
7,458	3,206	0,4299
4,686	1,505	0,3212
4,256	2,203	0,5176
4,026	1,533	0,3808
5,812	1,808	0,3111
	<b>average</b>	<b>0,4234</b>
	stdev	0,0792

Yp		
chromosome length ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	cCENH3 region length ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	cCENH3/chromosome length
1,563	0,551	0,3525
1,282	0,568	0,4431
1,617	0,558	0,3451
1,793	0,760	0,4239
1,287	0,483	0,3753
1,136	0,395	0,3477
0,917	0,537	0,5856
1,485	0,557	0,3751
	<b>average</b>	<b>0,4060</b>
	stdev	0,0809

**S4 Appendix. cCENH3-ChIPped DNA FISH signal quantification on *Tribolium castaneum***

**chromosomes.** DNA immunoprecipitated by using cCENH3 antibody (cCENH3-ChIPped DNA) was fluorochrome-labeled and in situ hybridized to *T. castaneum* chromosomes. cCENH3-ChIPped DNA signal proportion on *T. castaneum* metaphase chromosomes was calculated as a ratio of the cCENH3-ChIPped DNA signal length to the corresponding chromosome length. 122 chromosomes were analyzed.

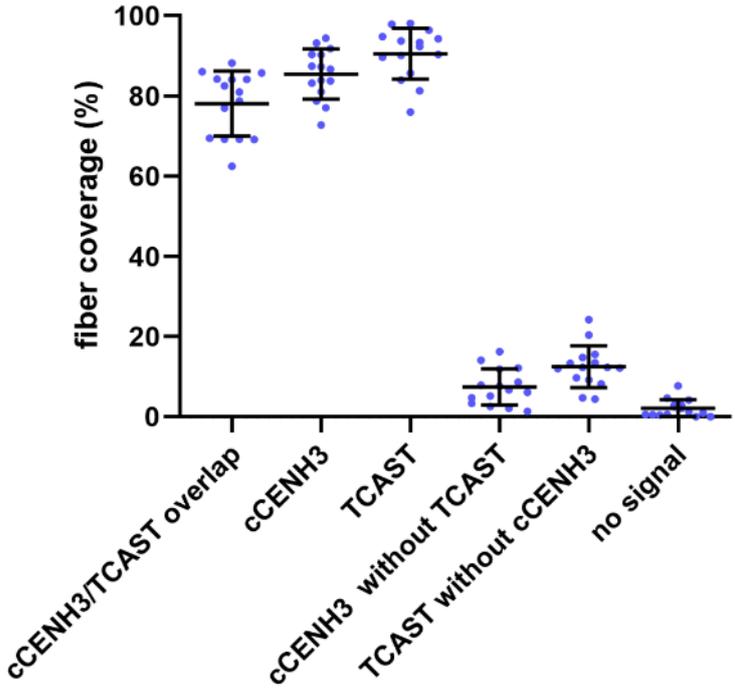
chromosome number	chromosome length (µm)	cCENH3-ChIPped DNA FISH signal length (µm)	cCENH3-ChIPped DNA signal length / chromosome length
1	2,489	1,359	0,546
2	2,417	1,002	0,415
3	2,413	1,096	0,454
4	2,869	0,677	0,236
5	2,107	1,184	0,562
6	2,449	0,978	0,399
7	3,064	0,906	0,296
8	3,190	1,224	0,384
9	2,799	1,217	0,435
10	3,095	1,398	0,452
11	3,052	1,207	0,395
12	3,014	1,552	0,515
13	1,149	0,439	0,382
14	2,752	1,428	0,519
15	2,617	1,342	0,513
16	2,781	0,847	0,305
17	1,793	1,045	0,583
18	2,875	1,596	0,555
19	3,638	1,527	0,420
20	3,052	1,810	0,593
21	2,446	1,121	0,458
22	2,460	1,501	0,610
23	3,349	1,618	0,483
24	2,803	1,616	0,577
25	2,668	1,474	0,552
26	2,916	1,164	0,399
27	2,624	1,259	0,480
28	3,012	1,722	0,572
29	3,051	1,541	0,505
30	3,058	1,542	0,504
31	4,145	2,113	0,510
32	3,320	1,910	0,575
33	4,600	1,847	0,402
34	3,450	1,550	0,449
35	3,489	1,720	0,493
36	3,377	1,552	0,460
37	3,773	1,985	0,526
38	6,001	2,367	0,394
39	3,095	1,318	0,426
40	3,991	1,571	0,394
41	2,773	1,731	0,624
42	2,688	1,328	0,494
43	3,053	1,252	0,410
44	2,422	1,177	0,486
45	2,406	1,200	0,499
46	2,278	1,236	0,543
47	2,786	0,663	0,238
48	3,030	0,952	0,314
49	2,969	1,310	0,441
50	4,289	1,496	0,349
51	5,710	1,195	0,209
52	3,467	1,291	0,372
53	4,248	1,375	0,324
54	3,299	1,612	0,489
55	4,313	1,487	0,345
56	2,641	1,411	0,534
57	3,623	1,962	0,542
58	4,010	2,058	0,513
59	2,526	1,243	0,492
60	3,111	1,452	0,467
61	3,296	1,424	0,432
62	2,332	1,297	0,556
63	3,265	1,448	0,443
64	2,913	1,530	0,525
65	2,706	1,349	0,499
66	3,024	1,087	0,359
67	2,738	1,035	0,378
68	3,790	1,107	0,292
69	3,052	1,624	0,532
70	2,697	1,477	0,548

71	2,983	1,736	0,582
72	2,976	1,310	0,440
73	3,220	1,289	0,400
74	3,127	1,461	0,467
75	2,841	1,832	0,645
76	2,628	1,739	0,662
77	3,142	1,168	0,372
78	3,526	1,786	0,507
79	2,842	1,200	0,422
80	2,714	1,306	0,481
81	3,326	1,446	0,435
82	2,617	1,247	0,476
83	3,333	1,019	0,306
84	3,830	1,898	0,496
85	2,292	1,156	0,504
86	3,105	1,837	0,592
87	2,931	1,663	0,567
88	3,161	1,400	0,443
89	3,362	1,454	0,432
90	3,068	1,717	0,560
91	2,670	1,465	0,549
92	3,640	1,576	0,433
93	5,112	1,385	0,271
94	2,837	1,537	0,542
95	3,161	1,028	0,325
96	2,644	1,428	0,540
97	3,578	1,740	0,486
98	2,150	1,005	0,467
99	2,959	1,173	0,396
100	2,637	1,337	0,507
101	2,874	1,392	0,484
102	3,002	1,244	0,414
103	3,363	1,166	0,347
104	2,516	0,880	0,350
105	3,213	1,337	0,416
106	2,936	1,147	0,391
107	2,494	0,708	0,284
108	2,583	1,195	0,463
109	1,878	1,184	0,630
110	2,638	1,090	0,413
111	3,724	1,198	0,322
112	4,050	1,556	0,384
113	3,173	1,199	0,378
114	3,107	1,433	0,461
115	4,877	1,412	0,290
116	3,641	1,925	0,529
117	2,319	1,067	0,460
118	3,933	2,027	0,515
119	3,848	2,068	0,537
120	3,082	1,425	0,462
121	3,154	1,859	0,589
122	3,896	1,876	0,482

Chromosomes analyzed	Average cCENH3-ChIPped DNA signal length / chromosome length ratio (%)	stdev (%)
122	45,81	9,3366

**S5 Appendix. Quantification analysis of chromatin fiber regions with overlapping cCENH3 and TCAST signals.** Selected regions of 15 extended chromatin fibers with prominent cCENH3 and TCAST co-localization were quantified. Pixel intensities along the spline fitted lines were measured, and presence or absence of each signal was evaluated by extracting values that were higher or equal to 0, respectively. The degree of overlapping was calculated based on coincident presence of cCENH3 and TCAST signals.

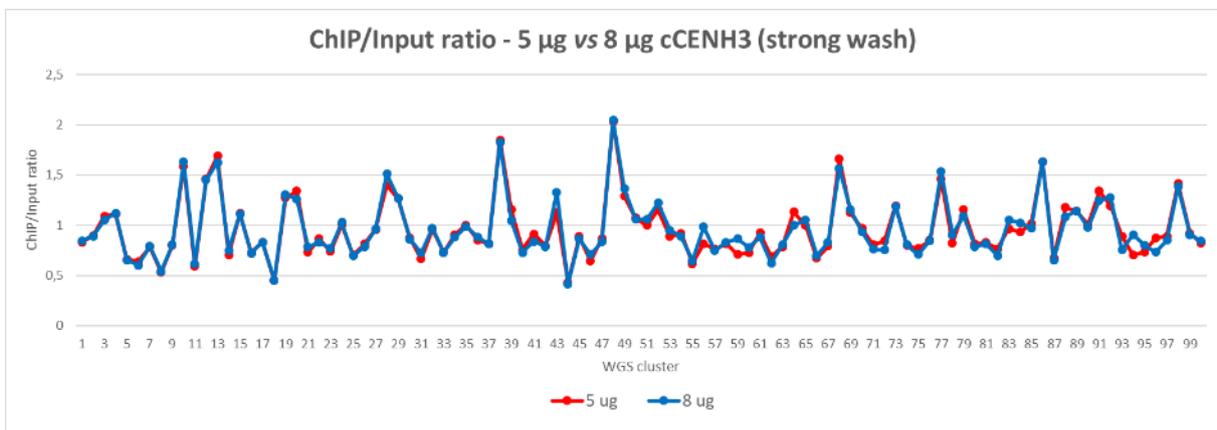
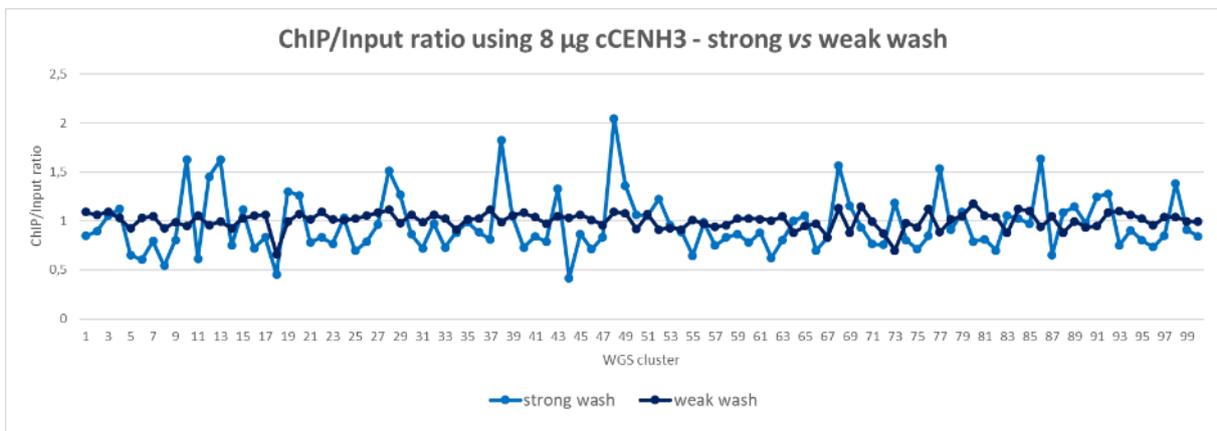
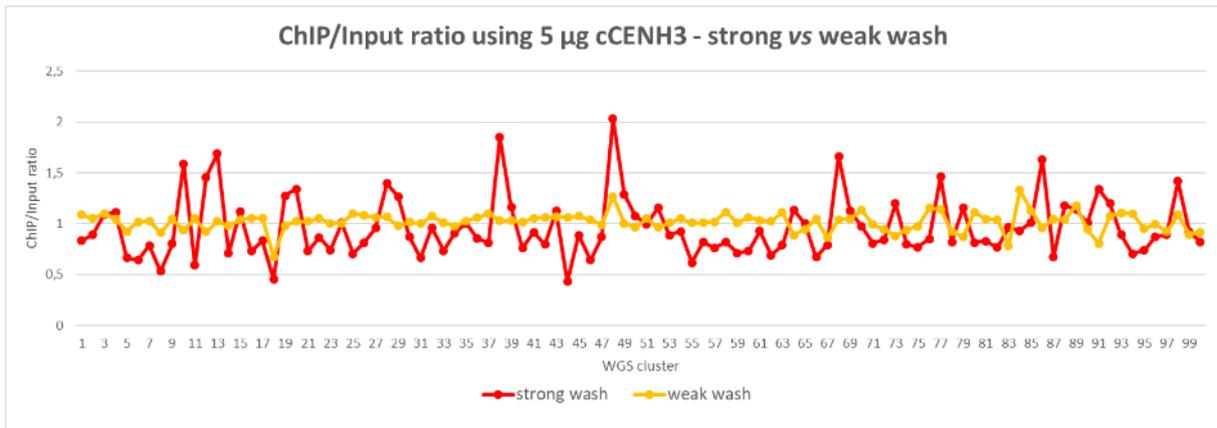
fiber	cCENH3/TCAST overlap fiber coverage	cCENH3 fiber coverage	TCAST fiber coverage	cCENH3 without TCAST fiber coverage	TCAST without cCENH3 fiber coverage	no signal fiber coverage
1	86,07%	87,41%	98,11%	1,34%	12,04%	0,55%
2	78,75%	83,92%	94,28%	5,18%	15,53%	0,54%
3	69,22%	77,06%	89,64%	7,85%	20,42%	2,52%
4	69,14%	83,23%	81,29%	14,09%	12,15%	4,62%
5	69,22%	81,07%	83,98%	11,84%	14,76%	4,17%
6	85,76%	94,41%	90,14%	8,65%	4,38%	1,20%
7	80,99%	93,19%	85,68%	12,21%	4,69%	2,11%
8	84,24%	90,36%	93,37%	6,12%	9,14%	0,50%
9	82,51%	87,26%	94,82%	4,75%	12,31%	0,43%
10	69,49%	72,79%	93,75%	3,31%	24,26%	2,94%
11	84,09%	86,69%	96,43%	2,60%	12,34%	0,97%
12	88,21%	90,29%	97,92%	2,08%	9,71%	0,00%
13	62,49%	78,76%	75,98%	16,27%	13,49%	7,75%
14	77,01%	83,76%	90,35%	6,75%	13,34%	2,89%
15	84,14%	91,81%	92,33%	7,67%	8,19%	0,00%
<b>average</b>	<b>78,09%</b>	<b>85,47%</b>	<b>90,54%</b>	<b>7,38%</b>	<b>12,45%</b>	<b>2,08%</b>
std	8,11%	6,22%	6,36%	4,53%	5,22%	2,16%



**S6 Appendix. Comparison of cCENH3-ChIP experiments using different Ab amounts and washing conditions.** ChIP experiments were performed using different amounts of cCENH3 antibody (5 and 8 µg) and different washing conditions (weak wash with commercial washing buffers and strong wash with low/high salt buffers). The ChIP/Input ratio for the top 100 WGS clusters was compared between different ChIP experiments.

	ChIP 1	ChIP 2	ChIP 3	ChIP 4
Ab amount	5 µg cCENH3	8 µg cCENH3	5 µg cCENH3	8 µg cCENH3
washing conditions	strong wash	strong wash	weak wash	weak wash
WGS cluster	ChIP/ Input ratio			
1	0,831181518	0,848227805	1,090083196	1,089969229
2	0,894365255	0,893160677	1,050759553	1,059626581
3	1,090875721	1,052621919	1,098321972	1,093969586
4	1,109582678	1,120730313	1,043697299	1,030548807
5	0,663164439	0,654173143	0,925917003	0,926002487
6	0,640644561	0,603677076	1,018803877	1,030343027
7	0,786124349	0,792707525	1,026177546	1,050958661
8	0,530925312	0,541790773	0,913593713	0,923116723
9	0,801932367	0,806073154	1,044858523	0,990338164
10	1,589416058	1,630508245	0,933630711	0,946066504
11	0,590654914	0,616023758	1,051717057	1,05187502
12	1,458845115	1,452270526	0,920646246	0,958259008
13	1,689318523	1,625629396	1,022792789	0,993734866
14	0,708230655	0,750616067	0,979793001	0,927550517
15	1,116978989	1,11641113	1,038046564	1,025553663
16	0,729319988	0,720783044	1,054607006	1,05195761
17	0,834174969	0,831581821	1,055547973	1,064146308
18	0,451270114	0,454711062	0,674425665	0,660155855
19	1,274361305	1,302534585	0,982328587	0,992628496
20	1,340743681	1,262935027	1,022628027	1,073971153
21	0,730811706	0,784925456	1,022087245	1,015184981
22	0,866280061	0,831144465	1,052532833	1,091079652
23	0,740589865	0,769594264	1,005214274	1,014176308
24	1,0084332	1,030625832	1,005326232	1,00665779
25	0,702854671	0,695717993	1,101211073	1,022491349
26	0,814334731	0,786885246	1,080060999	1,055280213
27	0,958490566	0,962264151	1,063522013	1,085534591
28	1,395411887	1,513242961	1,066944734	1,11637122
29	1,266509434	1,270636792	0,980542453	0,978183962
30	0,872917786	0,862170876	1,013970983	1,063406771
31	0,666156202	0,723583461	1,00229709	0,985451761
32	0,96013289	0,975498339	1,074750831	1,065199336
33	0,734034268	0,728971963	1,013629283	1,024922118
34	0,907832107	0,880787538	0,97490264	0,912591952
35	1,005128205	0,987179487	1,025641026	1,019230769
36	0,85387132	0,884405671	1,058887677	1,021810251
37	0,815312683	0,812974868	1,099649328	1,113676213
38	1,84947839	1,827868852	1,031296572	0,989567809
39	1,161290323	1,049694856	1,029642546	1,056669573
40	0,758179959	0,729550102	1,016359918	1,082310838
41	0,915195867	0,838570814	1,055101162	1,038743005
42	0,796664019	0,789515488	1,059571088	0,973788721
43	1,124855491	1,330635838	1,069364162	1,050867052
44	0,43052476	0,417775314	1,064301552	1,031042129
45	0,888272583	0,867670365	1,073692552	1,064580032
46	0,641928721	0,710272537	1,038155136	1,010062893
47	0,870111732	0,836592179	0,991620112	0,958100559
48	2,032462391	2,046912114	1,269002375	1,09263658
49	1,289828983	1,362286229	1,005850585	1,081008101
50	1,075102041	1,062040816	0,964897959	0,916734694

51	0,998979592	1,058163265	1,052040816	1,067346939
52	1,156069364	1,223781998	0,965317919	0,914120562
53	0,886912325	0,952986023	1,008894536	0,927573062
54	0,922389726	0,888888889	1,050809604	0,914014517
55	0,615686275	0,647058824	1,009803922	1,010457516
56	0,816831683	0,98349835	1,008250825	0,968646865
57	0,761706556	0,747138398	1,018730489	0,939646202
58	0,818577649	0,833091437	1,114658926	0,959361393
59	0,711724138	0,867586207	1,009655172	1,024827586
60	0,728985507	0,778985507	1,063768116	1,02826087
61	0,92712294	0,881495564	1,035487959	1,020912548
62	0,689314636	0,623740865	1,022516295	1,003752716
63	0,789719626	0,806853583	1,115264798	1,046728972
64	1,135025381	0,998984772	0,887309645	0,883248731
65	1	1,056951424	0,94639866	0,948073702
66	0,673174873	0,697792869	1,044991511	0,975382003
67	0,791304348	0,827536232	0,860869565	0,837681159
68	1,664948454	1,56921944	1,04197349	1,130338733
69	1,127240143	1,154121864	1,048387097	0,88172043
70	0,97173913	0,936956522	1,132608696	1,15
71	0,805471125	0,762917933	0,993920973	0,992907801
72	0,845108696	0,755434783	0,942934783	0,869565217
73	1,197452229	1,18895966	0,881104034	0,700636943
74	0,797752809	0,806179775	0,938202247	0,980337079
75	0,770114943	0,709770115	0,977011494	0,936781609
76	0,852022059	0,848345588	1,15625	1,120404412
77	1,460176991	1,533185841	1,14380531	0,887168142
78	0,821875	0,9078125	0,9234375	1,0140625
79	1,154696133	1,093922652	0,870165746	1,049723757
80	0,815351195	0,789283128	1,113685735	1,180304127
81	0,830472103	0,815450644	1,045779685	1,058655222
82	0,766922095	0,700510856	1,041507024	1,041507024
83	0,966165414	1,052631579	0,785714286	0,879699248
84	0,933078394	1,026768642	1,328871893	1,122370937
85	1,013392857	0,970982143	1,129464286	1,102678571
86	1,634259259	1,635802469	0,959876543	0,938271605
87	0,677137871	0,654450262	1,046538685	1,046538685
88	1,179710145	1,086956522	1,037681159	0,88115942
89	1,140142518	1,144893112	1,180522565	0,997624703
90	1,008281573	0,979296066	0,944099379	0,933747412
91	1,342857143	1,248979592	0,808163265	0,946938776
92	1,196911197	1,27992278	1,073359073	1,088803089
93	0,892307692	0,753846154	1,107692308	1,101098901
94	0,704280156	0,906614786	1,101167315	1,06614786
95	0,737634409	0,802150538	0,948387097	1,023655914
96	0,872727273	0,732467532	0,997402597	0,953246753
97	0,892857143	0,850840336	0,922268908	1,037815126
98	1,416370107	1,384341637	1,088967972	1,042704626
99	0,922261484	0,908127208	0,893992933	0,996466431
100	0,820547945	0,843835616	0,915068493	0,993150685



**S7 Appendix. Comparison of ChIP-Seq Mapper outcome using different randomly sampled subsets of cCENH3-ChIP and Input reads.** Following cCENH3-ChIP experiment and subsequent sequencing of ChIPped DNA fragments, ChIP-Seq Mapper analysis was performed using three different subsets of ChIP and Input randomly subsampled reads: 250000, 500000, and 1000000. ChIP and Input reads were mapped to the top 1000 WGS repeat clusters. Based on the ChIP/Input ratio, WGS clusters enriched for cCENH3 were determined.

1,000,000 subsampled reads analyzed				70	410	460	0,89130	144	882	1356	0,65044	217	75	80	0,93750	289	169	114	1,48246
WGS cluster	ChIP_Hits	Input_Hits	ChIP/Input ratio	71	817	987	0,82776	145	703	869	0,80898	218	319	406	0,78571	290	202	220	0,91818
1	51342	61421	0,83590	72	349	368	0,94837	146	281	306	0,91830	219	251	635	0,39528	291	69	104	0,66346
2	80589	89658	0,89885	73	503	471	1,06794	147	1007	701	1,43652	220	591	813	0,72694	292	68	73	0,93151
3	42004	38140	1,10131	74	311	356	0,87360	148	247	260	0,95000	221	200	222	0,90090	293	76	79	0,96203
4	31220	27988	1,11548	75	524	696	0,75287	149	144	175	0,82286	222	171	201	0,85075	294	154	79	1,98734
5	85663	128680	0,66571	76	956	1088	0,87868	150	175	139	1,25899	223	81	75	1,08000	295	95	86	1,10465
6	2E+05	279570	0,62656	77	710	452	1,57080	151	189	248	0,76210	224	179	190	0,94211	296	90	65	1,38462
7	34893	45115	0,77342	78	557	640	0,87031	152	107	152	0,70395	225	351	348	1,00862	297	37	68	0,54412
8	38185	71511	0,53397	79	427	362	1,17956	153	534	461	1,15835	226	207	128	1,61719	298	296	137	2,16058
9	1249	1449	0,86197	80	1147	1381	0,83056	154	348	282	1,23404	227	101	105	0,96190	299	152	174	0,87356
10	23779	14796	1,60712	81	1118	1398	0,79971	155	221	174	1,27011	228	165	201	0,82090	300	240	260	0,92308
11	18830	31653	0,59489	82	1165	1566	0,74393	156	638	615	1,03740	229	380	230	1,65217	301	57	63	0,90476
12	28617	19621	1,45849	83	235	266	0,88346	157	196	260	0,75385	230	965	1242	0,77697	302	199	218	0,91284
13	42765	26017	1,64373	84	500	523	0,95602	158	285	151	1,88742	231	110	154	0,71429	303	43	62	0,69355
14	1514	2029	0,74618	85	451	448	1,00670	159	342	395	0,86582	232	100	102	0,98039	304	301	175	1,72000
15	3801	3522	1,07922	86	1115	648	1,72068	160	1120	900	1,24444	233	71	44	1,61364	305	94	100	0,94000
16	4977	6794	0,73256	87	1202	1719	0,69924	161	194	195	0,99487	234	402	158	2,54430	306	80	88	0,90909
17	6085	7327	0,83049	88	415	345	1,20290	162	389	378	1,02910	235	100	113	0,88496	307	206	126	1,63492
18	4903	9881	0,49620	89	508	421	1,20665	163	157	196	0,80102	236	108	139	0,77698	308	46	56	0,82143
19	12573	9903	1,26952	90	464	483	0,96066	164	255	133	1,91729	237	115	85	1,35294	309	154	174	0,88506
20	10166	7557	1,34524	91	1016	735	1,38231	165	199	273	0,72894	238	91	129	0,70543	310	177	167	1,05988
21	2691	3622	0,74296	92	602	518	1,16216	166	163	138	1,18116	239	256	396	0,64646	311	305	385	0,79221
22	5102	5863	0,87020	93	379	455	0,83297	167	374	474	0,78903	240	194	112	1,73214	312	138	103	1,33981
23	4541	6137	0,73994	94	175	257	0,68093	168	409	700	0,58429	241	729	604	1,20695	313	88	55	1,60000
24	2262	2253	1,00399	95	730	930	0,78495	169	495	238	2,07983	242	225	178	1,26404	314	165	218	0,75688
25	3256	4624	0,70415	96	327	385	0,84935	170	111	146	0,76027	243	107	118	0,90678	315	191	247	0,77328
26	2171	2623	0,82768	97	417	476	0,87605	171	356	196	1,81633	244	107	81	1,32099	316	105	133	0,78947
27	1565	1590	0,98428	98	385	281	1,37011	172	125	123	1,01626	245	1053	813	1,29520	317	128	130	0,98462
28	6942	4795	1,44776	99	271	283	0,95760	173	350	504	0,69444	246	119	162	0,73457	318	498	651	0,76498
29	2254	1696	1,32901	100	587	730	0,80411	174	165	114	1,44737	247	110	109	1,00917	319	52	41	1,26829
30	3269	3722	0,87829	101	626	862	0,72622	175	455	668	0,68114	248	110	138	0,79710	320	105	96	1,09375
31	889	1306	0,68070	102	772	1007	0,76663	176	390	452	0,86283	249	170	101	1,68317	321	61	30	2,03333
32	2378	2408	0,98754	103	218	260	0,83846	177	264	319	0,82759	250	84	45	1,86667	322	125	145	0,86207
33	1800	2568	0,70093	104	486	528	0,92045	178	903	1073	0,84157	251	55	79	0,69620	323	116	72	1,61111
34	4278	4622	0,92557	105	186	231	0,80519	179	179	322	0,55590	252	177	171	1,03509	324	138	101	1,36634
35	765	780	0,98077	106	624	813	0,76753	180	126	142	0,88732	253	288	110	2,61818	325	78	77	1,01299
36	769	917	0,83860	107	221	242	0,91322	181	114	107	1,06542	254	126	157	0,80255	326	114	133	0,85714
37	2797	3422	0,81736	108	133	184	0,72283	182	142	140	1,01429	255	47	88	0,53409	327	507	575	0,88174
38	2471	1342	1,84128	109	142	181	0,78453	183	307	226	1,35841	256	87	131	0,66412	328	88	72	1,22222
39	1294	1147	1,12816	110	289	325	0,88923	184	202	143	1,41259	257	114	151	0,75497	329	121	139	0,87050
40	1469	1956	0,75102	111	256	300	0,85333	185	56	81	0,69136	258	90	123	0,73171	330	55	35	1,57143
41	2102	2323	0,90486	112	344	341	1,00880	186	81	159	0,50943	259	155	216	0,71759	331	369	425	0,86824
42	1053	1259	0,83638	113	515	375	1,37333	187	195	199	0,97990	260	124	136	0,91176	332	172	181	0,95028
43	964	865	1,11445	114	462	669	0,69058	188	202	143	1,41259	261	92	64	1,43750	333	44	47	0,93617
44	2358	5412	0,43570	115	250	430	0,58140	189	252	231	1,09091	262	93	131	0,70992	334	124	206	0,60194
45	2240	2524	0,88748	116	267	292	0,91438	190	144	127	1,13386	263	80	85	0,94118	335	137	212	0,64623
46	1505	2385	0,63103	117	607	410	1,48049	191	138	115	1,20000	264	337	145	2,32414	336	177	70	2,52857
47	685	716	0,95670	118	239	310	0,77097	192	64	54	1,18519	265	158	238	0,66387	337	277	329	0,84195
48	10565	5052	2,09125	119	301	272	1,10662	193	275	153	1,79739	266	153	134	1,14179	338	60	49	1,22449
49	2816	2222	1,26733	120	375	314	1,19427	194	221	132	1,67424	267	49	54	0,90741	339	197	190	1,03684
50	1224	1225	0,99918	121	266	318	0,83648	195	81	118	0,68644	268	67	106	0,63208	340	64	48	1,33333
51	1022	980	1,04286	122	161	171	0,94152	196	164	182	0,90110	269	100	178	0,56180	341	57	72	0,79167
52	1300	1211	1,07349	123	354	463	0,76458	197	513	647	0,79289	270	732	342	2,14035	342	80	89	0,89888
53	762	787	0,96823	124	193	238	0,81092	198	210	99	2,12121	271	84	83	1,01205	343	65	67	0,97015
54	1575	1791	0,87940	125	190	182	1,04396	199	63	79	0,79747	272	155	174	0,89080	344	67	32	2,09375
55	991	1530	0,64771	126	225	227	0,99119	200	202	112	1,80357	273	122	124	0,98387	345	297	351	0,84615
56	468	606	0,77228	127	265	310	0,85484	201	198	195	1,01538	274	305	423	0,72104	346	110	138	0,79710
57	741	961	0,77107	128	124	122	1,01639	202	262	338	0,77515	275	262	326	0,80368	347	134	90	1,48889
58	559	689	0,81132	129	166	190	0,87368	203	200	226	0,88496	276	57	50	1,14000	348	57	59	0,96610
59	539	725	0,74345	130	2079	2007	1,03587	204	113	103	1,09709	277	350	425	0,82353	349	183	231	0,79221
60	997	1380	0,72246	131	157	208	0,75481	205	118	91	1,29670	278	143	97	1,47423	350	122	147	0,82993
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919	11	22	0,50000
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925	5	7	0,71429
926	4	3	1,33333
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933	5	6	0,83333
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974	7	4	1,75000
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987	54	40	1,35000
988	11	4	2,75000
989	7	6	1,16667
990	14	2	7,00000
991	25	32	0,78125
992	23	11	2,09091
993	13	18	0,72222
994	5	5	1,00000
995	16	14	1,14286
996	13	15	0,86667
997	21	29	0,72414
998	48	60	0,80000
999	9	3	3,00000
1000	6	15	0,40000

**Criteria for cCENH3 ChIP enrichment:**

ChIP/Input ratio >1 AND >1% analyzed reads in ChIP hits

ChIP/Input ratio >2 AND >0.01% analyzed reads in ChIP hits

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**Isolation of High Molecular Weight DNA from the Model Beetle  
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## Abstract

The long-read Nanopore sequencing has been recently applied for assembly of complex genomes and analysis of linear genome organization. The most critical factor for successful long-read sequencing is extraction of high molecular weight (HMW) DNA of sufficient purity and quantity. The challenges associated with input DNA quality are further amplified when working with extremely small insects with hard exoskeletons. Here, we optimized the isolation of HMW DNA from the model beetle *Tribolium* and tested for use in Nanopore sequencing. We succeeded in overcoming all the difficulties in HMW handling and library preparation that were encountered when using published protocols and commercial kits. Isolation of nuclei and subsequent purification of DNA on an anion-exchange chromatography column resulted in genomic HMW DNA that was efficiently relaxed, of optimal quality and in sufficient quantity for Nanopore MinION sequencing. DNA shearing increased average N50 read values up to 26 kb and allowed us to use a single flow cell in multiple library loads for a total output of more than 13 Gb. Although our focus was on *T. castaneum* and closely related species, we expect that this protocol, with appropriate modifications, could be extended to other insects, particularly beetles.

## 1. Introduction

The beetle *Tribolium castaneum* has become one of the most important models in the field of evolution, physiology and development because its development is more representative for insects compared to *Drosophila* [1]. It is a worldwide pest of stored products and represents the most species-rich animal order on Earth, the coleopterans. *T. castaneum* genome has been sequenced, annotated and a reference genome is available [2,3]. The estimated genome size of 204 Mb is 44 Mb larger than the assembled genome sequence [4] suggesting that almost 25% of the genome remains unassembled. It is not unexpected taking into account that structural genome analyses revealed large amounts of different classes of repetitive DNA especially in abundant (peri) centromeric regions [2,5] which are therefore underrepresented or even absent in the genome assemblies [6] which results in assembly gaps. An optimistic perspective for analysis of linear genome organization of *T. castaneum* genome using the Nanopore approach is found in a recently published high-quality assembly of a human genome where Nanopore sequencing strategy spans hundreds of kilobases of highly repetitive DNA [7,8,9]. Moreover, Nanopore sequencing enables to directly detect different methylation states of bases in DNA [10,11], thus opening possibilities to explore *Tribolium* epigenome from a single sequencing run.

Nanopore sequencing by ONT surpasses potentially unlimited read length and a decent sequencing read accuracy (>95%) as it is based on novel principle of detecting the change in ionic current as a single-stranded DNA passes through a protein nanopore embedded in an electrically resistant polymer membrane. Because of these unique properties, one of the main factors for successful sequencing is the quality of the starting DNA. There are three main criteria that isolated genomic DNA should meet. First, it must be devoid of impurities and contaminants, which can be measured with a spectrophotometer and evaluated by absorbance ratios. Additionally, its concentration must be correctly quantified and quantifiably stable throughout measurements, since it is known that HMW DNA tends to be poorly soluble, which can be assisted by longer relaxation times. Finally, to achieve long reads in sequencing, the molecular weight of DNA should be in the desired range meeting the end goal, which is measured by pulsed field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) analysis.

With the development of Nanopore sequencing technologies, the need for optimized protocols for HMW DNA extraction suitable for library preparation has

increased. There are a variety of methods describing the isolation of HMW DNA from cells and specific tissues [12,13]. Tissue isolation usually requires optimization, depending on the condition and availability of the starting material. Insects further represent a challenging material as they are the most diverse group of animals. Although some of DNA extractions have been evaluated for beetles [14] and are capable of producing DNA of moderately high molecular weight (~40 kb), none of them have been tested for use in Nanopore sequencing. In addition, it is crucial to have a method that allows modifications to tailor it to specific scientific questions needed to be answered. Several commercial kits have been developed to isolate HMW genomic DNA suitable for long read sequencing. These kits are based on one of the main principles for isolating nucleic acids: silica-gel based membranes, anion-exchange chromatography columns, magnetic beads and disks with innovative silica-based chemistry, a glass bead-based approach, or the salting-out technique. However, there are also more conventional methods such as grinding in liquid nitrogen and using phenol-chloroform or another extraction buffer. There is also a way to isolate and embed chromosome-sized HMW DNA from nuclei into agarose plugs and the protocol has recently been developed in insects for BAC library construction [15]. Here, we developed a HMW DNA extraction protocol that proved to be optimal for library preparation and Oxford Nanopore MinION sequencing using the beetle *T. castaneum* and closely related species as a model system.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1. Materials

- Insects: Laboratory culture of the red flour beetle *Tribolium castaneum*; highly inbred Georgia 2 (GA2) strain, *T. freemani* and *T. confusum* routinely reared in whole wheat flour at 28 °C and 40% relative humidity in the dark. For the collection of a larger amount of different life stages, 0.71 mm sieve was used for sifting and individual beetles were picked with tweezers.
- Liquid nitrogen.
- Sterilized mortar with pestle and metal spatula.
- 100 µm cell strainer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Cat. No. 22363549, Waltham, MA, USA).
- 1000 µL wide bore filtered pipette tips (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Cat. No. 2079G, Waltham, MA, USA).
- 1.5 mL DNA LoBind tubes (Eppendorf, Cat. No. 0030108051, Hamburg, Germany).
- Glass rod (Pasteur pipette heated at the end to form thin hook).
- NIB buffer: 10 mM Tris pH 9.4, 60 mM NaCl, 10 mM EDTA pH 8.0, 0.15 mM spermidine, 0.15 mM spermine, 0.5% v/v Triton X-100, 0.1% v/v β-mercaptoethanol.
- Blood and Cell Culture DNA Midi Kit (Qiagen, Cat. No. 13343, Hilden, Germany) or Genomic-Tip 100/G columns (Qiagen, Cat. No. 10243) with prepared G2 (800 mM guanidine HCl, 30 mM Tris-Cl pH 8.0, 30 mM EDTA pH 8.0; 5% Tween-20, 0.5% Triton X-100), QBT (750 mM NaCl, 50 mM MOPS pH 7.0, 15% isopropanol, 0.15% triton X-100), QC (1 M NaCl, 50 mM MOPS pH 7.0, 15% isopropanol) and QF (1.25 M NaCl, 50 mM Tris-Cl pH 8.5, 15% isopropanol) buffers according to recipes of manufacturer's kit handbook.
- RNase A solution (100 mg/mL, Qiagen, Cat. No. 1007885).
- Proteinase K from Tritirachium album (Sigma-Aldrich, Cat. No. SRE0047, St. Louis, MO, USA) or Protease (7.5 AU, Qiagen, Cat. No. 19155), prepared as 20 mg/mL solution in miliQ water.
- Isopropyl alcohol.

- TE buffer pH 8.0: 10 mM Tris, 1 mM EDTA.
- Nuclease-free water (Invitrogen, Cat. No. AM9937, Waltham, MA, USA).
- Pulsed Field Certified Agarose (BioRad, Cat. No. 1620137, Hercules, CA, USA).
- 0.5x TBE buffer: 45 mM Tris-borate, 1 mM EDTA.
- Quick-Load 1 kb Extend DNA Ladder (New England Biolabs, Cat. No. N3239S, Ipswich, MA, USA).
- Lambda PFG Ladder (New England Biolabs, Cat.No. N0341S).
- Syringe and G30 needle.
- Short Read Eliminator XS Kit (Circulomics, Cat. No. SKU SS-100-121-01, Baltimore, MD, USA).
- Qubit dsDNA BR Assay kit (Invitrogen, Cat. No. Q32850).
- Agencourt AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter, Cat. No. A63880, Brea, CA, USA).
- Ligation Sequencing Kit (Oxford Nanopore Technologies, Cat. No. LSK-110, Oxford, UK).
- NEBNext Companion Module for Oxford Nanopore Technologies Ligation Sequencing (New England BioLabs, Cat. No. E7180S).
- MinION flow cell (Oxford Nanopore Technologies, Cat. No. FLO-MIN111).

## 2.2. Equipment

### 2.2.1. Necessary Equipment

- Fume hood.
- Centrifuge with cooling option (Centrifuge 5424 R, Eppendorf).
- Thermomixer (ThermoMixer C with SmartBlock 1.5 mL and ThermoTop, Eppendorf).
- Shaker (Vibramax 100, Heidolph, Schwabach, Germany).
- Qubit 4 Fluorometer (Invitrogen).
- Spectrophotometer (BioSpec-nano, Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan).

## 2.2.2. Optional Equipment (for DNA Length Assessment, Library Preparation and Sequencing)

- Magnetic separator for 1.5 mL tubes (MagnaRack Magnetic Separation Rack, Invitrogen).
- Pulsed field gel electrophoresis system (CHEF-DR III system, Bio-Rad).
- Thermal cycler (2720 Thermal cycler, Thermo Fisher Scientific).
- Rotator mixer (Programmable Rotator Multi Bio RS-24, Biosan, Riga, Latvia).
- MinION device (Oxford Nanopore Technologies).

## 2.3. Procedure

### 2.3.1. Nuclei Isolation

The nuclei were isolated according to the protocol of Brown and Coleman [15] with a few modifications. Main modifications include the mortar and spatula being precooled in liquid nitrogen rather than the  $-80\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , preparation of fresh NIB buffer immediately before use, an additional washing step of the isolated nuclei, as well as modification of the centrifuge times and usage of standard plastic tubes.

Immediately before starting, 20 mL of fresh NIB buffer per reaction was prepared and chilled on ice. The mortar was filled twice with liquid nitrogen, in order to sufficiently precool both the mortar and the spatula. During the second nitrogen evaporation, the sample in amounts according to Table 1 and Supplementary Table S1 was added and grounded in a circular motion. The grinding pressure and the speed were slowly increased in order to produce a fine powder. Using the spatula, all of the powder was scraped into a 50 mL tube containing 8 mL of chilled NIB. In order to achieve maximum efficiency the tube was gently swirled or, if residue remained on the tube walls a wide bore tip was used to gently flush the residue. It is important not to shake the tube. The suspension was transferred through a 100  $\mu\text{m}$  cell strainer into a new chilled 50 mL tube.

**Table 1.** Overview of isolated HMW DNA samples from *T. castaneum* beetles. Amount of starting material is listed in optimal weights for successful isolation from three developmental stages (larvae, pupae, adults). Accompanying DNA concentrations, final quantities and absorbance ratios at 260 and 280 nm for quality assessment are indicated (see details in Supplementary Table S1).

	Starting Material (mg)	DNA Concentration (ng/ $\mu$ L)	DNA Yield ( $\mu$ g)	A <sub>220/260</sub>	A <sub>260/280</sub>
Larvae	1100	512	51.2	1.87	2.35
Pupae	200	172	17.2	1.87	2.25
Adults	1000	643	64.3	1.85	2.14

The solution was divided into six chilled 1.5 mL tubes and spun at 100 $\times$  g for 30 s at 4 °C. The supernatant was transferred into six new 1.5 mL tubes using a 1 mL wide bore tip carefully without disturbing the loosely adhering cell debris pellet. The tubes were once again placed in the centrifuge for 3 min at 1800 $\times$  g and 4 °C to pellet the nuclei. The supernatant was discarded and as much liquid as possible was removed using a regular 1 mL tip. The pellet of compact nuclei was resuspended completely in 1 mL of cold NIB buffer by pipetting with a wide bore tip, but carefully as to avoid introducing air bubbles into the mixture. The previous centrifugation step was repeated. The lysis buffer was prepared by adding 500  $\mu$ L Protease or 95  $\mu$ L of Proteinase K and 10  $\mu$ L of RNase A to 5 mL of G2 buffer. The supernatant after the last centrifugation step was removed and the pellet resuspended in 800  $\mu$ L of the prepared G2 buffer. It is important to completely resuspend the pellet by pipetting with a wide bore tip, but again, carefully as to not introduce air bubbles. The tubes were incubated at 50 °C for 1 h at 300 rpm in a thermomixer. During incubation, it is recommended either to invert the tubes several times or gently pipette with wide bore tips in order to ensure complete digestion. The resuspended and properly digested nuclei had a milky, stringy texture and were visible to the naked eye. If hard clumps of nuclei remained, they could have been broken by additional pipetting.

### 2.3.2. Genomic Tip Purification

Genomic Tip manipulation was performed according to the manufacturer's protocol with few modifications, mainly the added pressure during all steps and mandatory prewarming of the QF buffer.

First, a Genomic Tip 100/G column was equilibrated with 4 mL of QBT buffer. After the digestion step, all of the prepared solutions were applied to the column. The column was washed twice with 7.5 mL of QC buffer. The final elution was performed with 5 mL of QF buffer prewarmed to 50 °C. For all steps, it is necessary to apply some pressure with a syringe plunger or a suitable rubber pipette to ensure sufficient flow rate.

The isolated DNA was precipitated by gently adding 3.5 mL of isopropanol at room temperature. The tube was left to stand for 30 s to allow the phases to separate completely. The upper phase should turn a whitish color. The tube was turned over at least 20 times and white DNA strands that stick together with each turn should appear in the solution. The white strands of DNA form a sticky DNA "jelly" which was then picked up with the tip of a thin glass rod. The DNA should stick to the glass rod and not fall off easily. The DNA was spooled and transferred to a 1.5 mL DNA LoBind tube in 100 µL elution buffer of choice (e.g., TE pH 8.0, 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.5). The DNA was incubated at 50 °C for up to 2 h to accelerate the homogenization process. At the end of the incubation, the DNA is usually almost completely dissolved, except for single filamentous clumps. The isolated DNA was left overnight at room temperature with gentle horizontal shaking (150 rpm) to achieve final relaxation. At the end, the DNA solution should be completely clear, with increased viscosity, which can be observed by flicking the tube. Subsequent storage was at 4 °C with no noticeable decrease in DNA quality and length for up to several months.

### 2.3.3. DNA Shearing and Size Selection

The solution of homogenized DNA was sheared 10–30x with a 30-gauge needle. The concentration was then measured in triplicates and adjusted to 150 ng/μL with TE buffer or water. For size selection, the Short Read Eliminator (SRE) XS kit was used according to the manufacturer's protocol. The final resuspension was done in 50 μL EB buffer from SRE kit and the concentration was measured twice to check concentration measurement reproducibility.

### 2.3.4. Assessment of DNA Quality and Length

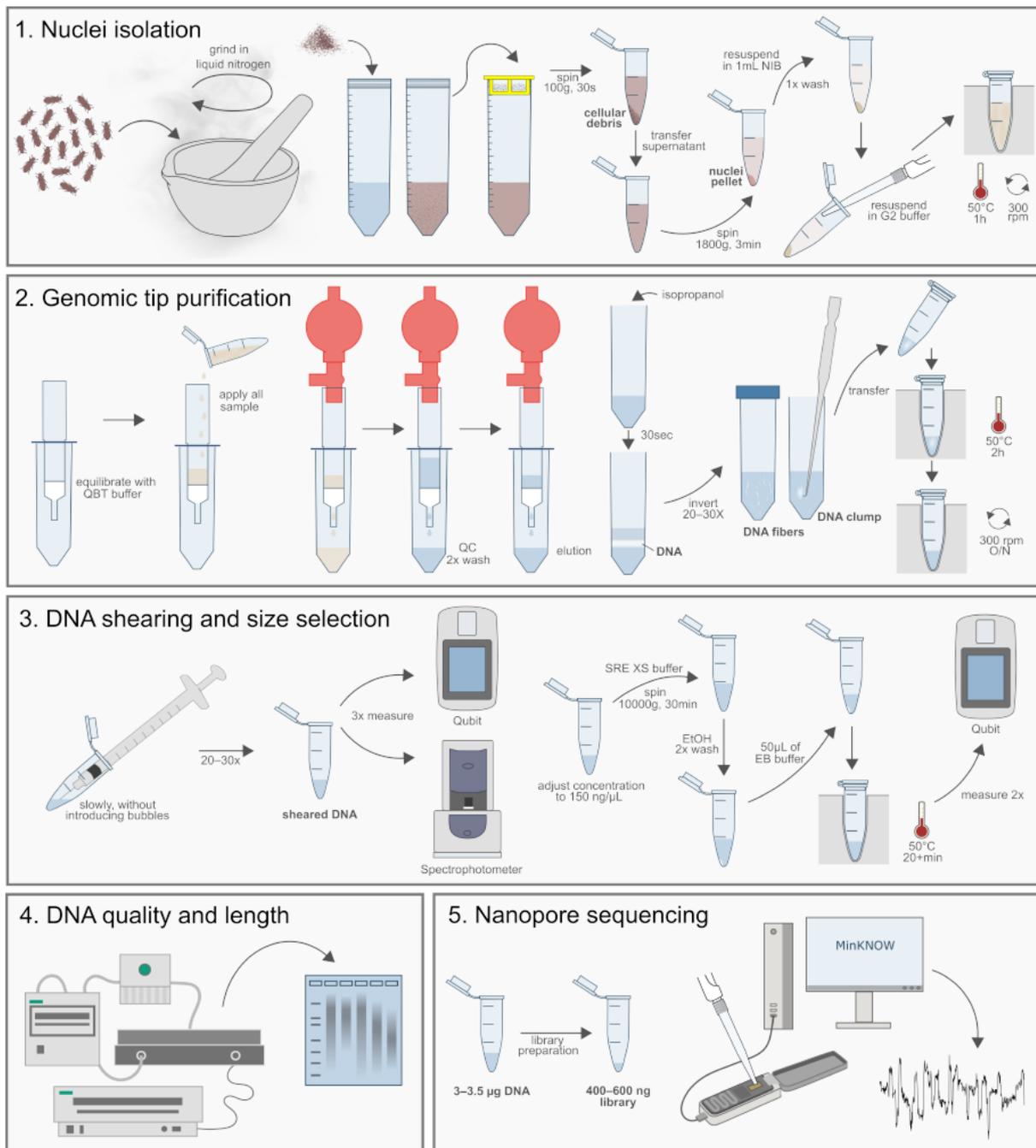
DNA concentration was always tested by fluorometric and spectrophotometric methods. Quality was checked with a spectrophotometer and acceptable values are: ~1.8 for A260/280 and ~2.2 for A260/230, according to the official recommendations of ONT. Pulsed field gel electrophoresis was used to assess the length of isolated DNA, sheared DNA and prepared library. DNA fragments were separated by PFGE on a 1% agarose gel run in 0.5x TBE buffer at 6 V/cm, 14 °C, included angle of 120°, switch time 1–10 s for 14 h using a Bio-Rad CHEF-DR III PFGE system. The gel was then stained in 1 μg/mL ethidium bromide solution at RT on a shaker for 30 min.

### 2.3.5. Nanopore Sequencing

For library preparation, 3–3.5 μg of DNA was used for a single reaction and all incubation times were extended as suggested in the Beads free library preparation protocol [16]. A MinION flow cell was loaded with 400–600 ng of DNA and run for 4–10 h before pausing and washing the cell. A prepared library was usually divided into two to three runs with up to five successful runs on one flow cell.

### 3. Results

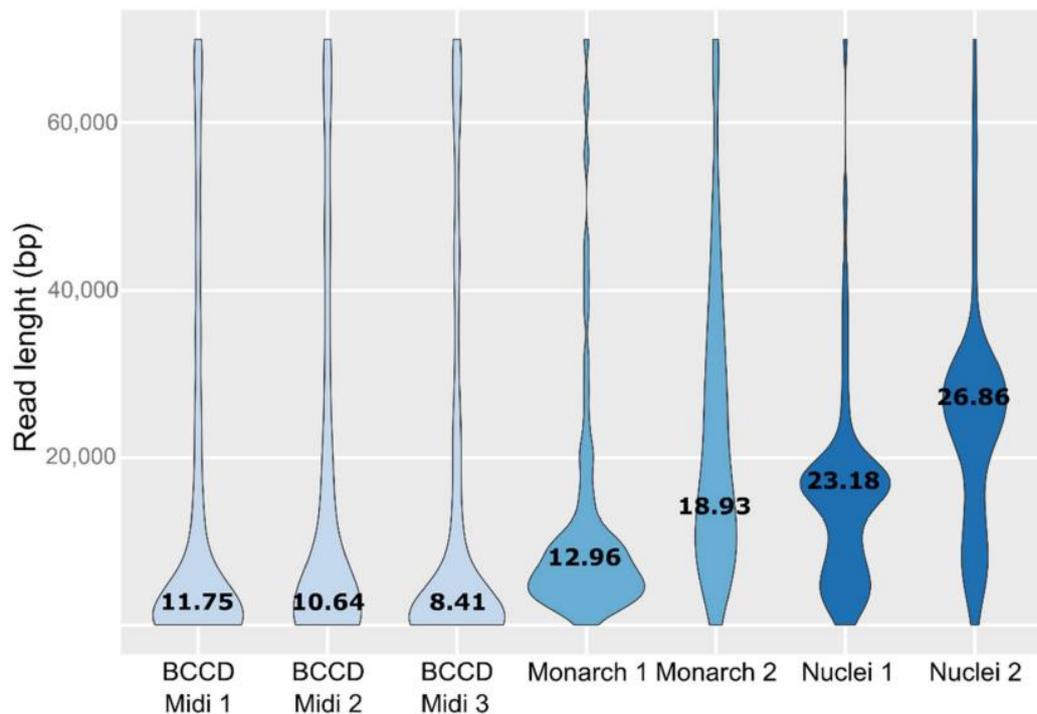
To optimize the DNA extraction procedure, we used *T. castaneum* from different developmental stages (larvae, pupae, adults) together with two other *Tribolium* species (*T. freemani*, *T. confusum*). We first tested the E.Z.N.A kit (Omega BioTek, Norcross, GA, USA), the Monarch HMW DNA extraction kit for tissue (New England Biolabs), the Blood and Cell Culture DNA Mini and Midi kit (Qiagen) and phenol-chloroform extraction. Observed strengths and limitations of these approaches are elaborated in detail in Supplementary Table S2. In summary, limitation for the use of DNA obtained with all tested commercial kits and phenol-chloroform extraction in library preparation and manipulation for Nanopore sequencing is primarily due to insoluble DNA pellets that also had impurities, as evident from poor absorbance ratios. Subsequently, when DNA introduced into the standard library preparation protocols of ONT, it resulted in clumping of magnetic beads, large losses after each step of library preparation. Even though some kits were able to produce DNA of considerable length, the quality of subsequent libraries was poor, with insufficient read lengths in Nanopore sequencing and rapid pore death (Supplementary Table S2). Therefore, we developed a HMW extraction protocol from cell nuclei with a purification step using commercially available Genomic Tip columns followed by DNA shearing and size selection (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** Workflow scheme of optimized HMW DNA isolation in *Tribolium* beetles, quality assessment and preparing for Nanopore sequencing. Steps are explained in detail in the Procedure subsection.

The developed procedure, in combination with the slightly modified standard library preparation protocol (described in Materials and Methods section), showed the highest degree of reproducibility, optimal HMW DNA for Nanopore sequencing and always yielded DNA of sufficient quality and quantity for multiple rounds of sequencing. Results of Nanopore sequencing performed on HMW DNA isolated by using three

different approaches are depicted on Figure 2. The last two plots have the highest N50 values and were obtained from DNA isolated from nuclei and purified on Genomic-Tip.

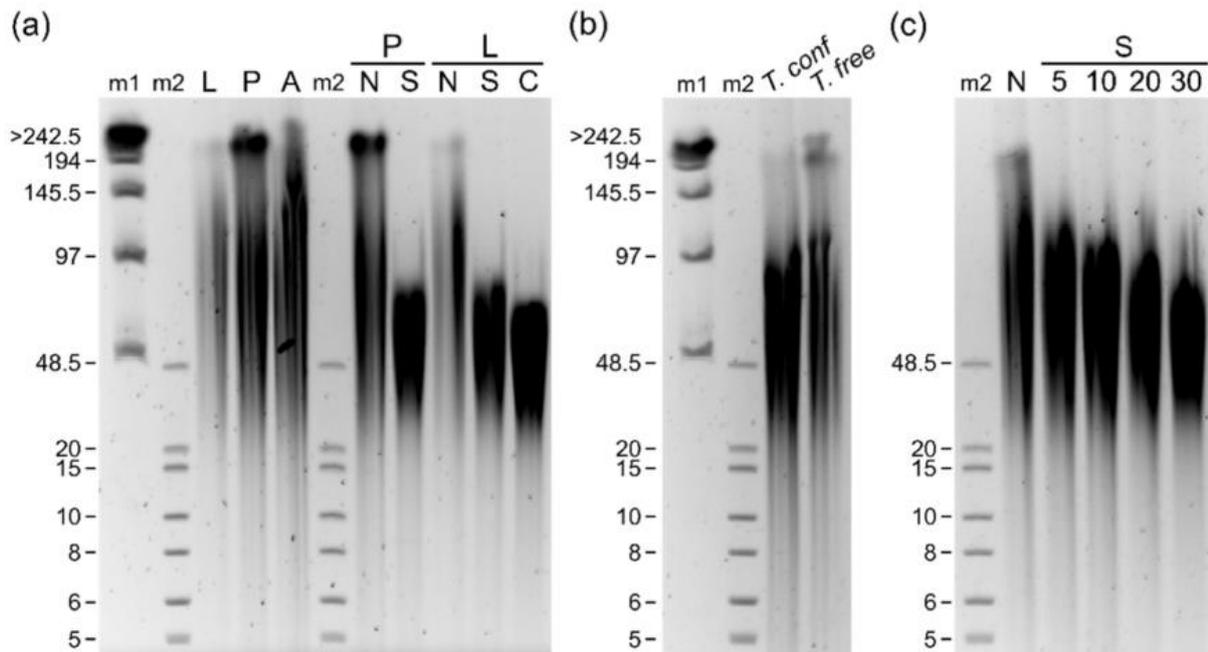


**Figure 2.** Violin plots of read length distribution of the Nanopore sequencing data derived from six different HMW isolations using Blood and Cell Culture DNA Midi kit (BCCD Midi), Monarch HMW DNA extraction kit for tissues (Monarch) and our developed protocol (Nuclei). Appended numbers represent performed experimental replicates (See also Supplementary Table S2). The width of each violin indicates the size of dataset and the number represent N50 values (kb).

The optimized procedure was tested on all *T. castaneum* developmental stages (larvae, pupae, adults) and the DNA obtained had absorption ratios in the proposed range for sequencing (Table 1). DNA from pupae was isolated from approximately 200 mg of tissue and the obtained DNA yield was sufficient and in concentration adequate for size selection and library preparation. In adults and larvae, in order to achieve sufficient amount of DNA, more than 600 mg of starting tissue is required. This is due to the large amount of non-cellular material found in these developmental stages, mainly chitin in the form of the beetle cuticle in adults and vast amounts of fat and gut in the larvae.

The HMW DNA size distribution was examined by PFGE. The extracted DNA from *T. castaneum* showed most gDNA fragments distributed between 50 and 150 kb (Figure 3a). The DNA isolated from the pupal stage even showed an additional band

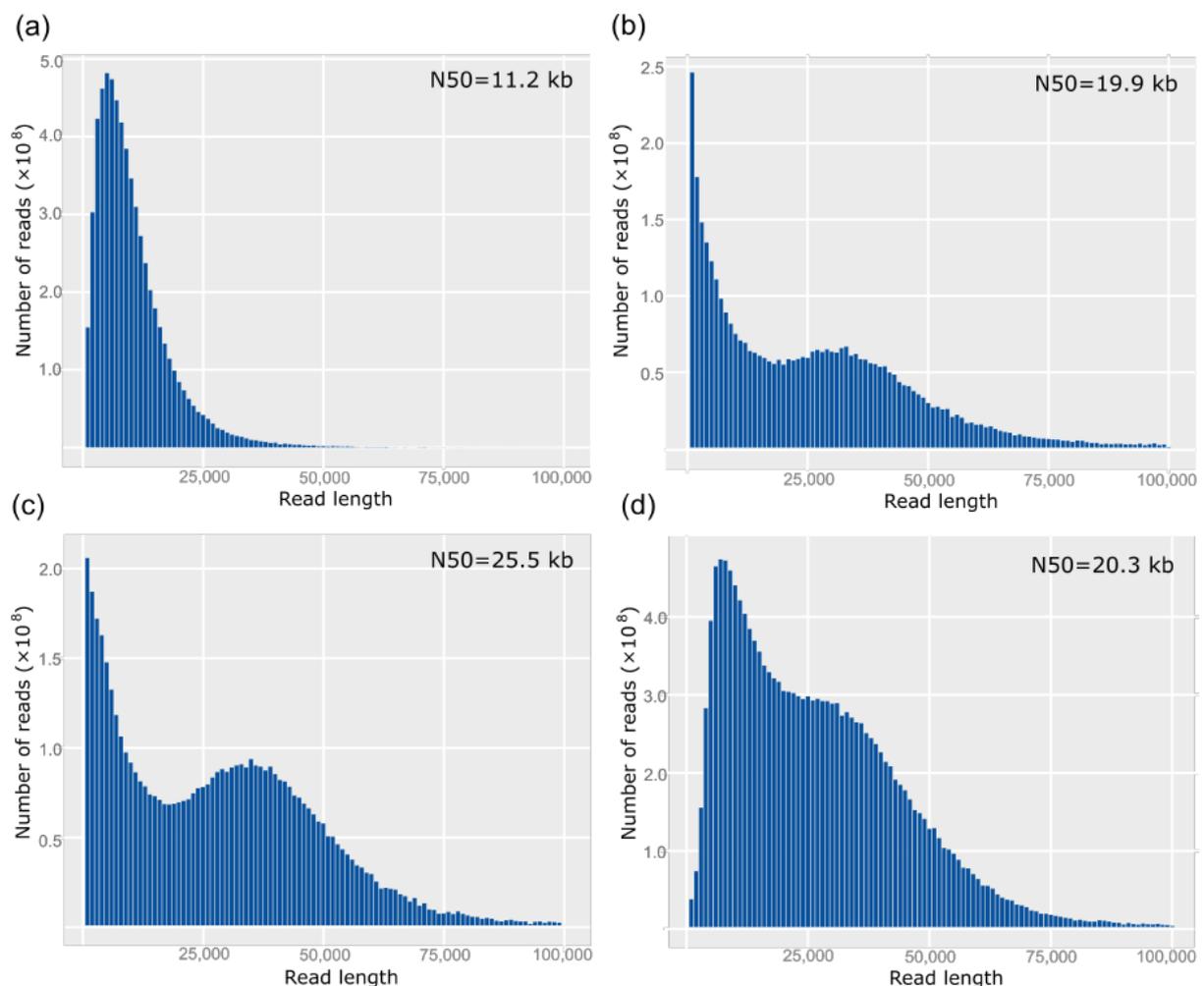
at 200 kb. In addition, the same HMW DNA isolation procedure was tested for two congeneric species, *T. confusum* and *T. freemani*, which also had yielded gDNA up to 100 kb in length (Figure 3b).



**Figure 3.** Pulsed field gel electrophoresis of isolated genomic DNA together with sheared and cleaned fractions from different developmental stages of *T. castaneum*, *T. confusum* (*T. conf*) and *T. freemani* (*T. free*) beetles. Lambda DNA (m1) and Extend DNA ladder (m2) were used as molecular weight markers. For all samples around 1  $\mu$ g of DNA was mixed with loading dye and loaded per single well. Electrophoresis was run on CHEF-DR III PFGE system with 1% agarose gel with settings listed in procedure section. (a) Genomic DNA isolated from *T. castaneum* developmental stages (L-larvae, P-pupae, A-adults) together with sheared (30x) and size selected fraction. N-non-sheared fraction, S-sheared fraction with G30 needle, C-size selected DNA with Short Read Eliminator Kit XS (Circulomics). (b) Genomic DNA isolated from *T. confusum* pupae and *T. freemani* adults. (c) Testing of needle shears with increasing amount of passes through needle (indicated with numbers) on *T. castaneum* adult gDNA.

In order to obtain more efficient sequencing, library preparations from sheared DNA were tested. Both pupal and larval DNA after shearing showed a decrease in the ultra-long DNA fraction with a majority of DNA in the 30–80 kb range. This is further tested with shear intensity assessment, where 30 passes through the G30 needle yielded the most compact band, with the majority still above 48 kb (Figure 3c). Interestingly and of great importance for subsequent sequencing, there was no clear increase in the abundance of shorter fragments in gel electrophoresis. Size selection on sheared DNA showed only a slight negative effect on DNA length in PFGE,

attributed to an additional step of centrifugation and manipulation, which is indicated by a slight downward shift. Nonetheless, this step resulted in a reduction of short reads during sequencing, leading to longer pore lifetimes and greater overall yield. Because ultra-long DNA in library preparation did not increase N50 in sequencing, we decided to perform DNA needle shearing, which was shown to be beneficial [17]. Interestingly, we were able to increase N50 from about 11 kb to 20 kb after 20 passes through the G30 needle, and up to 26 kb when 30 shear passes were performed (Figure 4a–c).

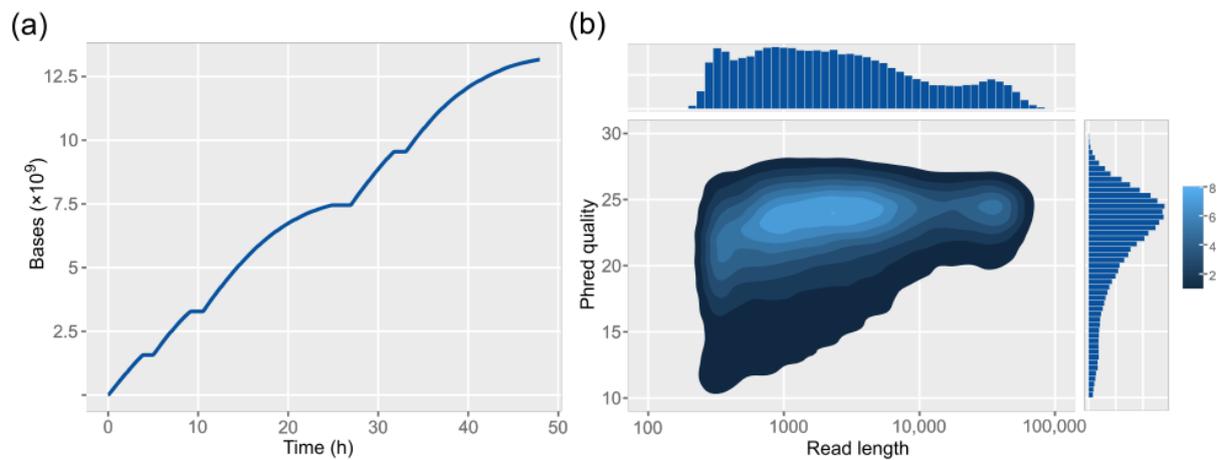


**Figure 4.** Length distribution graphs in correlation with gDNA shearing and size selection in Nanopore sequencing. Corresponding N50 values are indicated in top right corner of each graph. (a) DNA that has not been sheared. (b) Shearing with 20 passes through G30 needle. (c) Shearing with 30 passes through G30 needle. (d) Shearing with 30 passes through G30 needle and size selection with Short Read Eliminator kit (Circulomics).

To remove smaller DNA fragments, we used centrifugation-based size selection, which efficiently removes the majority of reads below 10 kb, which is not apparently visible on the PFGE but rather makes an immense difference in the

sequencing run. This is best seen in the length histogram by the absence of the leftmost shortest read peak (Figure 4d).

Nanopore sequencing of the prepared library on the MinION cell with five consecutive loads within 48 h yielded 13.17 Gb of data (Figure 5a). The distribution of the Phred quality score (Q) shows that most reads have a quality above Q20, which means less than 1% error rate (Figure 5b). Moreover, quality correlates positively with read length, with the majority of longest reads having 99.6% accuracy (Q24).



**Figure 5.** Summary of Nanopore sequencing run output. (a) Cumulative bases output after 48 h run on MinION flow cell with five consecutive library loads and four intermediate DNase washes in the duration of 60 min. (b) 2D density plot of overall read Phred quality scores and read lengths. Color shades represent higher cumulative fractions of reads with a given length and quality.

## 4. Discussion

Following procedures for commercial kits, especially those made for smaller inputs and even tested for *Tribolium castaneum* [18] as well as phenol-chloroform protocol, did not yield DNA of sufficient quality and quantity for Nanopore sequencing. The Brown and Coleman's protocol [15] proved to be the best starting point; however, although claimed to be suitable for long-range sequencing and optical mapping, this protocol does not elaborate on how to isolate HMW from plugs. Although it is likely to yield DNA of higher molecular weight, there is no information on exact lengths and qualities. Here, we have succeeded in isolating DNA and validating its use for library preparation and Nanopore sequencing.

All commercial kits tested provided DNA of sufficient length but had one major drawback; the DNA pellets were compact and difficult to dissolve posing a major problem during the various DNA clean-up and centrifugation steps required in library preparation. This difficulty was successfully overcome by using liquid nitrogen pulverization as the initial step, as this resulted in superior DNA quality, yield and reproducibility.

We found that the amount of input material is critical and, for beetles, depends on which developmental stage is used. For example, larvae and adults require more starting material due to the high proportion of non-cellular material (fat and chitin). This is most likely the main reason for the nonlinear dependence of input weight and final DNA concentration.

In the method we described, there are some steps that we think need special attention and can lead to unsuccessful isolation if not performed properly. Nuclear pellets should be completely resuspended before incubation with protease and RNase A. During subsequent incubation, additional pipetting can further aid in homogenization of the solution. The use of increased input material almost always resulted in poor flow rates in the purification step of the Genomic Tip, but had no negative effect on the final DNA and was resolved by the use of significant positive pressure using a propipette or syringe. A great indicator of the higher DNA concentrations and likely length, is the viscosity of the DNA eluting from the columns as falling droplets are left behind and expand. When precipitating DNA with isopropanol, it is advisable to keep the two phases separate before inverting so that the upper phase becomes whitish, which facilitates the formation of DNA fibers. Sometimes up to 30 inversions are necessary

for compact DNA aggregates to form. We have found that spooling is key to obtaining DNA with adequate properties, as centrifugation and ethanol washes tend to yield much less concentrated DNA. Spooled DNA in EB buffer quickly forms a “jelly-like” mass, which is the best sign of efficient relaxation of HMW DNA. Moreover, this observed dynamic will ensure its homogenization in all subsequent steps and this DNA requires acceptable and reproducible periods of up to one day to be fully relaxed and ready for library preparation. Genomic DNA isolated by using the procedure described here showed optimal absorbance ratios and had the most reliable concentration values obtained using Qubit after light shearing. Repeated measurements were always within less than 10 % of each other. It is also worth mentioning that when isolated DNA was stored at 4°C for three months and even after freezing/thawing process, we did not observe any decrease in DNA stability compared to freshly isolated DNA.

Although this method produces extremely long DNA fragments, regarding Nanopore sequencing we find that controlled mechanical shear of HMW DNA helps to produce even longer reads. This can possibly be explained by pore blocking of entangled DNA fragments, less efficient adapter ligation but could also be genome specific. This may be particularly true for *Tribolium* genomes, which are known to be A-T rich (>60%) and highly repetitive, with individual satellite DNAs accounting for up to 40% of the genome [19]. For this reason, each species and its DNA will most likely require some degree of optimization in shearing to obtain higher N50 values. Nevertheless, this protocol succeeded in isolating HMW DNA from three closely related beetles and due to its excellent performance, especially in terms of DNA concentrations and qualities, we propose that it provides a suitable starting point for isolation of HMW DNA from other Coleoptera species.

## Supplementary Materials

**Supplementary Table S1.** Results of the DNA isolation using developed protocol performed on different *Tribolium* species as well as on their various developmental stages.

Species	Stage	Starting material (mg)	DNA concentration (ng/ $\mu$ L)	DNA yield ( $\mu$ g)	A <sub>220/260</sub>	A <sub>260/280</sub>
<i>T. castaneum</i>	Pupae	200	172	17,2	1,89	1,95
		200	130	13,0	1,85	2,14
		200	138	13,8	1,84	2,25
		200	154	15,4	1,88	1,78
	Larvae	1100	512	51,2	1,87	2,35
Adults	1000	643	64,3	1,85	2,14	
<i>T. freemani</i>	Adults + Larvae	1050	327	32,7	1,83	2,24
		920	540	54,0	1,88	2,05
	Adults	620	78	4,7	1,94	2,00
<i>T. confusum</i>	Pupae	340	213	12,8	1,87	2,41

**Supplementary Table S2.** DNA extraction and sequencing methods tested for the isolation of HMW DNA from *Tribolium castaneum*. Main features are described for all used commercial kits and procedures. Obtained DNA is evaluated based on its total amount from a single isolation reaction and molecular weight distribution. All kit isolations are done according to manufacturers' protocol. Observed strengths and potential limitations for the use is library preparation and DNA manipulation for Nanopore sequencing are elaborated in detail.

Kit/procedure for HMW DNA isolation	Main features	Extraction				Sequencing	
		DNA amount	Molecular weight	Strengths	Limitations	Performed	Observations
E.Z.N.A kit (Omega BioTek)	silica-gel based membrane	6 µg	20-50 kb	- isolation from lower amount of input material - reproducible	- DNA rarely above 50 kb - lower DNA yield due to membrane capacities	No	- insufficient DNA for an efficient library preparation
Monarch HMW DNA extraction kit for tissue (New England Biolabs)	glass bead-based approach	0-10 µg	20-200 kb	- DNA of high molecular weight - lower DNA input	- low absorbance ratios - extremely nonreproducible (DNA on glass beads can fall off)	Yes (Figure 2)	- library protocol not reproducible - clumping of beads during library preparation - low pore occupancy
Blood and Cell Culture DNA Mini and Midi kit (Qiagen)	anion-exchange chromatography columns	3 µg (Mini kit) 30 µg (Midi kit)	20-50 kb	- possibility to use greater amounts of starting material - high DNA yield - reproducible	- cell lysate causes high degree of column blockage - DNA pellet difficult to dissolve - low absorbance ratios - isolated DNA causes problems in library preparation (bead clumping, loss of DNA)	Yes (Figure 2)	- problems with bead clumping - low N50 value - low final library concentration
phenol-chloroform extraction	salting-out principle	5 µg (from 30 pupae)	30-60 kb	- possibility to use greater amounts of starting material	- high DNA losses - lower DNA quality - laborious	No	- visible non-dissolved DNA - poor DNA quality that implies poor library output

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## **4. Discussion**

## Characterization and evolution of CenH3 in *Meloidogyne* species

Centromeres are determined by epigenetic mark, specific centromeric histone H3 variant, CenH3. Based on numerous studies of sexual animal and plant species, including humans, CenH3 is known to be necessary for centromere function in all organisms, but despite its conserved function, the CenH3 protein sequence evolves rapidly. It has been hypothesized that CenH3 evolve rapidly to suppress the deleterious effects of centromere drive in meiosis.

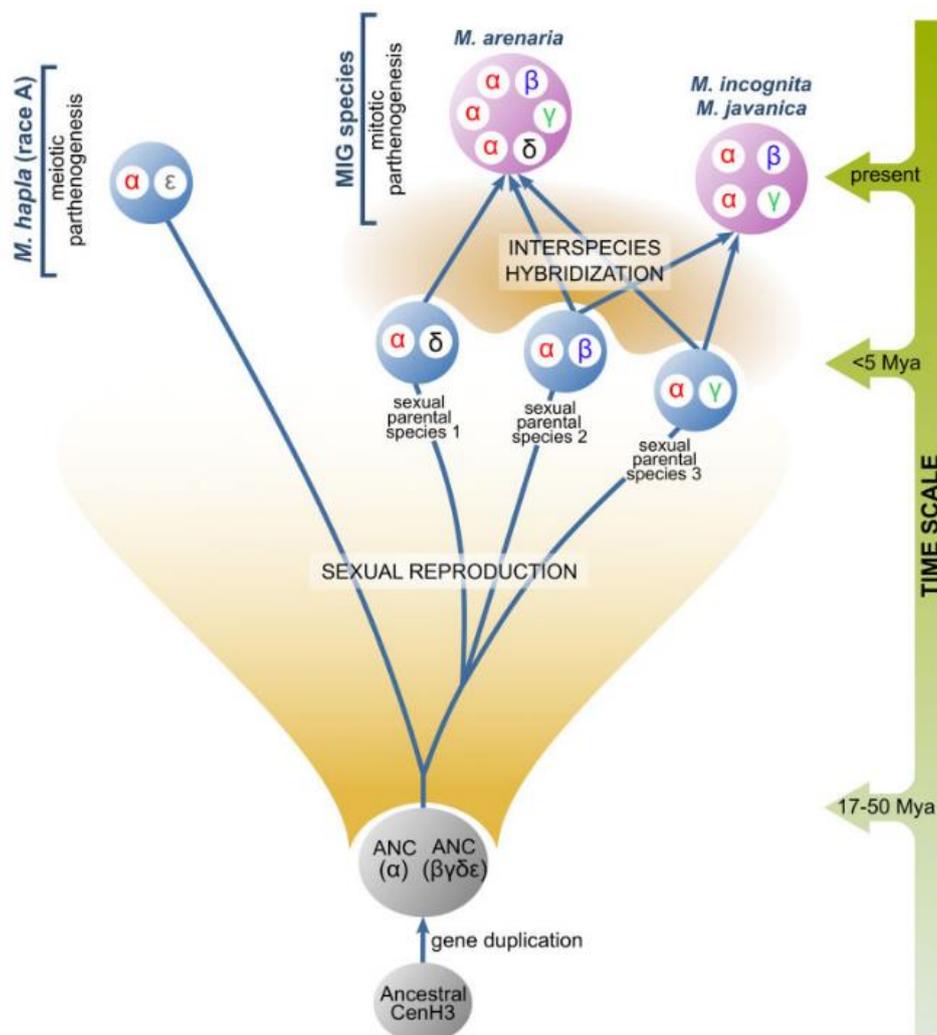
In this study, CenH3 was investigated in three closely related mitotic *M. incognita*, *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica* together with distantly related meiotic parthenogenetic *M. hapla* species. A total of 21 CenH3 proteins were discovered separated in two polyphyletic groups with each species having more than one copy of CenH3 gene. The abcCenH3 group contained divergent set of proteins having relatively low similarity of HFD region with canonical H3 variants. On the other hand, homogenous  $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3 group showed higher degree of identity to H3 in the range and with diagnostic characteristics expected for CenH3 (Malik & Henikoff, 2003). Most probably these two groups had independent evolution and their roles for centromere function can be further evaluated. Paralogous genes mostly result from gene duplication after which genes can keep the same function but also could diverge and acquire different functions with possibility for one copy to be lost over time. For example, in *Drosophila* species it has been recently found that some have multiple copies of *Cid*, centromeric histone gene that also perform nonredundant centromeric roles probably as a result of subfunctionalization (Kursel & Malik, 2017). Similarly, mosquito species encode two *mosqCid* paralogs that have functionally diverged and been coretained for over 150 My (Kursel et al., 2020). Several diploid plants have multiple copies of CenH3 with cowpea as an interesting example where both functional variant are transcribed and knockout experiments showed one necessary for development and reproduction whereas other is still likely in process of subfunctionalization (Ishii et al., 2020). In investigated *Meloidogyne* species,  $\alpha$ CenH3 variant showed dominant expression compared to other CenH3s and maintaining its high expression in almost all phases of life cycle suggested that  $\alpha$ CenH3 represent the most promising centromere candidate. Consequently, further analysis was focused on  $\alpha$ CenH3 and closely related monophyletic  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3 group. MIG species possess multiple copies of  $\alpha$ CenH3 and one copy of variant from  $\beta\gamma\delta$ CenH3 group whereas diploid *M. hapla* has one copy of

$\alpha$ CenH3 and  $\epsilon$ CenH3. Observations of CenH3 copy numbers are in consistence with estimated ploidy level based on analysis of protein-coding sequences (CDSs) in MIG species (Blanc-Mathieu et al., 2017). Investigation of gene/protein evolution is necessary to be performed based on sequence changes that can in case of centromere be revealed by following presence and conservation of CenH3s. The evolution of detected CenH3s in *Meloidogyne* is analyzed by integration of knowledge from previous phylogenetic species studies together with results from our studies.

Two independent studies have recently sequenced several *Meloidogyne* species genome in order to resolve complex evolutionary origin of these species (Blanc-Mathieu et al., 2017; Szitenberg et al., 2017). MIG species have been confirmed as polyploids formed by interspecific hybridization events. Formation of hybrids is a result of different species interbreeding, resulting in the combination of genetic material from preceding gene pools which has become primary source of data for speciation and adaptation studies (reviewed in Schwenk et al., 2008). Their genomes show duplicated gene region with high within-species nucleotide divergence suggesting they could even potentially have originated from multiple hybridization events making their evolutionary history more complex to resolve (Blanc-Mathieu et al., 2017). MIG species reproduce only asexually by mitotic parthenogenesis while *M. hapla* is a diploid species and reproduces asexually by meiotic parthenogenesis but can also be se sexual. Asexuality is more efficient it the resource terms as individuals need less energy for finding mates and reproduction itself. This offers them opportunity to increase population number faster and transfer all of their genes to offspring. On the other hand, asexual reproduction doesn't offer genetic variations and results in decreased diversity which is less suitable for adapting to new environmental conditions. However, MIG species are remarkably widespread and their thriving as clonal parasites presents evolutionary paradox in the terms of sex benefit (reviewed in Castagnone-Sereno & Danchin, 2014). Research into related taxa or species that do not have obligatory asexuality, but have retained meiosis or adaptive potential of sexual reproduction offers unique insight into species evolution. Moreover, several studies point out that aforesaid hybridization events involved in formation of MIG species have a recent origin.

Taking into account this complex species evolutionary history the most parsimonious scenario of CenH3 evolution in the analyzed species is presented in Figure 7. CenH3 sequence phylogenetic comparison strongly suggests that *CenH3* gene has

undergone one duplication event in an ancestral species that is progenitor of MIG species and *M. hapla*. This event resulted in appearance of  $\alpha$ CenH3 and  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3 ancestral genes. Previous studies done on nuclear and mtDNA genes polymorphism markers suggest separation of these two species clades (mitotic and meiotic) occurred 17-50 My ago (reviewed in Philippe Castagnone-Sereno et al., 2013). Persistence of completely conserved  $\alpha$ CenH3 in all investigated species suggests its evolution under strong purifying selection. It resulted in stabilizing selection by removal of potential genetic polymorphism that could arise through random mutations and would have negative or deleterious effect. The other ancestral  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3 gene during this time period evolved into four different but related proteins ( $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\epsilon$ CenH3). Characteristics of  $\epsilon$ CenH3 is that it is only found in *M. hapla*.



**Figure 7.** Proposed scenario of CenH3 variants ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\epsilon$ ) evolution in *Meloidogyne* species (*M. hapla* [race A], *M. incognita*, *M. javanica*, *M. arenaria*). ANC( $\alpha$ ) - ancestral  $\alpha$ CenH3, ANC( $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ ) – ancestral CenH3 of  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$  variants.

Independent evolution of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ CenH3 in sexual taxa is followed by polyploidization as a result of species hybridization. Almost complete conservation of  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ CenH3 among MIG species confirms interspecific hybridization as a relatively recent event. It is most probable they existed for longer period of times in sexual progenitors where they had potential functional role or otherwise there would be evidence of random mutations accumulation and pseudogenization. After interspecies hybridization, existence of CenH3 variants corresponds to their joining in MIG species resulting in redundancy detected in nascent species. Presence of  $\epsilon$ CenH3 in *M. hapla* additionally supports the putative role of  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3 group as it has been retained for 17-50 My since the divergence from MIG species.

Unlike  $\alpha$ CenH3,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$  and  $\epsilon$ CenH3 evolved under purified selection with positive evolution trend visible on the first several amino acids on the protein N-terminal tail. This different evolutionary dynamic of analyzed *Meloidogyne* CenH3s might be a result of distinct requirements posed on  $\alpha$ CenH3 versus ones acting on  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3 in centromere. One of possible explanations comes from CenH3 evolutionary studies in *Drosophila* and mosquito (Kursel & Malik, 2017; Kursel et al., 2020) where it has been shown that *CenH3* gene duplications could be necessary for multiple centromeric functions such as mitosis and meiosis. In *Meloidogyne*, observed evolutionary pattern of  $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ CenH3 could be predicted by centromere drive model which resides on asymmetric female meiosis and sexual reproduction. That could impact  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ CenH3 evolutionary scenario in parental sexual lineages as a consequence of centromere drive in meiosis and then becoming redundant in MIG species after transition to asexual mitotic parthenogens which correlates with recent interspecific hybridization event (Blanc-Mathieu et al., 2017; Lunt, 2008). In support,  $\alpha$ CenH3, unlike  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ CenH3 shows high expression and localization on all chromosomes of mitotic *M. incognita* but also in two other mitotic MIG species. This speaks also in favor of  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere competence and most probably of loss for  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ CenH3 centromere-associated function in mitotic species. Furthermore, investigation of nonreproductive stages of *M. hapla* where mitosis is preferentially happening also revealed dominant  $\alpha$ CenH3 expression. The aforementioned observations all point towards the dominant role of  $\alpha$ CenH3 in mitosis.

Additional endorsement that obligatory mitotic parthenogenesis in these species appeared recently comes from the fact that major sperm protein involved in the formation of sperm is found in mitotic *Meloidogyne* taxa with no sign of increased

evolutionary rate despite no apparent functional requirement (Lunt, 2008). Similarly,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ CenH3 show no evidence of pseudogenization or sequence degeneration caused by random mutations and therefore, like sperm proteins, probably represent “meiotic relict” in exclusively mitotic MIG species. On the other hand,  $\alpha$ CenH3 with strong amino acid conservation most probably subspecialized for the role in mitosis. In the context of centromere drive, where CenH3 protein evolves with cenDNA to suppress the deleterious effect of rapidly evolving cenDNA in meiosis,  $\alpha$ CenH3 would by subspecialization release itself from adaptive conflicts in meiosis. A similar example can be seen in the well-studied nematode model of *C. elegans* whose holocentric chromosomes harbor two CenH3 related proteins; HCP-3 and CPAR-1. There are evidences supporting role of HCP-3 in mitosis while not required for meiotic chromosome segregation with CPAR-1 loaded only onto meiotic chromosomes with no centromere-localization in mitosis strongly indicating their separate subfunctionalized roles (Monen et al., 2005, 2015).

#### Structure and organization of centromere in *Meloidogyne* species

Further analyzes were focused on the long-term conserved  $\alpha$ CenH3 in order to disclose genetic component of active centromeres. The  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated cenDNA in *M. incognita* is formed of short tandem repeat (TR) arrays up to 1 kb in length, composed of five distinct families build up from 50-80 bp monomers. Tandem repeats are known to be highly prevalent at centromeres of both animals and plants, but at the same time show overall lack of sequence conservation as revealed by huge comparative study of 282 species (Melters et al., 2013). More specifically, monocentrics are often characterized by the presence of long arrays of species-specific satDNA (reviewed in Plohl et al., 2014) whereas holocentric organism investigated so far show different patterns of cenDNA. In *C. elegans* there is no specific repetitive sequence underlying centromere but rather it coincides with transcription factor hotspots without high binding affinity for any of them specifically (Steiner & Henikoff, 2014). Another parasitic nematode, *Ascaris suum* did not show any strong, discrete point-like CenH3 peaks in native ChIP-seq analysis but rather its holocentric organization is more diffusely distributed without centromere-specific DNA sequence (Kang et al., 2016). First report of specific sequences residing in centromere are reported for holocentric plant *Rhynchospora pubera*. Its CenH3 interacts with one

satellite DNA family and centromeric retrotransposons forming 3-16 kb arrays intermingled with coding sequences and transposons (Marques et al., 2015).

In *M. incognita*  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated pool of divergent tandem repeats (TRs) showed exceptional feature of 19-bp long-conserved box with high GC ratio and potential to form stable dyad structure. This suggests presence of selective pressure acting on this sequence part regardless of the high evolving nature of detected centromere repeats. Even though centromere is mainly determined epigenetically there are still uncertainties as how certain loci are selected and maintained. DNA component could guide localization either by recruiting sequence-specific DNA binding proteins or by intrinsic feature of sequence such as secondary structures. Some DNA motifs are capable to fold into conformations that differ from canonical B-DNA helix and are thus called non-B DNA. Structures such as single-stranded DNA, hairpins, R-loops, i-motifs and triplexes have been primarily linked with genetic instability (Zhao et al., 2010) but recently also found to be enriched at centromeres (Kasinathan & Henikoff, 2018). Thus, conserved 19-bp box could be a binding site for  $\alpha$ CenH3 in *M. incognita* and its secondary structure could provide favorable binding capacity. Aforementioned unique sequence characteristics are additionally fortified by the extremely high GC content of centromere 19-bp core that is immersed in high AT composition of the genome (Abad et al., 2008). All these features provide further layer of ensuring proper formation of  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere in *M. incognita*.

Investigation into other two closely related species of *M. incognita*, *M. arenaria* and *M. javanica* revealed presence of completely preserved  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere associated TRs in both sequence and organization aspects. Furthermore,  $\alpha$ CenH3 showed colocalization with 19-bp box suggesting preservation of protein and DNA component of centromere in these related species. Conservation of box region has been also found in distant *M. hapla* implying strong functional constraints in species even farther separated in phylogenetic tree. Among the centromeric-specific preserved sequence motifs found so far the most prominent example is CENP-B box. This 17-bp long motif found in alpha-satDNA monomers of humans and alphoid repeats of wide range of mammals presents binding site for centromere protein B (CENP-B). Main roles include mediating kinetochore assembly and influencing centromeric domain architecture by ability to bind two separate CENP-B boxes with speculation it has evolved over a pre-existent centromeric function in order to provide additional stability in the competition occurring during meiotic divisions (reviewed in Gamba & Fachinetti, 2020). Regarding

*Meloidogyne*, preserved interspecific motifs have been previously found in many satDNAs, implying they evolved under functional constraints with potential roles that still need to be elucidated (Meštrović et al., 2006a, 2006b, 2013).

Chromosomal spreads of MIG species suitable for immunostainings have been successfully performed for the first time. Knowledge of the chromosomes of these species has so far come mainly from cytological work on *M. incognita*, which revealed a variable chromosome number of 40-46 in oogonial divisions (Triantaphyllou, 1981). In our study, centromere analysis performed on several different stages of chromosomal condensation revealed unusual pattern of uneven  $\alpha$ CenH3 distribution among different chromosomes and along the length of individual ones. Moreover, immunofluorescence on prophase chromosomes and especially extended chromatin fibers that enables precise localization assessment, showed discontinuous patterns of  $\alpha$ CenH3 domains separated by  $\alpha$ CenH3-lacking chromatin. This pattern of  $\alpha$ CenH3 distribution can be defined as novel cluster-like centromeric organization of holocentromere. Chromosomes are mainly evaluated for centromere positioning in their fully compact appearance in metaphase as it offers insight in their behavior during divisions. In *M. incognita* one part of chromosomes has  $\alpha$ CenH3 encompassing the entire length with either abundant or more discrete signal while the rest is showing extremely uneven distribution with highly abundant regions positioned at different sites relative to the ends of the chromosomes. Functional potential was evaluated by interrelation of centromere protein with  $\alpha$ -tubulin as microtubule building subunit involved in chromosome positioning during divisions, known to attach kinetochore assembled on each centromere. Confirmed colocalization of  $\alpha$ -tubulin with most  $\alpha$ CenH3 domains indicated functionality of  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere in mitosis. Compared to other nematodes, *Meloidogyne* centromere shows most similarity to *Ascaris*, whose 1-15 kb centromeric domains are distributed across the chromosomes rather than to point centromere subunits of *C. elegans*. Also, some chromosomal regions that showed no associated  $\alpha$ CenH3 resembled in part to organizational pattern of *Cuscuta* holocentromere that possesses CenH3 restricted to one to three regions per chromosome (Oliveira et al., 2020). All information obtained from chromosome observations in holocentric species provides insight, that holocentromere in contrast to monocentromere offers greater flexibility for organization of CenH3 domains.

## CenH3 and centromere organization in *T. castaneum*

In contrast to nematodes which are usually characterized as holocentrics, insects have a vast number of described monocentric species with at least four confirmed independent transitions to holocentrism accompanied by complete loss of CenH3 (Drinnenberg et al., 2014). Same study computationally predicted and compared CenH3 sequence candidates among several insect species, including *T. castaneum*. This premise was experimentally validated in our study and proved cCenH3 as an authentic centromeric variant of histone H3 in *T. castaneum*. Protein sequence of cCenH3 showed all diagnostic criteria of protein sequence suggested to be a predictive mean when assessing centromeric candidates (Malik & Henikoff, 2003). Analysis of *T. castaneum* genome assembly revealed that CenH3 is encoded by a single copy gene which is a common trait for diploid species. One of interesting properties of cCenH3 protein is its exceptionally short N-terminal tail (24 aa), even shorter than canonical H3 counterpart (40 aa). Other species have often N-terminus that extends over 100 aa residues as seen in *D. melanogaster* CID and *C. elegans* HCP-3 while  $\alpha$ CenH3 in *Meloidogyne* has around 60 aa protruding from nucleosomal core.

On chromosomes, CenH3 is localized at the primary constrictions with unusual feature of their extraordinary extent. By comparing CenH3 region to full chromosomal size it is estimated they comprise over 40% of the chromosome length with sizes up to 15,8 Mb. For comparison, *D. melanogaster* which has a genome of similar sizes, has centromere regions that span 100-170 kb (Chang et al., 2019), making *T. castaneum* longest insect regional centromeres described so far. Another interesting centromere example are fire ants *Solenopsis invicta* (Huang et al., 2016) whose long centromeres span even one third of the chromosome length (3,6 Mb). The fact that closely related tropical ants *S. geminata* show typical monocentric morphology with small primary constrictions speaks in favor of the exceptional centromere length variability even among related species. Additionally, *T. castaneum* centromeres are characterized by their metapolycentric structure marked by the presence of multiple CenH3-domains along the large region of extended chromosome constriction. This centromere type is firstly described in pea (Neumann et al., 2012) and later also confirmed in closely related legume genera *Lathyrus* (Neumann et al., 2015). As genome of the pea is much larger than of *T. castaneum* and has slightly fewer chromosomes ( $2n=14$  in contrast to  $2n=20$ ) it does not surprise its centromeres are much larger in absolute values and can

span up to 107 Mb. Further, *T. castaneum* chromosomes revealed bead-like pattern of cCenH3 signals composed of several, in most cases four, individual cCenH3-containing domains. This observation is a hallmark of metapolycentrics and is much similar to pea, where long region of centromere contains three to five explicit CenH3 containing regions. The instructive parallel can be drawn by comparing the metapolycentromere of *T. castaneum* and the holocentromere of *M. incognita*. While *T. castaneum* shows separated bead-like CenH3 organization observable at prometaphase, in *M. incognita* smaller CenH3 components appears at extended chromatin level where it shows cluster-like arrangement. Basic centromeric unit of wide range of different structural types could be individual point centromeric sites as shown in *C. elegans* (Steiner & Henikoff, 2014) which could bring the holocentromere closer to a polycentric view of its organization. The difference then ultimately arises from the very distribution of CenH3 regions, whether localized in a smaller area, regional or dispersed along the entire length, and crucially on the existence of primary constriction on which the movement of chromosomes during the division process later depends. The presence of metapolycentricity in very distant species raises questions about their origin and evolution. The existence of large centromeres in *T. castaneum* could be explained by centromere drive hypothesis where centromeres that provide more microtubule attachment by recruiting more centromeric proteins become “stronger” centromeres and are more successful segregated towards the egg in female meiosis. Enhanced recruitment of centromeric nucleosomes can be led by underlying sequence expansion which is further investigated in *T. castaneum*.

Analyses of results obtained by cCenH3 ChIP-seq in *T. castaneum* revealed a repertoire of centromeric DNA sequences including a variety of repetitive DNAs. As suspected, major component of centromeric DNA is the highly abundant TCAST satellite that has shown to comprise 17% of the *T. castaneum* genome (Ugarković et al., 1996). Chromatin fiber staining that enables fine mapping, disclosed very long TCAST arrays that include cCenH3 domains but also that they are not limited only to centromere but rather stretch beyond the cCenH3 region, into the pericentromere. The best-known example where the same satDNA inhabits centromeric as well as pericentromeric regions comes from human centromeres. The highly abundant high-order alpha satellite interacts with CenH3 nucleosomes as centromeric-specific DNA, but can also be scattered as individual monomers in pericentromere regions (reviewed in Hartley & O'Neill, 2019), with some HOR arrays of specific sequence variants

compositions becoming functionally less competent (Aldrup-MacDonald et al., 2016). Species with lower repetitive content, such as *Meloidogyne*, showed centromeric domain dependence exclusively on different repeats sharing a fully conserved 19-bp box showing how the genomic landscape can potentially affect the selectivity and control of CenH3 for a particular sequence. In *T. castaneum*, TCAST has been previously described as a very divergent satellite DNA composed of five subfamilies (Pavlek et al., 2015). CenH3 enrichment analysis did not show any preferential binding of specific TCAST subfamily which is probably due to knowledge that HOR regions are very heterogeneous and combined with extraneous sequence elements which was shown in study before (Vlahović et al., 2017). In addition to satellites, *T. castaneum* centromeres showed presence of non-LTR retrotransposons which beside residing in telomere, can exist as interstitial telomeric sequence (ITS) within centromere, as shown in different *Solanum* species (He et al., 2013). Also, centromeric chromatin in *T. castaneum* is enriched in rDNA-associated sequences, with 5S rDNA as most prominent one, which can be explained with the observation that rDNA tracts serve as an origin of satellite repeats (Macas et al., 2003) and can therefore be propagated in satellite rich environment of centromere. Taken together, *T. castaneum* centromeres are not build on exclusive fraction of TCAST satellite but rather comprised of different subfamilies intermingled with other DNA sequences. Such scenario mostly arose from permissive nature of centromeres together with possibility that one dominant satellite DNA can even foster intrusion of different sequences that are not primarily centromeric.

### Nanopore sequencing in centromere studies

The greatest breakthroughs in the field of centromere organization have recently been made by research groups studying the human centromere using long-read sequencing. Indeed, the centromere region is one of the main reasons for the incompleteness of assemblies, which was overcome for the first time this year with the complete sequence of the human genome (Nurk et al., 2021). Prior to their work, 8% of the genome was unfinished or erroneous, corresponding to regions of the centromeric satellite array or short arms of five acrocentric chromosomes that are now truly complete. The development of new technologies, in particular Nanopore sequencing, made it possible to span complex regions with few or even single read, as it depends only on the size of the DNA molecules in the sequencing libraries. In

addition to its use in de-novo genome assemblies or their improvement Nanopore sequencing can be used to detect full-length transcripts and modified bases, offering the possibility of a wide range of downstream data analyzes (reviewed in Wang et al., 2021). Thus, our findings in centromere research of the nematode *M. incognita* and the beetle *T. castaneum* could be further broadened by applying Nanopore sequencing to disclose long-range centromere organization.

Because root-knot nematodes are of great economic importance, several *Meloidogyne* species were sequenced using a whole genome shotgun approach that resulted in scaffold level assembly. The model organism used for our centromere research, *M. incognita*, had its first reference genome published in 2008 (Abad et al., 2008) and was subsequently revised (Blanc-Mathieu et al., 2017). Given that the genome assembly of *M. incognita* is still fragmented, it is not surprising that our analysis of the mapping of centromere-specific sequences have shown that they are largely not contained in published contigs. Therefore, our primary goal is to use Nanopore sequencing in *M. incognita* to investigate the long-range centromere organization. The genome of *T. castaneum* has been sequenced by Sanger sequencing of prepared BAC libraries (Richards et al., 2008) and recently enhanced by incorporating results from Illumina sequencing of long-insert jumping libraries and RNA-seq data (Herndon et al., 2020). The last enhanced genome assembly (Tcas5.2) is comprised of 2148 scaffolds placed into 10 linkage or chromosome groups. Based on the predicted genome size of 204 Mb, the current assembly (166 Mb) is still missing about 20% of the genome. Together with knowledge of centromere specific sequences in both species, these data provide a solid basis for the information needed to prepare the library prior to sequencing. In *T. castaneum*, most of the larger satellite arrays are not included in the final assembly due to their complexity. In addition, native sequencing (without PCR amplification bias) requires a larger amount of input DNA for library preparation and thus more starting material. This is much more feasible in the case of free-living, easy propagated *T. castaneum* cultures maintained in the laboratory, which has been the commence point for further experiments.

The first premise in studying the organization of long-range organization centromere is to achieve sufficiently long reads obtained by Nanopore. This is solely dependent on the quality of isolated high molecular weight DNA. Using commercial kits and following suggested procedures, as well as phenol-chloroform protocol did not yield adequate DNA for Nanopore sequencing. Best starting point was the Brown and Coleman's

protocol (Brown & Coleman, 2019) that was missing steps of final HMW recover and was not validated for Nanopore or offered information for obtaining exact lengths. Our developed method succeeded in isolating HMW DNA and was validated for the use in library preparation and Nanopore sequencing. Use of liquid nitrogen pulverization overcome difficulties after encountering hard to dissolve DNA pellets. Further, amount of input material is critical as certain input weight is necessary in order to obtain expected DNA quantities. This is probably due to high proportion of non-cellular material (such as fat and chitin) in larvae and adult stages that needs to be accounted for beforehand. Beside increased input material, critical steps include complete resuspension of nuclear pellets, additional gentle pipetting during incubations and spooling of obtained DNA. This way it is ensured DNA will be of high concentrations which is indicated by viscous droplets during elution. Also, spooled HMW DNA forms “jelly-like” mass that is the best sign of efficient relaxation process. Isolated DNA showed optimal absorbance ratios and had most reliable concentration values. Although this method can produce extremely long DNA fragments, it can have negative impact on several steps in library preparation such as adapter ligation which can be less efficient due to entangled DNA. Also, it can later cause bore blockage during sequencing which decreases final output and causes flow cells to have shorter lifespan. This has been suggested to be solvable by applying controlled mechanical shearing of HMW DNA (Tyson, 2020). And indeed, light needle shear increased average N50 values up to 26 kb and allowed multiple library loads for a total output of more than 13 Gb. We speculate these steps to be genome specific, as repetitive fraction of genome known to form secondary structures, can cause difficulties in enzymatic reaction but also when passing through a nanopore. Nevertheless, developed method of HMW isolation was additionally tested in two closely related beetles (*T. confusum* and *T. freemani*) where it also showed excellent performance. The acquired knowledge and the developed protocol can be the basis for application in more distant species, such as *Meloidogyne*. Their soft bodies and— smaller proportion of repetitive DNA in the genome should present mitigating properties for obtaining HMW DNA.

## **5. Conclusions**

Our study of root-knot nematode of the *Meloidogyne* genus represents the first centromere research on species that reproduce exclusively by mitotic parthenogenesis. In contrast to previous findings that centromeric specific histone H3 (CenH3) evolves rapidly, we have demonstrated the almost complete conservation of  $\alpha$ CenH3 even in distantly related animal species. This is hypothesized as a possible consequence of subspecialization, primarily for function in mitosis.

In addition to the conserved  $\alpha$ CenH3 with dominant expression, we have also found other different CenH3 variants that have evolved rapidly and lost their centromere-associated function. It is likely that these CenH3s represent a “meiotic relict” from sexually reproducing ancestral species.

The underlying DNA sequence of the  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere in *M. incognita* has shown extreme conservation in the form of a preserved 19-bp box occurring within different 50-80 bp tandem repeat arrays. Moreover, conserved cenDNA was found even in related MIG species, suggesting preservation of the  $\alpha$ CenH3 centromere in mitotic *Meloidogyne* species.

Chromosomal localization of  $\alpha$ CenH3 confirmed holocentrism and disclosed a novel cluster-like organization with domains of markedly different CenH3 density.

Overall, the long-term conservation of CenH3 and the associated 19-bp box within highly evolved tandem repeats suggest that CenH3 and cenDNA can achieve an equilibrium in mitosis where they can coexist for a long period of time.

The red flour beetle *T. castaneum* showed an unexpected metapolycentric centromere organization marked by the presence of multiple cCenH3-domains. Accounting for approximately 40% of chromosome length, their centromeres are the longest identified in insects. Furthermore, the TCAST satellite DNA, which comprises one-sixth of the genome was found to be the major cenDNA constituent. In addition, several other types of repetitive DNA were found to be mixed with TCAST variants, including retrotransposons and rDNA-associated sequences.

As one of the most recently discovered centromere types, our study of *T. castaneum* metapolycentromere provides valuable new insight, particularly by challenging the

long-prevailing holocentric and monocentric views of centromeres. The holocentric *M. incognita* and the metapolycentric *T. castaneum* display some never before seen characteristics of the centromere. Both are a true example of the incredible diversity in terms of centromere structure and organization despite its conserved function.

Due to repetitive nature of the centromere, the future of its research depends on technological advances such as long-read Nanopore sequencing. It can span arrays hundreds of thousands kilobases long and enable more complete genome assemblies. We have developed a protocol for reliable Nanopore sequencing in *T. castaneum* that will give us a better grasp over centromere's long-range organization.

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## **7. Summary**

Centromeres are chromosomal regions essential for kinetochore assembly and attachment to the spindle, ensuring proper chromosome segregation. They are determined epigenetically by the presence of centromere specific histone H3 variant (CenH3). The protein component is associated with centromeric DNA (cenDNA) and both are required for incorporation into centromeric nucleosomes to maintain centromere function. Despite the conserved role of centromeres, associated CenH3 and DNA evolve rapidly, which is explained with centromere drive model that accounts for observed variability of centromeric region and points out female meiosis as crucial factor.

We investigated nematode centromeres in three closely related, polyploid species of the *Meloidogyne incognita* group that reproduce asexually, by mitotic parthenogenesis and in the distantly related asexual *M. hapla* which reproduce by meiotic parthenogenesis. Duplication of the CenH3 gene was found that occurred in the common ancestor of the *Meloidogyne* species. One of them ( $\alpha$ CenH3) preserved in all extant *Meloidogyne* species whereas the other evolved rapidly under positive selection into four different variants ( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta$ CenH3s). This observed evolution of CenH3 genes/proteins in *Meloidogyne* species suggests the subspecialization of CenH3s in sexual ancestral species. Immunostaining and transcription analysis performed on *M. incognita* revealed a dominant role of  $\alpha$ CenH3 protein, whereas the other variants have lost their function in mitosis. Chromosomal localization of  $\alpha$ CenH3 showed cluster-like centromeric organization with different levels of deposition along the chromosomes forming distinct types of centromeres. The results of native chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by sequencing (ChIP-seq) revealed  $\alpha$ CenH3-associated DNA. This centromeric DNA is comprised of tandem repeats with divergent monomers that in spite of sequence variability share a completely conserved 19-bp box. Beside *M. incognita*, the conservation of centromeric protein and underlying DNA was also found in two closely related species. The observed pattern of preservation of the centromeric region, at the protein and DNA level, was explained by the absence of centromere drive in mitosis, thus allowing CenH3 and associated DNA to achieve an equilibrium that can persist over a long period of time.

Holocentrics have kinetochore activity distributed along the entire chromosome length while monocentrics show a single, primary constriction visible at metaphase chromosomes. In addition to the holocentric *Meloidogyne*, centromere was further

explored in the insect model organism *Tribolium castaneum*. We identified cCenH3 protein and successfully produced antibody specifically recognizing centromeric variant of histone H3, cCenH3 in *T. castaneum*. Centromere was localized on chromosomes revealing unusually elongated centromeres, making them longest insect regional centromeres, comprising approximately 40% of the chromosome length. In addition, centromere in *T. castaneum* showed metapolycentric structure with several individual cCenH3-containing domains. By applying ChIP-seq we analyzed cCenH3 chromatin that showed to be assembled upon highly abundant TCAST satellite together with several other repetitive DNAs. Also, TCAST as major centromeric constituent is not confined only to CenH3 regions but rather spreads into pericentromere. (Peri)centromere regions represent the largest part missing from genome assemblies. Similar observation is true for *Meloidogyne*, whose genome with much less repetitive content, still contains an underrepresented proportion of centromere specific sequences in the assembly.

In order to address long-range centromere organization, we opted for Nanopore sequencing that has no limitations in reads lengths. Preparation of DNA for Nanopore sequencing that is long enough offers the possibility to span over large repetitive arrays. Next, we optimized method for isolation of high molecular weight DNA in *T. castaneum* by successfully circumventing common obstacles encountered when using standardized protocols. Upon full relaxation and light sheering, DNA had optimal quality and was in sufficient quantity to perform library preparation yielding average N50 values up to 26 kb. This approach of long-read Nanopore sequencing provides a basis for further research into the organization of centromeric repeats in *Meloidogyne* and *Tribolium* species.

## **8. Sažetak**

Centromere su kromosomske regije neophodne za sastavljanje kinetohore i vezanje na diobeno vreteno tako osiguravajući pravilnu segregaciju kromosoma. One su epigenetski određene postojanjem centromerno specifične varijante histona H3 (CenH3). Proteinska komponenta je povezana s centromernom DNA i obje su potrebne za oblikovanje centromernih nukleosoma kako bi se održala funkcija centromera. Unatoč očuvanoj ulozi centromera, pripadajući CenH3 protein i DNA brzo evoluiraju, što se objašnjava modelom centromernog usmjeravanja (eng. *centromere drive*) koji objašnjava uočenu varijabilnost centromerne regije i ističe mejozu kod ženki kao ključan faktor.

Istraživali smo centromere nematoda u tri blisko srodne, poliploidne vrste iz skupine *Meloidogyne incognita* koje se razmnožavaju nesporno, mitotičkom partenogenezom i u udaljenoj također nespornoj vrsti *M. hapla* koja se razmnožava mejotskom partenogenezom. Pronađena je duplikacija CenH3 gena za koju je utvrđeno da se dogodila u zajedničkom pretku vrsta *Meloidogyne*. Jedan od pronađenih CenH3 gena/proteina ( $\alpha$ CenH3) se pokazao očuvan u svim postojećim vrstama, dok su ostali ubrzano evoluirali pod utjecajem pozitivne selekcije u četiri različite varijante ( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta$ CenH3s). Ova opažena evolucija CenH3 gena/proteina u vrstama *Meloidogyne* sugerira njegovu subspecijalizaciju u precima koji su se spolno razmnožavali. Imunofluorescencija i analiza transkriptoma vrste *M. incognita* pokazala je dominantnu ulogu  $\alpha$ CenH3 proteina, dok su ostale varijante izgubile svoju funkciju u mitozu. Kromosomska lokalizacija  $\alpha$ CenH3 proteina je pokazala organizaciju centromere u formi grupiranja uz različite međudnose i uzorke slaganja duž kromosoma, tvoreći različite strukture centromera. Rezultati dobiveni metodom native kromatinske imunoprecipitacije uz sekvenciranje kratkih odsječaka (ChIP-seq) su otkrili DNA povezanu s  $\alpha$ CenH3 proteinom. Navedena centromerna DNA se sastoji od uzastopnih ponavljanja u koja su uključeni divergentni monomeri, koji usprkos njihovoj razlici u sekvenci posjeduju potpuno konzervirani motiv od 19-pb. Osim u vrsti *M. incognita*, očuvanje centromernog proteina i pripadajuće DNA pronađeno je također i u dvije blisko srodne vrste. Primjećeni obrazac očuvanja centromerne regije, na proteinskoj i DNA razini smo objasnili odsutnošću centromernog usmjeravanja u mitozu, što dopušta CenH3 proteinu i pripadajućoj DNA da postignu ravnotežu koja može opstati tijekom dužeg vremenskog razdoblja.

Aktivnost kinetohore je u holocentričnim vrstama raspodjeljena duž kromosoma, za razliku od monocentričnih vrsta koje imaju mjesto primarne konstrikcije vidljivo na metafaznim kromosomima. Uz holocentrične predstavnike vrsta roda *Meloidogyne*, centromera je također istražena u modelnom organizmu kukca vrste *Tribolium castaneum*. Identificirali smo centromernu varijantu histona H3 kod kukca vrste *T. castaneum* i uspješno proizveli antitijelo koje specifično prepoznaje cCenH3 protein. Centromera je lokalizirana na kromosomima otkrivajući neobično izdužene centromere kod vrste *T. castaneum*, što ih čini najduljim regionalnim centromerama kukaca uz pokrivanje približno 40% duljine kromosoma. Također je primjećeno da imaju metapolicentričnu strukturu sastavljenu od nekoliko pojedinačnih domena koje sadrže cCenH3. Primjenom metode ChIP-seq smo analizirali cCenH3 kromatin za koji se pokazalo da je izgrađen od visoko zastupljene TCAST satelitne DNA zajedno s nekoliko drugih ponavljajućih DNA. Također je pronađeno da TCAST kao glavna centromerna sastavnica nije ograničena samo na CenH3 regije, već se širi u pericentromerni dio kromosoma. (Peri)centromerne regije predstavljaju najveći dio koji nedostaje u posloženim genoma. Slično opažanje vrijedi i za *Meloidogyne*, jer iako njihovi genomi sadrže daleko manje ponavljajućih sekvenci još uvijek su te sekvence podzastupljene u posloženom genomu.

Kako bismo pristupili proučavanju centomere u dugačkim potezima, odlučili smo se za Nanopore sekvenciranje koje nema ograničenja u samim duljinama očitavanja. Ukoliko je DNA pripremljena za Nanopore sekvenciranje dovoljno dugačka, nudi mogućnost da se premoste veliki nizovi ponavljajućih sekvenci. Stoga smo optimizirali metodu za izolaciju visokomolekularne DNA u vrsti *T. castaneum* i uspješno nadvladali uobičajene poteškoće koje se susreću pri korištenju standardiziranih protokola za izolaciju. Između ostaloga, optimizacija je uključivala potpuno opuštanje DNA molekule i djelomičnu fragmentaciju laganim provlačenjem kroz iglu. Tako pripremljena DNA je imala zadovoljavajuću kvalitetu i bila je u dovoljnoj količini za pripremu DNA knjižnice, dajući prosječne vrijednosti N50 do 26 kb. Navedeni pristup Nanopore sekvenciranja dugačkih očitavanja daje osnovu za daljnja istraživanja organizacije centromernih ponavljanja u vrstama *Meloidogyne* i *Tribolium*.

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