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15 **Abstract**

16 Admixture has been a pervasive phenomenon in human history, shaping extensively the
17 patterns of population genetic diversity. There is increasing evidence to suggest that
18 admixture can also facilitate genetic adaptation to local environments, i.e., admixed
19 populations acquire beneficial mutations from source populations, a process that we refer to
20 as *adaptive admixture*. However, the role of adaptive admixture in human evolution and the
21 power to detect it are poorly characterized. Here, we use extensive computer simulations to
22 evaluate the power of several neutrality statistics to detect natural selection in the admixed
23 population, accounting for background selection and assuming different admixture scenarios.
24 We show that two statistics based on admixture proportions, F_{adm} and LAD, show high power
25 to detect mutations that are beneficial in the admixed population, whereas iHS and F_{ST} falsely
26 detect neutral mutations that have been selected in the source populations only. By combining
27 F_{adm} and LAD into a single statistic, we scanned the genomes of 15 worldwide, admixed
28 populations for signatures of adaptive admixture. We confirm that lactase persistence and
29 resistance to malaria have been under adaptive admixture in West Africa and in Madagascar,
30 North Africa and South Asia, respectively. Our approach also uncovers new cases of adaptive
31 admixture, including the *APOLI/MYH9* locus in the Fulani nomads and *PKN2* in East
32 Indonesians, involved in resistance to infection and metabolism, respectively. Collectively,
33 our study provides new evidence that adaptive admixture has occurred in multiple human
34 populations, whose genetic history is characterized by periods of isolation and spatial
35 expansions resulting in increased gene flow.

36 **Keywords:** *admixture, positive selection, genetic adaptation, human population genetics,*
37 *genome scan*

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39 **Author summary**

40 Adaptive introgression, i.e., the acquisition of adaptive traits through hybridization with
41 another species, is a well-documented phenomenon in evolution. Conversely, adaptive
42 admixture, i.e., the acquisition of adaptive traits through admixture between populations of
43 the same species, is poorly described. In this study, we evaluate the importance of adaptive
44 admixture in human recent evolutionary history. We first determine the expected signatures of
45 adaptive admixture on patterns of genomic diversity, using realistic simulations. We then
46 identify the methods that are the most powerful to detect such molecular signatures. Finally,
47 by using the methods identified as the most powerful, we search for cases of adaptive
48 admixture in the genomes of 15 admixed populations from around the globe. We find
49 evidence that adaptive admixture has occurred in several populations from Northeast Africa,
50 Southeast Asia and Oceania. This study suggests that admixture has indeed facilitated human
51 genetic adaptation, particularly at genes involved in metabolism and resistance against
52 pathogens.
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54 **Introduction**

55 Over the last two decades, the search for molecular signatures of natural selection in the
56 human genome has played an integral part in understanding human evolution [1–6]. Genome
57 scans for local adaptation have shed light on the environmental pressures that populations
58 have faced for the last 100,000 years, including reduced exposure to sunlight, altitude-related
59 hypoxia, new nutritional resources or exposure to local pathogens. Candidate genes for local
60 genetic adaptation have been identified based on expected signatures of positive selection,
61 such as extended haplotype homozygosity or strong differences in allele frequencies between
62 geographically diverse populations. In doing so, selection studies have implicitly assumed
63 that advantageous variation occurred in a single population that has remained isolated from
64 other populations since their separation. Yet, recent ancient and modern genomics studies
65 have demonstrated that the last millennia of human history have been characterized by large-
66 scale spatial expansions, followed by extensive admixture [1,7,8]. This suggests that
67 expanding groups, as they migrated, met and admixed with the local populations they
68 encountered, may have inherited alleles that increased their fitness in the newly settled
69 environments. This phenomenon, which we refer here as *adaptive admixture*, may have
70 played an important role in human evolution.

71 While an increasing number of studies have revealed how admixture with ancient
72 hominins, such as Neanderthals or Denisovans, facilitated modern human adaptation [9], the
73 adaptive nature of admixture between modern humans remains largely unexplored.
74 Nonetheless, there is suggestive evidence that adaptive admixture has indeed occurred in
75 humans, as several studies have reported candidate loci for positive selection in admixed
76 populations [10–30]. A striking example is the Duffy-null FY^*B^{ES} allele, which confers
77 protection against *Plasmodium vivax* malaria [31,32]. Signals of selection since admixture
78 have been detected at the locus in diverse, African-descent, admixed populations from
79 Madagascar, Cabo Verde, Sudan and Pakistan [12,19,20,23,25], suggesting strong, ongoing
80 selection owing to *vivax* malaria in these regions. A variety of methods has been used to
81 detect the signatures of adaptive admixture, relying on classic neutrality statistics, such as iHS
82 or F_{ST} , and deviations from allele frequencies [12,33] or ancestry proportions
83 [11,14,17,20,21,25–29] expected under admixture and neutrality. However, the power of
84 these neutrality statistics to detect adaptive admixture is currently unknown. More worrying,
85 it has been suggested that selection in source populations can confound signals of adaptive
86 admixture [21,22] and, conversely, admixture may obscure signals of positive selection

87 occurring in source populations [34]. Finally, the extent to which adaptive admixture has
88 contributed to human genetic adaptation remains poorly known, as reported signals of
89 adaptive admixture are limited to few populations, relative to the large number of admixture
90 events reported in humans [1,7,8].

91 In this study, we estimated and compared the power of various neutrality statistics to detect
92 adaptive admixture, through computer simulations under different admixture and selection
93 scenarios. We then used the most powerful statistics to scan the genomes of 15 different
94 admixed human populations from around the world and detect candidate loci for adaptive
95 admixture. In doing so, we confirm several, iconic signals and identify new cases of ongoing
96 positive selection since admixture, which highlight pathogens as key drivers of recent genetic
97 adaptation in humans.

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99 Results

100 Power estimation under different models of admixture with selection

101 To estimate the power to detect adaptive admixture, we performed extensive forward-in-time
102 simulations of a population that originates from admixture between two source populations.
103 We introduced a beneficial mutation in one of the source populations, with a varying selection
104 coefficient (Methods). We considered three different scenarios of admixture with selection
105 (Fig 1A). *Scenario 1* corresponds to adaptive admixture, where the admixed population
106 inherits adaptive variation from one of its source populations: the beneficial mutation is under
107 positive selection in the source population, is transmitted to the admixed population and
108 remains beneficial – with the same selection coefficient – in the admixed population. In
109 *scenario 2*, the new beneficial allele is under positive selection in the source population, is
110 transmitted to the admixed population and becomes neutral in the admixed population only.
111 We simulated this scenario to verify if some neutrality statistics wrongly support positive
112 selection in the admixed population because of a residual signal inherited from the source
113 population. At the same time, this scenario is also useful to evaluate the power to detect
114 residual signals of positive selection in the admixed population, as a means to study the past
115 evolutionary history of source populations that no longer exist in an unadmixed form [34–36].
116 Finally, in *scenario 3*, a neutral mutation in the source population becomes beneficial in the
117 admixed population only, at the time of admixture. This case is used to determine how
118 neutrality statistics behave when natural selection operates since admixture on standing
119 neutral variation.

120 We evaluated the performance, under each scenario, of three classic neutrality statistics,
121 F_{ST} , ΔDAF and iHS , as well as two statistics that are specifically designed to detect selection
122 in an admixed population: F_{adm} , which is proportional to the squared difference between the
123 observed and the expected allele frequency in the admixed population [12,37,38] and LAD,
124 the difference between the admixture proportion at the locus and its genome-wide average
125 [29], estimated based on local ancestry inference (LAI) by RFMix (Methods) [39]. Receiver
126 operating characteristic (ROC) curves indicate that both the classic neutrality statistics and
127 F_{adm} and LAD are powerful to detect adaptive admixture (*scenario 1*) when the selection
128 coefficient $s = 0.05$ (>70% detection power for a false positive rate (FPR) of 5%; Fig 1B, S1
129 Fig and S2 Fig), in agreement with a previous study [22]. Nevertheless, the power of F_{ST} ,
130 ΔDAF and iHS is also high when the mutation is beneficial in the source population and is no
131 longer selected in the admixed population (*scenario 2*), indicating that these statistics wrongly

132 detect selection in the source population as selection in the admixed population. In contrast,
133 F_{adm} and LAD detect adaptive admixture specifically, as their power under *scenario 2* is low
134 or nil (Fig 1B). Of note, our simulations also imply that the power of classic statistics is
135 substantial when using the admixed population as a means to detect selection in the source
136 populations (>65% detection power when $s = 0.05$ and FPR = 5%) [34–36]. Finally, LAD and
137 iHS showed a reduced power to detect selection in the admixed population when the mutation
138 is neutral in the source populations (*scenario 3*, Fig 1A), relative to the adaptive admixture
139 case (*scenario 1*). This may stem from the fact that, under *scenario 3*, the beneficial mutation
140 has been selected for less generations than in *scenario 1*, resulting in a weaker signal for
141 classic statistics. Furthermore, this scenario resembles a scenario of selection on standing
142 variation, where the adaptive mutation may be present on several haplotypes, making it harder
143 to detect [40].

144 Collectively, our simulations indicate that F_{adm} and LAD are the only studied statistics
145 that have substantial power to detect specifically strong, ongoing selection in the admixed
146 population and have more power to detect adaptive admixture than post-admixture selection
147 on standing variation. Because our objective is to detect the signatures of positive selection in
148 the admixed population, and not in the source populations, we based all subsequent analyses
149 on the F_{adm} and LAD statistics.

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151 **Effects of the study design**

152 We investigated how sample size and the choice of source populations affect the power of
153 F_{adm} and LAD to detect adaptive admixture signals (Methods). We explored sample sizes
154 ranging from $n = 20$ to $n = 500$, for both the admixed and the source populations. We found
155 that $n = 100$ already provides optimal power, because the variance of neutrality statistics is
156 virtually unchanged when $n \geq 100$ (Fig 2A and S3A Fig). Conversely, we found that when $n <$
157 50 , sampling error increases the variance of F_{adm} and LAD null distributions, by as much as 5
158 times, and ultimately decreases detection power by up to 40% (FPR = 5%). Interestingly,
159 LAD detection power is not affected by the sample size of the source populations, even when
160 $n = 20$ (S3B Fig). Consistently, RFMix accuracy was shown to be only minimally reduced
161 when the sample size of reference panels is as small as $n = 3$ [39], as it uses both source and
162 admixed individuals for LAI.

163 Because obtaining genotype data for the true source populations of an admixed population
164 is difficult, if not impossible, population geneticists often use related, present-day populations
165 as proxies, which may lead to false adaptive admixture signals [21,22]. We explored how

166 detection power is affected by the genetic distance between the true source population and a
167 related population, used as a proxy for F_{adm} and LAD computations (Methods). We observed
168 a difference in performance between F_{adm} and LAD, the latter being more robust to the use of
169 a proxy (Fig 2B). LAD maintains similar detection power even if the divergence between the
170 true and proxy populations (measured by F_{ST}) is 0.01, whereas power decreases by 25% for
171 F_{adm} . This difference in power may stem from the nature of the two statistics. In the case of
172 F_{adm} , the ancestral allele frequency is directly estimated from the allele frequencies observed
173 in the proxy, and these frequencies are decreasingly correlated with those in the true source
174 population, as their divergence increases. On the other hand, LAD is derived from LAI by
175 RFMix, which was shown to be robust to the use of proxy reference populations [39].

176 We identified a potentially problematic scenario for both F_{adm} and LAD involving
177 population proxies: when the selection event occurs specifically in the proxy source
178 population (i.e., the mutation is not selected in both the true source and the admixed
179 populations), spurious deviations in local ancestry and in allele frequencies were observed in
180 the admixed population. More specifically, this generates an excess of local ancestry from the
181 other source population and expected allele frequencies higher than those observed in the
182 admixed population (S4A and S4B Fig). We found that this scenario produces weaker LAD
183 values (i.e., lower detection power) but stronger F_{adm} values (i.e., higher detection power),
184 relative to an adaptive admixture event (S4C Fig). To remediate this, we performed a
185 selection scan in the proxy population using a single-population statistic, iHS, and excluded
186 the top 1% values. In doing so, we managed to exclude approximately 90% of the outlier
187 values of F_{adm} and LAD generated by this scenario. More importantly, because there is no
188 correlation, in the case of adaptive admixture, between iHS in the source population and F_{adm}
189 or LAD, none of the outlier values generated by a true adaptive admixture event were
190 excluded by this analysis step (S4D and S4E Fig).

191

192 **Effects of the admixture model and non-stationary demography**

193 Several studies have shown that admixture in humans has often involved multiple admixture
194 pulses from two or more source populations [8,41–46]. We thus estimated the detection
195 performance of F_{adm} and LAD under admixture models that are more complex than the single
196 admixture pulse. We found that the power to detect adaptive admixture is only moderately
197 reduced under a two-pulse admixture model or a constant, continuous admixture model: the
198 true positive rate (TPR) decreases by <11% at a FPR = 5%, relative to the single pulse model

199 (S5A Fig). This suggests that our power estimations are valid for a variety of admixture
200 models.

201 Assuming a single-pulse admixture model, we then explored how detection performance
202 is impacted by key parameters of the adaptive admixture model, including the admixture time,
203 the admixture proportions and the strength of selection (S1 Table). As expected, we found
204 that detection power is high only when positive selection is very strong; the TPR is up to 94%
205 and 27% when $s = 0.05$ and 0.01 , respectively (FPR = 5%; Fig 3 and S6-S10 Figs). Power is
206 also determined by the admixture time T_{adm} , as it affects the duration of selection; the TPR is
207 up to 94% and 21% when $T_{\text{adm}} \geq 70$ and ≤ 20 generations, respectively. Interestingly, we
208 observed the opposite trend for admixture proportions: the higher the admixture proportion α
209 (from the source population where the selected mutation appeared), the lower the detection
210 power. Power decreases particularly when $\alpha > 0.65$, probably because of a threshold effect: if
211 the beneficial allele is at high frequency and e.g., $\alpha = 0.9$, there is little room for the observed
212 allele frequency or local ancestry to deviate from its expectation, making it hard to detect.

213 We also estimated power under scenarios where demography deviates from a constant
214 population size model. Indeed, demographic events, such as bottlenecks, have been shown to
215 alter the performance of several neutrality statistics [47–53]. We simulated 5 demographic
216 scenarios, including 10-fold bottlenecks and 5% growth rate expansions in either the admixed
217 or the source populations (Methods). We found that detection power is minimally affected
218 under all expansion models (TPR decrease of 5% at a FPR = 5%; Fig 2C). In contrast,
219 detection power is reduced by as much as 50% under the scenario where a 10-fold bottleneck
220 is introduced in the admixed population, relative to the stationary model. This is probably
221 explained by the increased variance of F_{adm} and LAD null distributions under this scenario
222 (S5B Fig). Finally, we found that detection power of both F_{adm} and LAD is minimally
223 affected when the 10-fold bottleneck is introduced in the source populations, even when it is
224 introduced few generations before the admixture pulse (TPR decrease of 5% at a FPR = 5%;
225 Fig 2C), suggesting that both statistics are robust to increased genetic drift occurring in the
226 source populations.

227

228 **Empirical detection of adaptive admixture in humans**

229 We next sought to detect candidate genes for adaptive admixture in humans, by scanning with
230 F_{adm} and LAD statistics the genome of 15 worldwide populations (S2 Table) that have
231 experienced at least one admixture event in the last 5,000 years (i.e., the upper detection limit
232 set for accurate local ancestry inference; see [54]). To improve detection power and facilitate

233 candidate prioritization, we combined the empirical P -values of both statistics with Fisher's
234 method [55], used here as a combined test for positive selection since admixture. We
235 confirmed with simulations that the Fisher's score follows a χ^2 distribution with 4 degrees of
236 freedom under the null hypothesis of absence of positive selection (Fig 4A). Consistently, we
237 found that F_{adm} and LAD statistics are not correlated under the null hypothesis (Spearman's
238 coefficient = 0.03), whereas they are correlated under adaptive admixture (Spearman's
239 coefficient = 0.96). Furthermore, we found that Fisher's method increases detection power
240 under unfavourable scenarios, relative to each individual statistic (Fig 4B). In particular, the
241 Fisher's method improves power when the admixed population experienced a 10-fold
242 bottleneck, when admixture is recent ($T_{\text{adm}}=10$ generations) and when using a proxy
243 population that experienced strong drift (F_{ST} with the true source population = 0.02). Due to
244 the current lack of knowledge about the recent demographic history of the studied
245 populations, which could increase FPR (S5B Fig), we applied a conservative Bonferroni
246 correction on Fisher's P -values, considering the number of RFMix genomic windows as the
247 effective number of tests (all SNPs within a given window have the same value for LAD).
248 This yielded a P -value threshold of approximately $P = 3.5 \times 10^{-6}$ (S3 Table). Finally, we
249 verified that the empirical distribution of Fisher's P -values is uniform in all studied
250 populations and found an excess of low P -values for several populations (S11 Fig),
251 suggesting that adaptive admixture has occurred in these groups.

252 Our genome scans indeed identified a number of previously reported signals of adaptive
253 admixture. Among these, we found the *HLA* class II locus in Bantu-speaking populations
254 from Gabon [21] (Fig 5A and 5C; top ranking SNP identified in *HLA-DPA1*; $P = 7.9 \times 10^{-8}$;
255 expected frequency of 0.33 vs. observed frequency of 0.70), the lactase persistence-associated
256 *LCT/MCM6* locus in the Fulani nomads of Burkina Faso [52] (Fig 6A; top ranked SNP
257 identified in *CCNT2*; $P = 1.1 \times 10^{-6}$; expected frequency of 0.12 vs. observed frequency of
258 0.47), and the *ACKR1* gene (previously referred as *DARC*) in African-descent populations
259 from Madagascar, the Sahel and Pakistan [19,20,25] (Fig 5B, 5D and S12 Fig). Furthermore,
260 for the latter locus, the top-ranking variant is *rs12075* in the Malagasy ($P = 3.4 \times 10^{-9}$; expected
261 frequency 0.45 vs. observed frequency of 0.93), as previously found [20]. This variant, also
262 known as the Duffy-null *FY*B^{ES}* allele, confers resistance against *Plasmodium vivax* infection
263 in sub-Saharan Africans [31,32]. Together, these results confirm that our conservative
264 genome scans can recover strong, well-documented signals of adaptive admixture.

265

266 **New candidate genes for adaptive admixture**

267 We found several novel candidate loci for adaptive admixture (Fig 6 and S13 Fig), among
268 which the *MYH9/APOLI* locus in the Fulani (Fig 6A and 6C; $P = 1.3 \times 10^{-7}$; top ranked SNP in
269 *IFT27*; expected frequency of 0.15 vs. observed frequency of 0.45). Common *APOLI* variants
270 confer both protection against human African trypanosomiasis (HAT, or sleep sickness) and
271 susceptibility to common kidney diseases in African-descent individuals [60]. Another
272 candidate is the *ZNF326/PKN2* locus in East Indonesians ($P = 1.1 \times 10^{-6}$; top ranked SNP in
273 *ZNF326*; expected frequency of 0.27 vs. observed frequency of 0.46), which shows a large
274 excess of Papuan ancestry (Fig 6B and 6D). *PKN2* plays a role in cellular signal transduction
275 responses and has been reported as involved in the regulation of glucose metabolism in
276 skeletal muscle [57]. A nearby locus, *LRRC8B*, has been reported as a candidate for positive
277 selection in Solomon Islanders [41], although it did not show signals for adaptive admixture
278 in this population. Nevertheless, a unique, strong signal was detected at the *ARRDC4/IGF1R*
279 locus in Solomon islanders ($P = 7.4 \times 10^{-9}$; top ranked SNP close to *ARRDC4*; expected
280 frequency of 0.91 vs. observed frequency of 0.42), where an excess of East Asian-related
281 ancestry was observed (S13B and S13F Fig). This locus was previously identified as a
282 candidate for positive selection in Near and western Remote Oceanians [41]. *ARRDC4* is an
283 arrestin that plays important roles in glucose metabolism and immune response to enterovirus
284 infection [58], whereas *IGF1R*, the receptor for the insulin-like growth factor, is a key
285 determinant of body size and growth [59,60]. A last example is *CXCL13* in the Nama
286 pastoralists from South Africa (S13A and S13E Fig; $P = 2.3 \times 10^{-6}$; top ranked SNP identified
287 in *CXCL13*; expected frequency of 0.49 vs. observed frequency of 0.20). The
288 *CNOT6L/CXCL13* locus has previously been reported as suggestively associated tuberculosis
289 (TB) risk in South African populations with San ancestry [61]. However, we found that the
290 top-ranking variants show outlier extended haplotype homozygosity in the Ju|'hoansi San,
291 used as source population (iHS = -3.12), while European ancestry is in excess at the locus in
292 the Nama, suggesting a spurious signal due to positive selection in the proxy source
293 population (S4 Fig).

294 We also detected suggestive signals of adaptive admixture at genes shown to be strong
295 candidates for positive selection, including the *MCM6/LCT* locus in the Bantu-speaking
296 Bakiga of Uganda (S14 Fig; $P = 4.3 \times 10^{-6}$; top ranked SNP in *CCNT2*; expected frequency of
297 0.15 vs. observed frequency of 0.31) and *TNFAIP3* in East Indonesians, who show an excess
298 of Papuan-related ancestry at the locus (Fig 6A; $P = 5.0 \times 10^{-6}$; top ranked SNP in *TNFAIP3*;
299 expected frequency of 0.27 vs. observed frequency of 0.43). The *TNFAIP3* locus has not only
300 been reported as under positive selection in Papuan populations [41], but also as adaptively

301 introgressed from Denisovans [41,62–64]. TNFAIP3 plays an important role in human
302 immune tolerance to pathogen infections [65]. Collectively, these results indicate that
303 adaptive admixture has occurred in various human admixed populations, and highlight
304 metabolism and microbial infections as important drivers of recent genetic adaptation.
305

306 Discussion

307 In this study, we evaluated the power of several neutrality statistics to detect loci under
308 positive selection in admixed populations and used these statistics to explore cases of adaptive
309 admixture in the genomes of 15 worldwide human populations. F_{adm} and LAD, or closely
310 related statistics based on the difference between the observed and expected allele frequencies
311 and admixture proportions, have been used in several empirical studies but their power has
312 not been thoroughly evaluated. Here, we showed that these statistics are powerful to detect
313 adaptive admixture and have no power to detect residual signals of positive selection in the
314 source populations. Thus, F_{adm} and LAD are suited to scan genomes of admixed populations
315 to search for loci under positive selection since admixture, particularly when selection is
316 strong (i.e., $s \geq 0.05$), admixture is relatively old (i.e., $T_{\text{adm}} > 2,000$ years) and the admixture
317 proportion is moderate-to-low (i.e., $\alpha < 0.6$). Notably, we found that power is marginally
318 affected when admixture has been recurrent, a feature that is convenient given the difficulty to
319 distinguish single-pulse, double-pulse or more complex admixture models from the genetic
320 data [8,41–46]. Furthermore, we observed that F_{adm} is more powerful than LAD when
321 selection occurs in the admixed population only, whereas LAD is more powerful than F_{adm}
322 when source sample sizes are low (i.e., $n = 20$) and when the true and proxy source
323 populations are distantly related (i.e., $F_{\text{ST}} \geq 0.02$). The latter result is consistent with the
324 known robustness of LAI to cases when the populations used as reference sources are poor
325 proxies of the true source populations [39]. Nonetheless, caution must be taken when
326 handling population proxies, as selection occurring in the proxy population only can produce
327 genomic signals, for both LAD and F_{adm} , that might be misinterpreted as adaptive admixture
328 [21,22,41]. We suggest that performing selection scans on the proxy source populations can
329 help distinguish false from true adaptive admixture signals. Finally, we estimated that
330 combining F_{adm} and LAD statistics into a unified statistic, based on the Fisher's method,
331 confers higher power than when using them individually.

332 When applying this method on the empirical data, we identified several previously
333 reported candidate variants for adaptive admixture. These include the *ACKRI* Duffy-null
334 allele detected in admixed populations from Madagascar [20], the Sahel [25] and Pakistan
335 [19], the lactase persistence -13910 C>T *LCT* allele in the Fulani from West Africa [56], and
336 *HLA* alleles in Bantu-speaking population from western central Africa [21]. These candidate
337 loci were initially detected based on LAD only, or in combination with classic neutrality
338 statistics. However, the detection of natural selection with the LAD statistic has previously

339 been questioned, because deviations in local ancestry can be explained as artefacts of long-
340 range linkage disequilibrium (LD), which was not properly modelled by the first-generation
341 LAI methods [66]. Our analyses reveal that these candidate genomic regions not only show
342 outlier LAD values, but also outlier F_{adm} values. Because F_{adm} only depends on allele
343 frequencies at the SNP of interest, our results support the view that the observed signals of
344 adaptive admixture are genuine and unlikely to be explained by incorrectly modelled LD.

345 Our results also highlight novel signals of adaptive admixture, such as the *APOLI/MYH9*
346 locus in the Fulani nomads of West Africa. Interestingly, an *APOLI* haplotype of non-African
347 origin, named G3, was shown to be under positive selection in the Fulani of Cameroon [67],
348 in line with the excess of non-African ancestry that we detected at the locus in the Fulani from
349 Burkina Faso. Nevertheless, the physiological effect of the G3 variants is still debated:
350 experimental work suggests that the G3 haplotype has no lytic activity against *Trypanosoma*
351 parasites and is not associated with increased susceptibility to common kidney diseases in
352 African Americans [68]. Alternatively, the significant excess of non-African ancestry
353 observed at the locus may be due to strong negative selection against HAT-resistance *APOLI*
354 alleles (i.e., G1 and G2 haplotypes), in regions where the incidence of sleeping sickness is
355 low, such as Burkina Faso [69]. As they do not confer a selective advantage in *Trypanosoma*
356 *brucei*-free regions, the G1 and G2 haplotypes only strongly increase the risk for chronic
357 kidney diseases [70] and thus become disadvantageous. Further epidemiological and
358 experimental work will be needed to confirm this hypothesis.

359 Several of the putatively selected alleles detected here have previously been shown to be
360 under strong positive selection in humans, such as *ACRKI* [71–73], *LCT* [74,75] or *HLA* [76].
361 This is in accordance with our simulation study, which shows that, over the explored time
362 period of five millennia, the strength of selection for the beneficial allele must be sufficiently
363 high to leave detectable signatures in the genomes of admixed individuals. In addition to their
364 confirmatory nature, these results improve our understanding of the selective advantage
365 conferred by the detected beneficial alleles. Because F_{adm} and LAD detect natural selection
366 since admixture only, selection studies in recently admixed populations represent a valuable
367 tool to detect recent ongoing selection. Furthermore, admixed and source populations have
368 often lived in different environments, so evolutionary studies of adaptive admixture can help
369 refine correlations between signatures of natural selection and environmental pressures. An
370 illustrative example is the Duffy-null *FY*B^{ES}* allele, which is fixed or nearly fixed in most
371 sub-Saharan African populations [73]. It has long been proposed that natural selection has
372 favoured this allele because it protects against malaria due to *Plasmodium vivax* [77]. Indeed,

373 cellular experiments have shown that the parasite depends on the Duffy protein for
374 erythrocytic infection [31,32]. However, recent studies have casted doubt on this result,
375 because *P. vivax* has been detected in *FY*B^{ES}* homozygous carriers [78,79], suggesting that
376 parasite invasion is possible when its human receptor ACKR1 is absent. We and others have
377 found signatures of adaptive admixture for the *FY*B^{ES}* allele in African-descent admixed
378 populations from Madagascar [12,20], Capo Verde [23], the Sahel [23], and Pakistan [19], but
379 not in North Americans or South Africans [21,22]. Evidence of ongoing positive selection for
380 Duffy negativity is thus confined to regions where the current incidence of *P. vivax* malaria is
381 estimated to be high [80]. These findings thus support the view that resistance to *vivax*
382 malaria is the main evolutionary force driving the frequency of the Duffy-null allele in
383 humans.

384 Overall, our study reports evidence that recent admixture has facilitated human genetic
385 adaptation to varying environmental conditions. It has been proposed that gene flow can
386 promote rapid evolution when the demographic structure of a species is unstable [81]. Our
387 findings support this view, as *Homo sapiens* is a structured species that has settled a large
388 variety of ecotypes and has undergone large-scale, massive dispersals followed by extensive
389 gene flow [7]. We thus anticipate that more cases of adaptive admixture in humans will soon
390 be uncovered, thanks to methodological and technological advances. Importantly, given the
391 highly conservative nature of our approach, it is very likely that we do not recover variants
392 that have probably been weakly to mildly selected since admixture, such as *TNFAIP3* in
393 Indonesian populations of Papuan-related ancestry [41,62–64] or the *MCM6/LCT* locus in the
394 Bantu-speaking Bakiga from Uganda [21]. The development of new powerful neutrality
395 statistics, such as the integrated decay in ancestry tracts iDAT [23], combined with model-
396 based probabilistic frameworks [82], is a promising path to improve the power to detect
397 adaptive admixture and better account for the demography of admixed populations.
398 Furthermore, many human traits are known to be highly polygenic, suggesting that polygenic
399 adaptation is a key driver of phenotypic evolution [83]. Thus, new methods are also required
400 to detect polygenic selection since admixture [84]. Finally, genomic studies of adaptive
401 admixture are expected to be more powerful when admixture is ancient, but statistical tests for
402 admixture in modern genomes have low power when admixture time is older than 5,000 years
403 [8]. Ancient genomics studies offer a great opportunity to circumvent this limitation, by
404 revealing how human populations interacted in the past and how beneficial alleles have
405 spread in time and space [33,85].

406 **Methods**

407 **General simulation settings**

408 All the simulations were computed with the SLiM 3.2 engine [86] under the Wright-Fisher
409 model. Each simulation consisted of a 2-Mb long locus characterized by varying
410 recombination and mutation rates. For each simulation, we sampled the physical coordinates
411 of a random 2 Mb genomic window in the human genome, excluding telomeric and
412 centromeric regions, and assigned recombination rates based on the 1000 Genomes phase 3
413 genetic map [87] and mutation rates based on Francioli et al. mutation map [88]. We
414 additionally incorporated background selection by simulating exon-like genetic elements
415 positioned according to the position of exons in the sampled 2-Mb genomic window. Each
416 simulated exon was made of positions under negative selection or under neutrality, mimicking
417 non-synonymous and synonymous positions, respectively. Selection coefficients of negatively
418 selected mutations were sampled from the European-based gamma distribution described in
419 Boyko et al. 2008 [89]. Deleterious mutations were set to occur three times more frequently
420 than neutral mutations, to account for codon degeneracy. Because we used computationally
421 intensive forward-in-time simulations, we rescaled effective population sizes and times
422 according to N/λ and t/λ , with $\lambda = 10$, and used rescaled mutation, recombination and
423 selection parameters, $\lambda\mu$, λr and λs [86].

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425 **Admixture with selection models**

426 In the three simulated scenarios of admixture with selection, the following parameters were
427 given fixed values: effective population sizes (source and admixed populations) $N_e = 10,000$;
428 divergence time between source populations $T_{\text{div}} = 2,000$ generations; admixture proportion
429 from the minor source $\alpha = 0.35$; admixture proportion from the major source $1 - \alpha = 0.65$; and
430 time of the single pulse admixture event $T_{\text{adm}} = 70$ generations.

431 For scenarios 1 and 2, the selected mutation was set to appear 350 generations ago in the
432 source population that contributes the least to the admixed population and is transmitted to the
433 admixed population with either the same selection coefficient (scenario 1) or a selection
434 coefficient set to 0 (scenario 2). For scenario 3, we adapted a combination of recipes 9.6.2 and
435 14.7 from the SLiM manual [90] introducing a set of “ancestry marker” neutral mutations in
436 the source population that contributes the least to the admixed population, and randomly
437 choosing one of them to become beneficial by setting its selection coefficient to $s > 0$ in the
438 admixed population only. We used 5 different values for the selection coefficient of the

439 beneficial mutation ranging from $s = 0.01$ to $s = 0.05$. We computed 500 simulations for each
440 admixture-with-selection scenario, as well as 500 simulations for the null scenario (no
441 positive selection).

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443 **Power of explored neutrality statistics**

444 Neutrality statistics were computed for all polymorphisms within the 2-Mb simulated loci
445 under no positive selection (H0), and only for the selected mutation for simulated 2-Mb loci
446 under positive selection (H1). We estimated statistical power (i.e., the TPR) for each statistic
447 as the proportion of values under H1 that are above a given H0 threshold (i.e., the FPR). We
448 computed F_{ST} , ΔDAF and iHS using `selink` [41]. We computed F_{ST} and ΔDAF between the
449 admixed population and the source population that does not experience positive selection (in
450 the case of scenario 3, where there is no selection in either source population, we used the
451 source population with the major contribution). For iHS , we used a window of 200kb and
452 normalized the values by bins of similar derived allele frequency (DAF).

453 For the admixture-specific statistics, we introduced an allele frequency-based statistic,
454 F_{adm} , that measures the difference between the observed and expected allele frequencies under
455 admixture. F_{adm} is defined as follows:

$$456 \quad F_{adm} = \frac{\sum_i (x_i - y_i)^2}{1 - \sum_i y_i^2}$$

457 where x_i and y_i are the observed and expected frequencies of allele i in the admixed
458 population, respectively, with $y_i = \sum_p \alpha_p x_p$ [37], i.e., the average of allele frequencies x_p
459 observed in the source populations p weighted by estimated admixture proportions α_p . When
460 calculating F_{adm} in simulated data, we used the simulated admixture proportions.

461 Additionally, in both simulated and observed data, we excluded sites where the observed
462 allele frequency in the admixed population x_i is higher (or lower) than the maximum (or
463 minimum) of the frequencies x_p in the source populations. Although this can reduce the
464 detection power in scenario 3, this filter increases power for adaptive admixture scenario (S2
465 Fig), which is the focus of this study.

466 We also computed a LAI based neutrality statistic, LAD , which measures the local
467 ancestry deviation from the average genome-wide ancestry, defined as follows:

$$468 \quad LAD_p^w = \alpha_p^w - \bar{\alpha}_p$$

469 where, for a given window w , α_p is the average local ancestry across admixed individuals and
470 $\bar{\alpha}_p$ is the genome-wide admixture proportion. When calculating LAD with simulated data, we

471 used the estimated average ancestry across all simulations [10,11,27]. We used RFMix v1.5.4
472 [39] to estimate local ancestry, with default parameter values (except for $-G$, which was
473 replaced with the simulated T_{adm} value) and using the forward-backward option with 3
474 expectation maximization steps. Because LAD is sensitive to phasing errors [39], we
475 incorporated potential phasing errors in our simulations by phasing with SHAPEIT v4.2.1
476 [91] unphased, simulated diploid individuals obtained from the combination of two haploid
477 individuals.

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479 **Sample size and source population choice scenarios**

480 We explored 5 different values of sample sizes for each of the source populations and the
481 admixed population: $n = 20, 50, 100, 200$ and 500 individuals. When exploring the values for
482 a given population, sample sizes for the other two were fixed to $n = 50$ individuals. For the
483 source population choice, we explored 4 different genetic distance values (in a F_{ST} scale)
484 between the proxy population and the true source population. The explored F_{ST} values were
485 the following: $0.005, 0.01, 0.02$ and 0.03 . These values were obtained by fixing the
486 divergence time between the true source population and the proxy to 400 generations and
487 setting the effective population size of the proxy to $10,000, 4000, 1000$ and 500 respectively.
488 For the scenario of selection on the parental proxy only, we randomly selected a mutation
489 present in both proxy and true source population 1 and assigned it a selection coefficient of s
490 $= 0.02$. To compare the excess of source population 2 ancestry generated by this scenario, we
491 additionally simulated an adaptive admixture scenario where the beneficial mutation was
492 transmitted to the admixed population from source population 2. In all these scenarios, the
493 following parameters were given a fixed value: $N_e = 10,000$; $T_{div} = 2,000$ generations; $\alpha =$
494 35% ; $1 - \alpha = 65\%$; $T_{adm} = 70$ generations and $s = 0.02$.

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496 **Non-stationary demography**

497 We simulated four alternative demographic scenarios, each with 500 simulations under
498 adaptive admixture and 500 simulations with no positive selection, to estimate detection
499 power. In all six scenarios the following parameters were given a fixed value: $T_{div} = 2,000$
500 generations; $\alpha = 35\%$; $1 - \alpha = 65\%$; $T_{adm} = 70$ generations and $s = 0.02$. Demographic
501 scenarios include (i) a recent expansion of the source population, where the source population
502 ($N_e = 10,000$) undergoes an expansion with a 5% growth rate since T_{adm} ; (ii) a recent
503 expansion of the admixed population, where the admixed population ($N_e = 10,000$) undergoes
504 an expansion with a 5% growth rate since T_{adm} ; an old expansion of the source population,

505 where the source population ($N_e = 10,000$) undergoes an expansion with a 5% growth rate
506 since $T_{\text{adm}} + 500$ generations; (iii) an old bottleneck in the source population, where the source
507 population ($N_e = 10,000$) undergoes a 10-fold N_e reduction from T_{div} to $T_{\text{div}} - 50$; and (iv) a
508 recent bottleneck in the admixed population, where the admixed population ($N_e = 10,000$)
509 undergoes a 10-fold N_e reduction from T_{adm} to $T_{\text{adm}} - 50$. We compared these scenarios to a
510 constant population size scenario, with the same general parameters and the N_e of all
511 populations fixed to 10,000.

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513 **Complex admixture scenarios**

514 We estimated detection power under 2 additional admixture scenarios. Under the double pulse
515 model, the admixed population diverges from one of the source populations and receives two
516 separate admixture pulses from the other source population, of the same intensity. Under the
517 constant continuous admixture, the admixed population diverges from one of the source
518 populations and receives admixture pulses at each generation from the source population, of
519 constant intensity. For these scenarios to be comparable to the single pulse admixture
520 scenario, we set the sum of the admixture proportions contributed by each pulse to be equal to
521 $\alpha = 35\%$, and the average of the admixture dates to be equal to 70 generations. Namely, for
522 the double pulse scenario, each pulse contributed $\alpha = 17.5\%$ and took place 130 and 10
523 generations in the past, and for the constant continuous scenario, the first instance of
524 admixture took place 130 generations in the past, and each instance contributed
525 approximately $\alpha = 35\% / 130 = 0.27\%$, when T_{adm} is not rescaled, and $\alpha = 2.7\%$, when T_{adm} is
526 rescaled.

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528 **Admixture parameters**

529 Under the single pulse admixture model, we explored detection power as a function of
530 different model parameters, which are shown in S1 Table. In total, over 20,000 unique
531 parameter combinations were explored, reason by which the number of simulations was
532 reduced from 500 to 100, to limit computational burden. For the frequency of the beneficial
533 mutation on the source population at the time of admixture, instead of conditioning on the
534 frequency within simulations (which would have drastically increased the computational
535 intensity), we introduced the beneficial mutation T_{mut} generations ago, in the source
536 population, based on previous results [92]. For each statistic and each combination, we
537 calculated the proportion of simulated sites under selection that were recovered using a
538 threshold of $\text{FPR} = 5\%$. We then averaged the power across demographic parameter values to

539 obtain a single value for each combination of T_{adm} , α and s . We performed a similar procedure
540 to obtain a single value for each combination of T_{adm} , α , and one of the other parameters (S6-
541 10 Figs).

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543 **Empirical detection of adaptive admixture**

544 We analysed the genomes of 15 admixed populations to find signals of adaptive admixture.
545 The datasets and references for all admixed and source populations can be found in S2 Table,
546 as well as the final SNP count after merging admixed and source population datasets. For
547 each merged dataset, we: (i) excluded sites with a proportion of missing genotypes $> 5\%$,
548 using plink 2.0 [93]; (ii) excluded A/T and C/G variant sites; (iii) excluded first and second
549 degree-related individuals (kinship coefficient > 0.08 computed with KING v2.2.2 [94]) and
550 (iv) performed phasing using SHAPEIT v4.2.1, using default parameter values. Additionally,
551 we verified the validity of an admixture model for each set of source/admixed populations by
552 computing admixture f_3 statistics with admixr package version 0.7.1[95] (S2 Table).

553 Admixture proportions were obtained by running ADMIXTURE v1.23 [96], considering the
554 K value producing the lowest cross-validation error and a set of “independent” SNPs obtained
555 by running the ‘--indep-pairwise’ command with plink 2.0, with the following parameters:
556 50-SNP window, 5-SNP step, and r^2 threshold of 0.5. We also verified that the chosen value
557 for K matched the number of source populations for the studied admixed population. Local
558 ancestry was obtained with RFMix v.1.5.4 [39], after excluding 2 Mb at telomeres and
559 centromeres of each chromosome, as well as monomorphic sites and singletons, and using
560 default parameter values except for the generation time ‘-G’, which was given an estimated
561 value for each population based on literature (S2 Table).

562 In addition of F_{adm} and LAD, we combined the SNP ranks of these two statistics using
563 Fisher’s method, defined as follows:

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$$565 \quad X_{2k}^2 = -2 \sum_{i=1}^k \ln(p_i)$$

566 where p_i is defined as the rank of a given SNP for the statistic i , divided by the total number
567 of analysed SNPs (i.e., the empirical P -value), and $k = 2$ is the number of statistics.

568 Using simulations, we verified that this statistic followed a chi-squared distribution with $2k =$
569 4 degrees of freedom under no positive selection, even when the admixed population
570 experienced a 10-fold bottleneck (Fig 4A). In these simulations, we used the same parameter

571 values as those in Fig 2C for the “constant size” and “bottleneck in the admixed population”
572 scenarios. Statistical significance was defined based on Bonferroni correction: we considered
573 a *P*-value threshold of 0.05 divided by the number of effective 0.2-cM RFMix windows
574 analysed (all SNPs within the same window had the same local ancestry value), which yielded
575 on average, a *P*-value of 3.5×10^{-6} threshold (S2 Table). To annotate the different signals that
576 passed this threshold, we chose the protein coding gene within 250-kb of the variant with the
577 highest V2G score [97].

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579 **Data Availability Statement**

580 Accession numbers for the SNP array data used in this study are listed in S2 Table. All SLiM
581 parameter files can be found here: <https://github.com/h-e-g/ADAD>.

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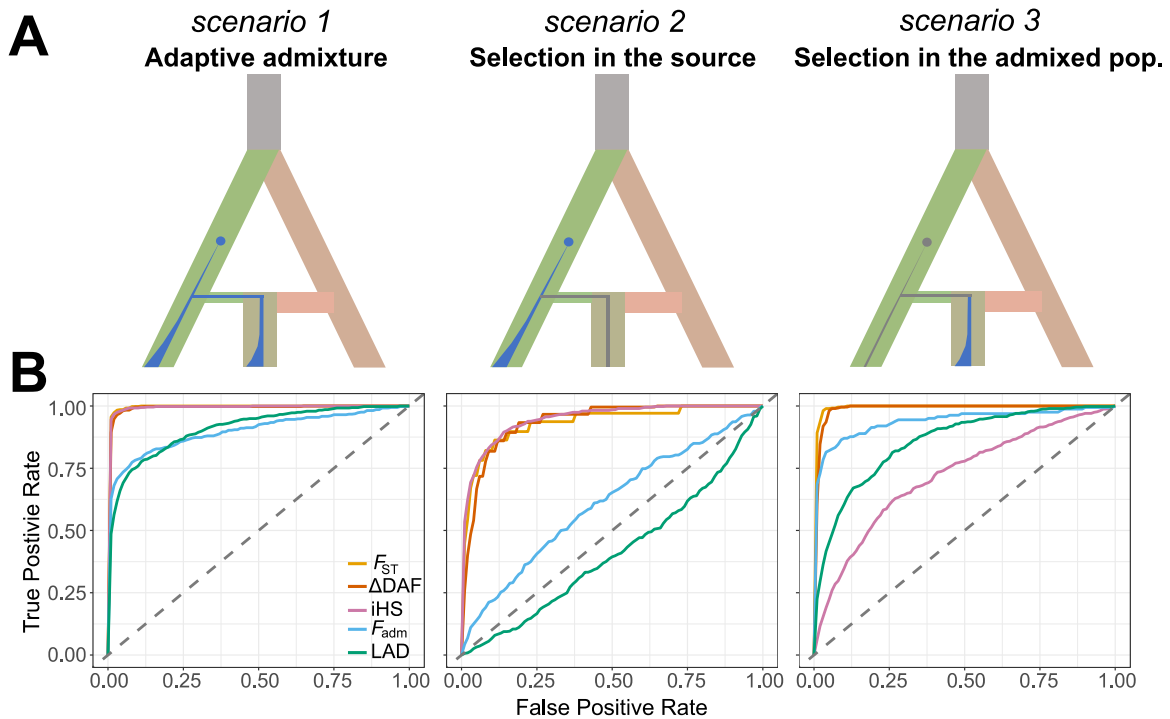
605 **Figures**

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612 **Fig 1. Performance of neutrality statistics under different scenarios of admixture with**

613 **selection.** A. Explored admixture with selection scenarios, from left to right: adaptive

614 admixture, ancestral selection and post-admixture selection on standing variation. The blue

615 and gray points indicate the appearance of a new beneficial and neutral mutation,

616 respectively. The blue and gray areas indicate changes in frequency of the beneficial and

617 neutral mutation, respectively. B. Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves comparing

618 the power of classic neutrality statistics F_{ST} , iHS , ΔDAF and the admixture-specific statistics

619 F_{adm} and LAD, across the 3 explored scenarios. Selection coefficient was fixed to $s = 0.05$, to

620 highlight the differences between statistics and between models (see S1 Fig for different

621 selection coefficient values). False positive rate (FPR) is the fraction of simulated neutral sites

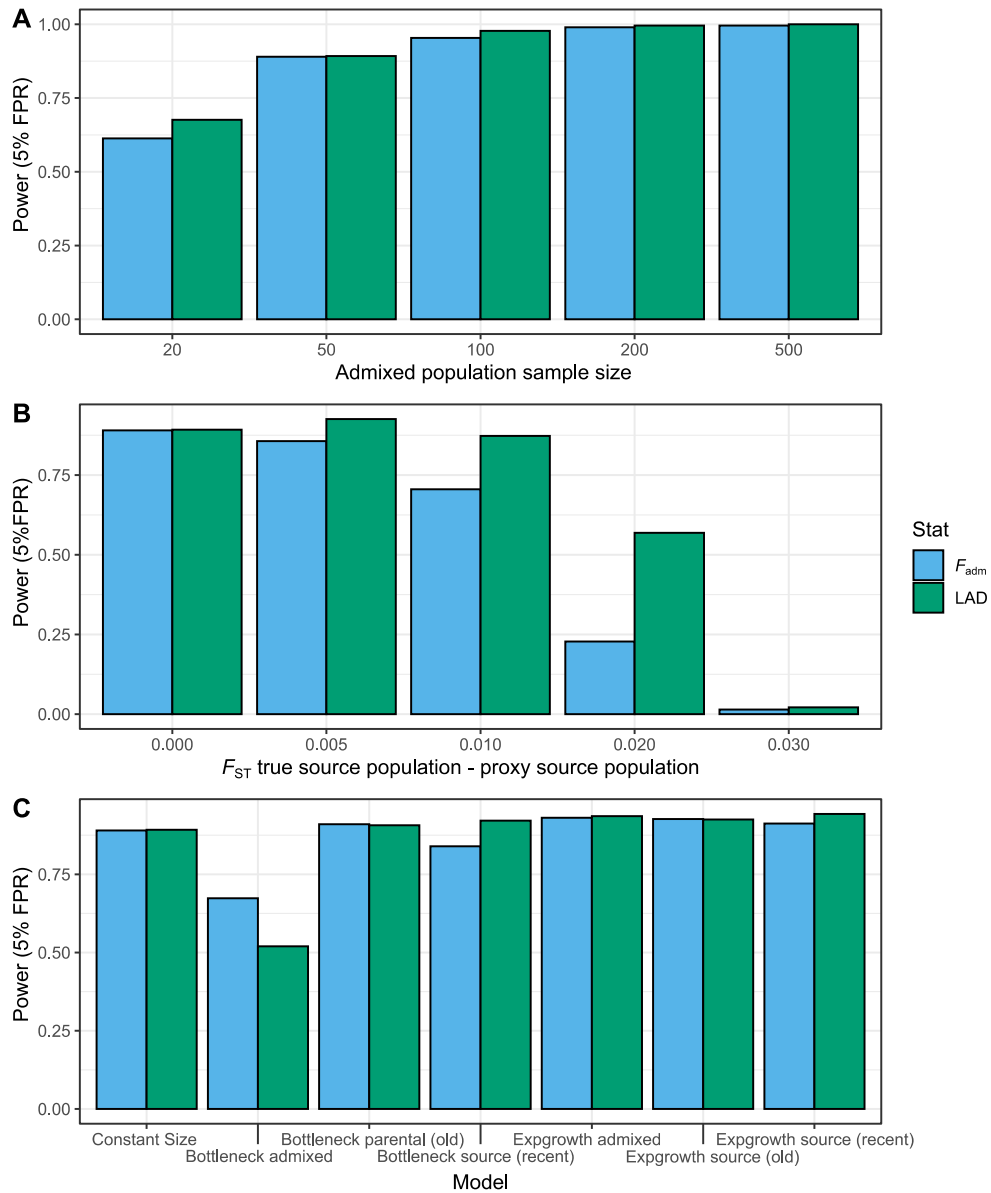
622 that are incorrectly detected as adaptive, and true positive rate (TPR) is the fraction of

623 simulated adaptive mutations that are correctly detected as under selection.

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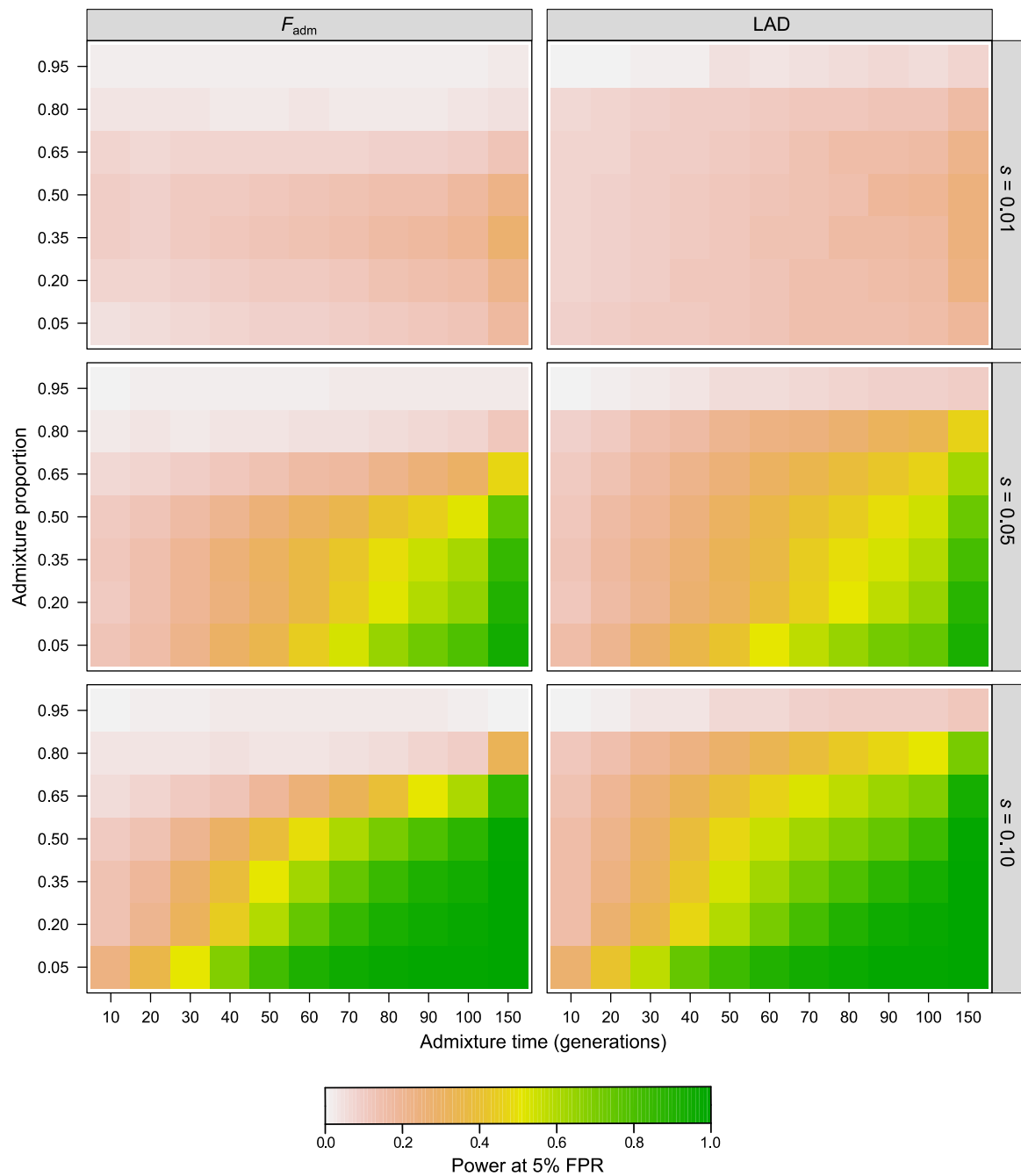
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629 **Fig 2. Effects of study design on the power to detect adaptive admixture.** Effects of (A)

630 the sample size of the admixed population, (B) the use of source population proxies and (C)

631 non-stationary demography on the detection power of F_{adm} and LAD, at a fixed FPR = 5%.

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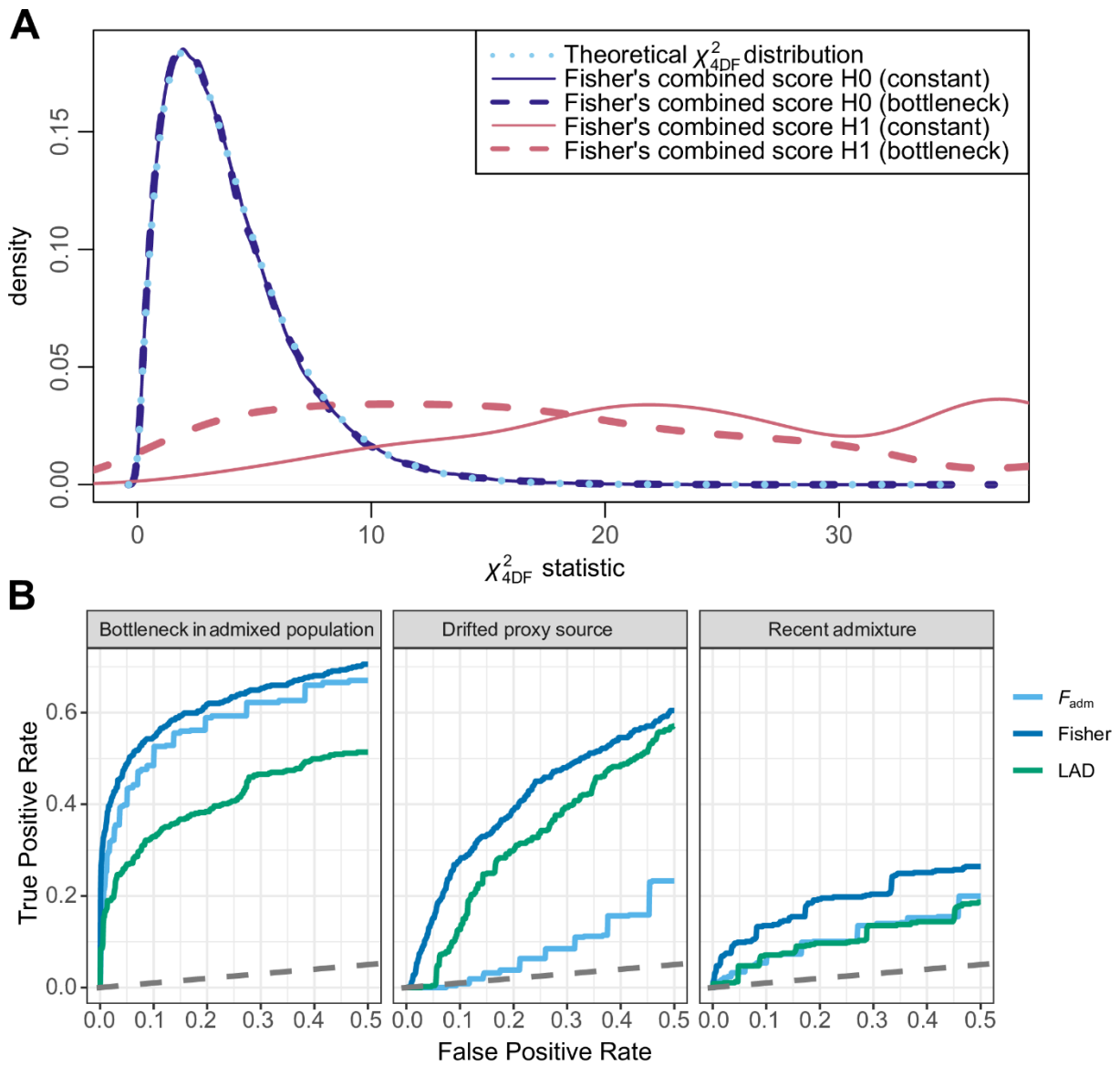
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635 **Fig 3. Effects of model parameters on the power to detect adaptive admixture.** Color
636 represents average detection power for a fixed FPR = 5% across parameter combinations. The
637 effects of other parameters, such as effective population size and divergence time (S1 Table),
638 are shown in S6-S10 Figs.

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643 **Fig 4. Performance of the Fisher's method to detect adaptive admixture. (A)**

644 Distributions of the combined Fisher's score under the null hypothesis of no positive selection

645 (H0, blue lines) and under adaptive admixture (H1, pink lines), compared to the theoretical χ^2

646 distribution with 4 degrees of freedom (dotted light blue line). Solid and dashed lines indicate

647 distributions under a constant population size and a 10-fold bottleneck in the admixed

648 population. (B) ROC for F_{adm} , LAD and the combined Fisher's score under unfavourable

649 scenarios for detecting adaptive admixture: a 10-fold bottleneck introduced in the admixed

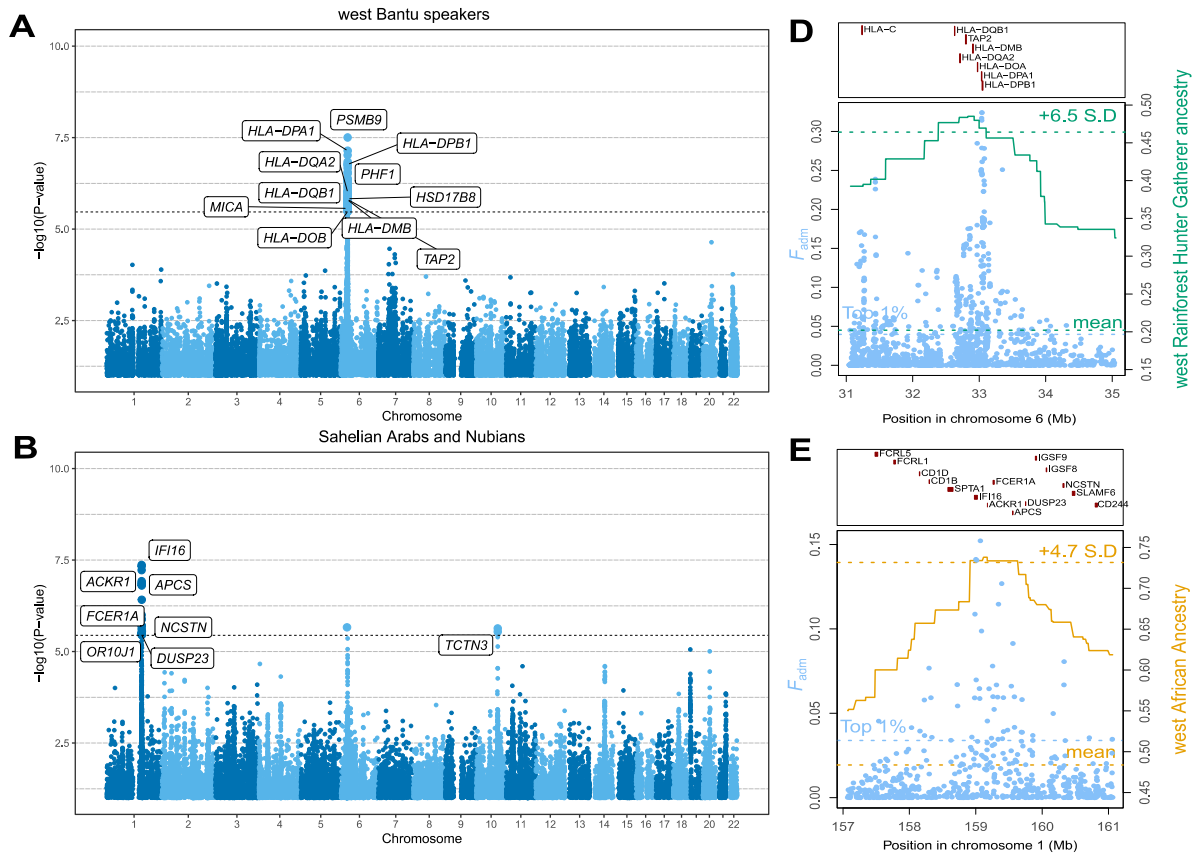
650 population, the use of a source population proxy having experienced strong drift (F_{ST} between

651 the true source and proxy populations of 0.02) and recent admixture ($T_{adm} < 30$ generations).

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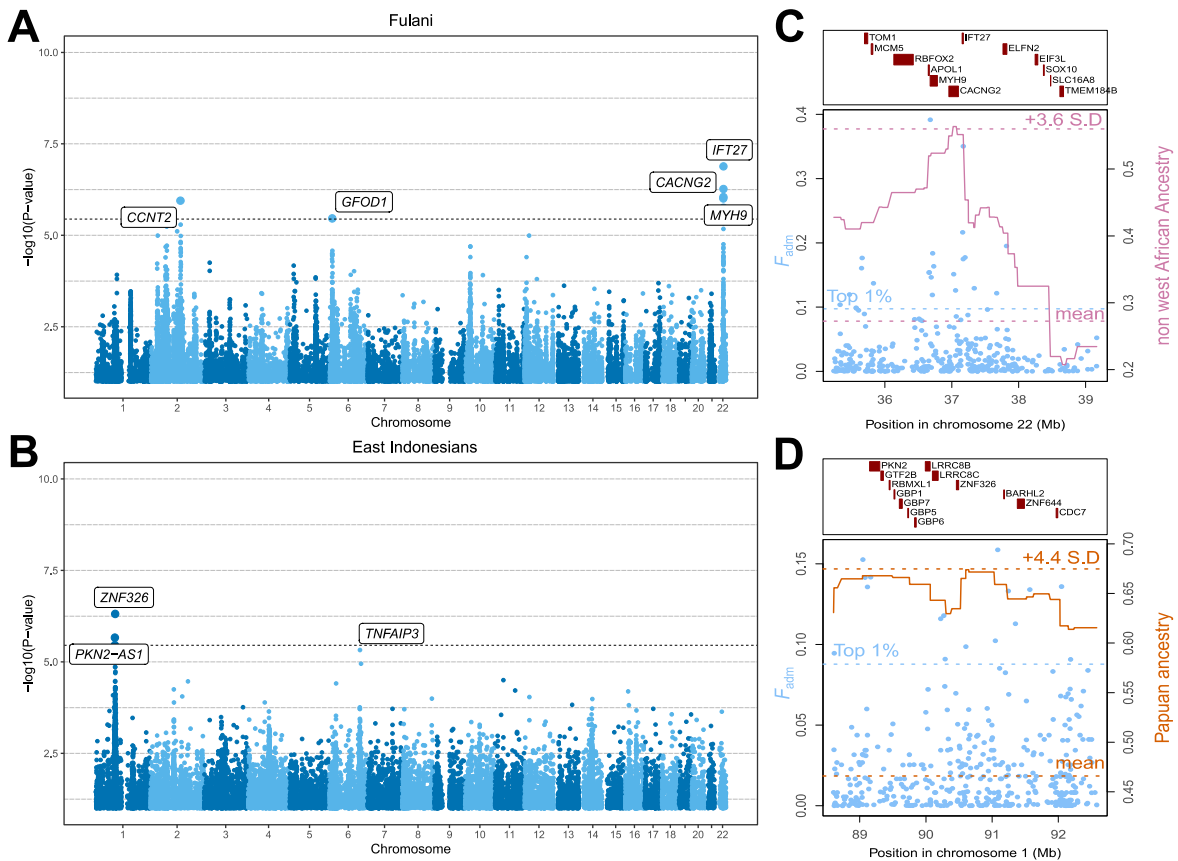
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657 **Fig 5. Iconic genomic signals of adaptive admixture.** Genome-wide signals of adaptive
 658 admixture in (A) Bantu-speaking populations from Gabon and (B) Sahelian Arabs and
 659 Nubians. Highlighted blue points indicate variants that passed the Bonferroni significance
 660 threshold (shown by a horizontal dotted line). Gene labels were attributed based on the gene
 661 with the highest V2G score within 250-kb of the candidate variant. (C-D) Local adaptive
 662 admixture signatures for (C) the *HLA* region in Bantu-speaking populations from Gabon and
 663 (D) the *ACKR1* region in Sahelian Arabs and Nubians. Light blue points indicate F_{adm} values
 664 for individual variants. The green and gold solid lines indicate average local ancestry from
 665 African rainforest hunter-gatherers and West Africans respectively.

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671 **Fig 6. Newly discovered genomic signals of adaptive admixture.** Genome-wide signals of

672 adaptive admixture in (A) the Fulani nomads of West Africa and (B) East Indonesians.

673 Highlighted blue points indicate variants that pass the Bonferroni significance threshold

674 (shown by a horizontal dotted line). Gene labels were attributed based on the gene with the

675 highest V2G score within 250-kb of the candidate variant. (C-D) Local adaptive admixture

676 signatures for (C) the *IFT27/MYH9/APOL1* region in the Fulani nomads and (D) the

677 *PKN2/LRR8CB* region in East Indonesians. Light blue points indicate F_{adm} values for

678 individual variants. The pink and orange solid lines indicate the local ancestry from

679 Europeans and North Africans, and Papuans, respectively.

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938 **Supporting Information**

939 **S1 Fig. Performance of neutrality statistics under different scenarios of admixture with**
940 **selection and selection coefficients.** Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves
941 comparing classic neutrality statistics F_{ST} , ΔDAF and iHS and admixture specific statistics
942 F_{adm} and LAD, across the 3 explored admixture with selection scenarios, with varying
943 selection coefficients.

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945 **S2 Fig. Performance of F_{adm} when applying or not an allele frequency filter, under**
946 **different selection with admixture scenarios.** Receiver operating characteristic (ROC)
947 curves comparing F_{adm} , with and without applying an allele frequency filter based on the
948 source populations (see Methods), under the 3 explored admixture with selection scenarios.

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950 **S3 Fig. Effects of sample size on F_{adm} and LAD.** (A) Distributions under the null hypothesis
951 (no positive selection) of F_{adm} and LAD, with varying sample sizes for the admixed
952 population. (B) Effect of the sample size of the source populations on the detection power of
953 F_{adm} and LAD.

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955 **S4 Fig. False positive signals due to selection in the proxy source population.** (A)
956 Observed vs. expected allele frequencies in the admixed population, when there is or not
957 positive selection in the proxy source population. (B) Distributions of local ancestry in the
958 admixed population from the unselected source population, when there is or not positive
959 selection in the proxy source population. (C) ROC curves for F_{adm} and LAD comparing the
960 scenario where there is positive selection in the proxy source population (in teal; proxy of the
961 source population 1) and the scenario where there is a true, adaptive admixture event (in
962 salmon). The beneficial mutation is selected in the source population that has no proxy
963 (population 2). (D–E) Absolute iHS values in the proxy source population vs. (D) F_{adm} and
964 (E) LAD values for the selected mutation in the admixed population, when there is selection
965 in this proxy, or where there is adaptive admixture coming from the source population with
966 no proxy (population 2). Colour codes are the same as for panel C. Dashed green lines
967 represent the 99th percentiles (based on the null model simulations) for absolute iHS (vertical)
968 and F_{adm} or LAD (horizontal). Excluding values that are above the absolute iHS 99th
969 percentile excludes approximately 90% of the extreme F_{adm} and LAD values generated by the

970 selection on proxy scenario but, importantly, does not exclude any extreme value generated
971 by the true adaptive admixture scenario.

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973 **S5 Fig. Effects of complex admixture and non-stationary demography on the power to**
974 **detect adaptive admixture.** (A) F_{adm} and LAD detection power for a FPR = 5% in different
975 admixture scenarios: a single pulse scenario, a double pulse scenario and a constant
976 continuous admixture scenario (Methods). (B) Distributions of F_{adm} and LAD under the null
977 hypothesis (no positive selection), with or without a 10-fold bottleneck in the admixed
978 population.

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980 **S6 Fig. Effects of the divergence time between source populations on the power to detect**
981 **adaptive admixture.** Effects on the detection power of F_{adm} and LAD of admixture time
982 T_{adm} , admixture rate α and T_{div} . Colour indicates average detection power for a FPR = 5%
983 threshold, across combinations of the remaining parameters.

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985 **S7 Fig. Effects of effective population sizes on the power to detect adaptive admixture.**
986 Effects on the detection power of F_{adm} and LAD of admixture time T_{adm} , admixture rate α and
987 N_1 , N_2 and N_{adm} , the effective population sizes of source population 1, source population 2 and
988 the admixed population, respectively. Colour indicates average detection power for a FPR =
989 5% threshold, across combinations of the remaining parameters.

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991 **S8 Fig. Effects of the frequency of the beneficial mutation ($s = 0.01$) on the power to**
992 **detect adaptive admixture.** Effects on the detection power of F_{adm} and LAD of admixture
993 time T_{adm} , admixture rate α and F_{onset} , the frequency of the beneficial mutation in the source
994 population at the time of admixture T_{adm} . Colour indicates average detection power for a FPR
995 = 5% threshold, across combinations of the remaining parameters.

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997 **S9 Fig. Effects of the frequency of the beneficial mutation ($s = 0.05$) on the power to**
998 **detect adaptive admixture.** Effects on the detection power of F_{adm} and LAD of admixture
999 time T_{adm} , admixture rate α and F_{onset} , the frequency of the beneficial mutation in the source
1000 population at the time of admixture T_{adm} . Colour indicates average detection power for a FPR
1001 = 5% threshold, across combinations of the remaining parameters.

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1003 **S10 Fig. Effects of the frequency of the beneficial mutation ($s = 0.10$) on the power to**
1004 **detect adaptive admixture.** Effects on the detection power of F_{adm} and LAD of admixture
1005 time T_{adm} , admixture rate α and F_{onset} , the frequency of the beneficial mutation in the source
1006 population at the time of admixture T_{adm} . Colour indicates average detection power for a FPR
1007 = 5% threshold, across combinations of the remaining parameters.

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1009 **S11 Fig. Distributions of Fisher's combined P -values in the empirical data.** Histograms of
1010 combined P -values using Fisher's method, for the 15 analysed admixed populations. The P -
1011 values are uniformly distributed, except for certain populations where there is an excess of
1012 small P -values, corresponding to the populations where signals for adaptive admixture were
1013 found.

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1015 **S12 Fig. Other previously reported genomic signals of adaptive admixture.** Genome-wide
1016 signals of adaptive admixture in (A) Malagasy populations from Madagascar and (B) African-
1017 descent Makranis and Makrani Baluch from Pakistan. Highlighted blue points indicate
1018 variants that passed the Bonferroni significance threshold (shown by a horizontal dotted line).
1019 Gene labels were attributed based on the gene with the highest V2G score within 250-kb of
1020 the candidate variant. (C-D) Local adaptive admixture signatures for the *ACKR1* region in (C)
1021 Malagasy from Madagascar and (D) Makranis and Makrani Baluch from Pakistan. Light blue
1022 points indicate F_{adm} values for individual variants. The gold solid line indicates the average
1023 African local ancestry.

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1025 **S13 Fig. Other novel genomic signals of adaptive admixture.** Genome-wide signals of
1026 adaptive admixture in (A) the Nama from South Africa, (B) Solomon Islanders, (C) Vanuatu
1027 Islanders and (D) admixed Peruvians. Highlighted blue points indicate variants that passed the
1028 Bonferroni significance threshold (shown by a horizontal dotted line). Gene labels were
1029 attributed based on the gene with the highest V2G score within 250-kb of the candidate
1030 variant. (E-H) Local adaptive admixture signatures for (E) the *CNOT6L/CXCL13* region in
1031 the Nama from South Africa, (F) the *ARRDC4* region in Solomon Islanders, (G) the *IGKVI-*
1032 *17* region in Vanuatu Islanders and (H) the *ITPR2* region in admixed Peruvians. Light blue
1033 points indicate F_{adm} values for individual variants. The yellow, gold and pink solid lines
1034 indicate average local ancestry from East Africans, Austronesians and Europeans
1035 respectively.

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1037 **S14 Fig. Genome scans for populations where there is no evidence for adaptive**
1038 **admixture.** Manhattan plots of $-\log_{10}(P\text{-values})$ for the combined Fisher's method, in the
1039 remaining 6 admixed populations where no variant passes the Bonferroni significance
1040 threshold (shown by a horizontal dotted line).

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1042 **S1 Table. Simulated parameter values for adaptive admixture models.**

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1044 **S2 Table. Studied populations.**

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1046 **S3 Table. Significance thresholds for genome scans of adaptive admixture.**

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