

1 **Coalescent-based analysis distinguishes between allo- and autopolyploid origin in**  
2 **shepherd's purse (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*).**

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33 ABSTRACT

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35 Polyploidization plays an important role in plant speciation. The most recent estimates  
36 report that up to 15% of angiosperm speciation events and 31% in ferns are accompanied  
37 by changes in ploidy level. Polyploids can arise either through autopolyploidy, when the  
38 sets of chromosomes originate from a single species, or through allopolyploidy, when  
39 they originate from different species. In this study we used two different coalescent-based  
40 methods to determine the date and mode of the polyploidization event that led to the  
41 tetraploid cosmopolitan weed, *Capsella bursa-pastoris*. We sampled 78 *C. bursa-pastoris*  
42 accessions, and 53 and 43 accessions from the only two other members of this genus, *C.*  
43 *grandiflora* and *C. rubella*, respectively, and sequenced these accessions at 14 unlinked  
44 nuclear loci with locus-specific primers in order to be able to distinguish the two  
45 homeologues in the tetraploid. A large fraction of fixed differences between  
46 homeologous genes in *C. bursa-pastoris* are segregating as polymorphisms in *C.*  
47 *grandiflora*, consistent with an autopolyploid origin followed by disomic inheritance. To  
48 test this, we first estimated the demographic parameters of an isolation-with-migration  
49 model in a pairwise fashion between *C. grandiflora* and both genomes of *C. bursa-*  
50 *pastoris* and used these parameters in coalescent simulations to test the mode of origin of  
51 *C. bursa-pastoris*. Secondly we used Approximate Bayesian Computation to compare an  
52 allopolyploid and an autopolyploid model. Both analyses led to the conclusion that *C.*  
53 *bursa-pastoris* originated less than one million years ago by doubling of the *C.*  
54 *grandiflora* genome.

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## 57 INTRODUCTION

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59 Polyploidy, or whole genome duplication, is widespread in plants. Polyploidy occurs in  
60 virtually all groups of vascular plants including ferns, mosses and algae (Otto and  
61 Whitton 2000). The most recent estimate of the prevalence of polyploids using  
62 phylogenetic data reports that 15% of speciation events in angiosperms and 31% in ferns  
63 are accompanied by changes in ploidy level (Wood et al. 2009), over 4 times higher than  
64 previous estimates of 2-4% in angiosperms and 7% in ferns (Otto and Whitton 2000).  
65 Analysis of fossil and genomic data estimate that 47%-100% of angiosperms have a  
66 polyploidy event at some point in their histories (Masterson 1994; Cui et al. 2006) and  
67 genomic studies have revealed that chromosomally diploid plant species, such as  
68 *Arabidopsis*, *Populus*, *Vitis*, and *Oryza* went through one or many rounds of  
69 polyploidisation during their evolution (e.g. Fawcett et al. 2009).

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71 Typically, polyploids are divided into two categories based on their mode of origin,  
72 allopolyploids and autopolyploids. Allopolyploids have two full genome complements  
73 originating from two different species. These polyploids are expected to display disomic  
74 inheritance and form bivalents at meiosis, although disomic inheritance is not a strict  
75 indicator of allopolyploidy. All polyploid Brassica species studied so far are  
76 allopolyploids: *Brassica carinata*, *B. juncea*, and *B. napus* are tetraploids created from  
77 hybridization of the species *B. nigra*, *B. rapa* and *B. oleracea* in different combinations  
78 (U 1935). On the other hand, autopolyploids result from genome doubling within a  
79 species. Genome doubling can occur spontaneously or following the fusion of unreduced  
80 diploid gametes. Examples of autopolyploid plants include alfalfa and potato, and it was  
81 recently shown that the domesticated apple had an ancient autopolyploid origin (Velasco  
82 et al. 2010). Autopolyploids are typically expected to display polysomic inheritance and  
83 form multivalents at meiosis, although the generality of this rule has started to be  
84 questioned. Some autopolyploids are known to display disomic inheritance and this is  
85 probably more frequent than previously assumed (Soltis et al. 2010). However, how this  
86 occurs or how quickly disomic inheritance can evolve from polysomic inheritance is still  
87 poorly known (Cifuentes et al. 2010), although indirect evidence suggests that it can take

88 place rapidly (Parisod et al. 2010). If disomic inheritance follows a period of polysomic  
89 inheritance, divergence times estimated from duplicated genes will reflect the time of  
90 onset of disomic inheritance, rather than the time of polyploidization (Gaut and Doebley  
91 1997).

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93 Determining the origin of polyploid species is an important aspect of speciation genetics  
94 and is central to our understanding of the mechanisms of formation of polyploids. While  
95 issues such as multiple origins of polyploid species, extinction of parental lineages and  
96 sampling of standing variation from progenitor species complicate this task (Doyle and  
97 Egan 2009; Soltis et al. 2010), recent advances in coalescent modeling have meanwhile  
98 facilitated it (Noor and Feder 2006; Becquet and Przeworski 2007; Hey and Nielsen  
99 2007; Hey 2010). In particular, models of isolation-with-migration (IM) allow the  
100 differentiation of ancestral polymorphism from introgression and provide statistically  
101 sound estimates of divergence events (Wakeley and Hey 1997; Nielsen and Wakeley  
102 2001). Using these models, diploid speciation processes have been studied in many  
103 organisms including *Drosophila* (Wang et al. 1997; Hey and Nielsen 2007), *Arabidopsis*  
104 (Ramos-Onsins et al. 2004), *Oryza* (Zhang and Ge 2007) and *Capsella* (Foxe et al. 2009).  
105 However, the use of coalescent-based models to study polyploidy and speciation has so  
106 far been limited with the notable exception of the studies of Jakobsson et al. (2006) in *A.*  
107 *suecica*, where an allopolyploid origin from *A. thaliana* and *A. arenosa* was known, and  
108 of *Capsella bursa-pastoris* in Slotte et al. (2008) and of *Arabidopsis lyrata* ssp.  
109 *kamchatica* of Taiwan in Wang et al. (2010).

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111 The genus *Capsella* belongs to the mustard family (*Brassicaceae*) and is an attractive  
112 model genus because it is a young genus that contains few species with different mating  
113 systems and ploidy levels. The genus includes three species: *C. bursa-pastoris* (L.)  
114 Medik., a selfing tetraploid that displays a disomic inheritance and two diploid species,  
115 the outcrosser *C. grandiflora* (Fauché & Chaub.) Boiss., and the selfer *C. rubella* Reuter  
116 (Shull 1929; Hurka and Neuffer 1997). Previous studies suggested that *C. grandiflora* is  
117 ancestral to *C. bursa-pastoris* and *C. rubella* (Hurka and Neuffer 1997) and more recent  
118 findings confirmed that *C. rubella* diverged from *C. grandiflora* as recently or more

119 recently than the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM, 18,000 years ago, St.Onge et al. 2011;  
120 13,500 years ago, Foxe et al. 2009). *C. bursa-pastoris* has a worldwide distribution that  
121 can partly be explained anthropogenically. In contrast to *C. grandiflora* and *C. rubella*, *C.*  
122 *bursa-pastoris* can be found on each continent and thrives in a wide range of climates  
123 (Hurka and Neuffer 1997).

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125 It is still unknown if *C. bursa-pastoris* is of autopolyploid or allopolyploid origin, and  
126 both possibilities have been suggested in previous work. Early isozyme electrophoresis  
127 indicated that *C. bursa-pastoris* shared alleles with both *C. grandiflora* and *C. rubella*  
128 and was hence thought to be an allopolyploid between these two species (Hurka et al.  
129 1989). Later, evidence from restriction site variation in the chloroplast genome indicating  
130 that *C. rubella* was a more recently derived species led to the suggestion that *C. bursa-*  
131 *pastoris* was an ancient autopolyploid of *C. grandiflora* (Hurka and Neuffer 1997),  
132 despite the fact that *C. bursa-pastoris* displays disomic inheritance. Most recently,  
133 phylogenetic analysis suggested again that *C. bursa-pastoris* may be an allopolyploid,  
134 although not between *C. grandiflora* and *C. rubella* (Slotte et al. 2006).

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136 A major limitation of these past studies is that they lack comprehensive data from all  
137 three *Capsella* species. In particular, the lack of large population data from *C.*  
138 *grandiflora*, the species of the genus known to harbor the most genetic variation, makes it  
139 difficult to conclusively determine the polyploid origin of *C. bursa-pastoris*. Here, we use  
140 DNA sequence data from 14 unlinked nuclear loci from large samples of all three  
141 *Capsella* species. In the absence of linkage data, assigning homeologues to particular  
142 genome copies in *C. bursa-pastoris* is not possible. To address this, we took the extreme  
143 possibility that more divergent copies from *C. grandiflora* all come from the same  
144 lineage. Since this would be most likely under an allopolyploid model, this allows us to  
145 explicitly test the plausibility of this model compared to autopolyploidy. To compare the  
146 fit of the data to allopolyploid vs. autopolyploid models of speciation we used a novel  
147 coalescent-based approach. First, we estimate the parameters of an Isolation-with-  
148 Migration model for pairs of species and then use these parameters in coalescent  
149 simulations to test the fit of the data to different models. Second, we use Approximate

150 Bayesian Computation (ABC, Beaumont 2010) to implement a two-split model and test  
151 our two competing hypotheses, the allopolyploid and the autopolyploid models. As  
152 Figure 1 shows, if *C. bursa-pastoris* has an autopolyploid origin we would expect the  
153 divergence time between the two homeologues to be as recent as, or (if there was an  
154 initial period of polysomic inheritance) more recent than the time at which *C. bursa-*  
155 *pastoris* derived from *C. grandiflora*, suggesting a simple way to test whether *C. bursa-*  
156 *pastoris* is of auto- or allopolyploid origin.

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## 158 MATERIALS AND METHODS

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### 160 *Sample collection*

161 Genetic data was collected from 78 accessions of *C. bursa-pastoris* from China, Taiwan,  
162 Israel and Europe, 43 accessions of *C. rubella* from Africa, South America, Europe and  
163 Israel and 53 accessions of *C. grandiflora* from Greece, covering a large portion of the  
164 narrow distribution of this species. Because this study focuses on the origin of *C. bursa-*  
165 *pastoris*, we have excluded samples from the Americas as *Capsella* species are a recent  
166 introduction there (Hurka and Neuffer, 1997). All our accessions come from natural  
167 populations from which we have collected seeds. In this study, we used a single accession  
168 per sampled population in most cases (see Table S1). Genetic data was also collected  
169 from one accession of *Neslia paniculata*, which was used as an outgroup in some  
170 analyses. *Neslia* is more recently diverged from *Capsella* than *Arabidopsis* (Bailey et al.  
171 2006), providing a closer outgroup for inferences about *Capsella* divergence. Plants were  
172 grown in standard long-day conditions and DNA was extracted from fresh tissue of each  
173 individual using the QIAgen DNeasy Plant Mini Kit (QIAGEN, Valencia, California,  
174 USA). Accessions and their geographic origins are given in Table S1.

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### 176 *PCR and Sequencing*

177 Fourteen gene fragments were selected for sequencing in this panel of individuals. These  
178 genes were found to be single copy in both diploids and duplicated in *C. bursa-pastoris*,  
179 as expected in a tetraploid. For four of the loci (At1g77120 (ADH), At5g10140 (FLC),  
180 At4g00650 (FRI) and At4g02560 (LD)), PCR primers for the diploid species and

181 homeologue-specific primers for *C. bursa-pastoris* were designed as described by Slotte  
182 et al. (2006) and Slotte et al. (2008). For eight genes (At1g01040; At1g03560,  
183 At1g15240, At1G65450, At2g26730, At4g14190, At5g51670, At5g53020) primers for  
184 the diploid species were designed as described in Ross-Ibarra et al. (2008) and Foxe et al.  
185 (2009). For two additional loci (At2g18790 (PHYB) and At5g42800 (DFR)), primers  
186 were designed following a similar strategy. For all loci, initial primers were designed  
187 using Primer3 version 0.4.0 (Rozen and Skaletsky 2000) or PrimerQuest (Integrated  
188 DNA Technologies, Inc.) to amplify between 400-1000 bps using the *A. thaliana* genome  
189 sequence. The *A. thaliana* sequences were aligned to other Brassicaceae sequences when  
190 available to identify conserved regions. Both forward and reverse strands of the  
191 amplicons were sequenced directly at Lark Technologies (Houston, Texas), the Genome  
192 Quebec Innovation Centre (McGill University, Canada) or the MacroGen sequencing  
193 facility in Korea (MacroGen, Korea). Sequences were aligned and checked manually for  
194 heterozygous sites using either Sequencher version 4.7 (Gene Codes, Ann Arbor, MI) and  
195 Genedoc (Nicholas *et al.* 1997) or Codoncode Aligner version 2.0.6 (CodonCode,  
196 Dedham, MA). To differentiate the two homeologues of *C. bursa-pastoris*, the resulting  
197 sequences were used to design new homeologue-specific primers as in Slotte et al.  
198 (2006). In particular, we designed primers specific to SNPs showing fixed  
199 ‘heterozygosity’ amongst all of our samples, representing fixed SNP differences between  
200 homeologues. Each homeologue-specific amplicon was then sequenced directly and  
201 aligned as above. Based on direct sequencing of these samples only a single haplotype  
202 per homeologue was found for all of our primer pairs, implying homozygosity of our  
203 inbred samples. Details of the new primers for this study are shown in supplementary file  
204 S1. Sites with indels were removed before proceeding with analysis. The program  
205 PHASE 2.1 (Stephens et al. 2001), implemented in DnaSP 5.0 (Librado and Rozas 2009)  
206 was used to infer haplotypes in *C. grandiflora*. Additionally, each gene fragment was  
207 aligned with the homologous *A. thaliana* gene to infer the ancestral state of polymorphic  
208 sites. Loci and accessions where only one homeologue amplified were removed. New  
209 nucleotide sequences generated in this study that are greater than 200bp in length have  
210 been deposited in GenBank (accession numbers JQ418636-JQ419488). Complete

211 sequence alignments, and sequence data from regions less than 200bp in length, are  
212 available upon request to the corresponding authors.

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#### 214 ***Summary statistics and estimation of species trees***

215 A central challenge for our study is the difficulty in assigning homeologous genes to  
216 separate genomes of origin, designated as the *C. bursa-pastoris* A and B genomes.  
217 Homeologues were assigned to A and B genomes based upon the minimum number of  
218 synonymous substitutions between *C. grandiflora* and each homeologue as estimated  
219 using DnaSP version 5.0 (Librado and Rozas 2009). The most distant homeologue was  
220 assigned to the B genome while the other was assigned to A (Table S2; similar to Slotte  
221 *et al.* 2006 and Slotte *et al.* 2008; however, in these papers classification was based on all  
222 sites and *C. rubella* was used instead of *C. grandiflora*). These putative genomes were  
223 analysed separately for all subsequent analyses. Importantly, this classification effectively  
224 biases our analysis toward rejecting the hypothesis of the autopolyploid origin of *C.*  
225 *bursa-pastoris*. In particular, if the allopolyploid model is correct, the A and B  
226 homeologues likely represent distinct genomes with different parental origins, while  
227 under the autopolyploid model their difference is simply due to stochastic noise in the  
228 coalescent process, and the sorting does not reflect genome structure.

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230 Classic genetic diversity summary statistics  $\pi$  (Tajima 1983) and Tajima's D (Tajima  
231 1989) were calculated for synonymous sites in each species using a modified version of  
232 the Polymorphorama perl code  
233 (<http://ib.berkeley.edu/labs/bachtrog/data/polyMORPHOrama/polyMORPHOrama.html>)  
234 written by D. Bachtrog (UC Berkeley) and P. Andolfatto (Princeton University). The  
235 joint frequency spectra of derived polymorphic variants and the number of shared derived  
236 polymorphisms, unique polymorphisms, and fixed differences between each of the four  
237 genomes (Wakeley and Hey 1997) were calculated separately in a pairwise fashion using  
238 a Perl script written by S. Wright and a C program written by J. Li.

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240 The molecular phylogenetic program BEST v. 1 (Bayesian estimation of species trees)  
241 (Liu 2008), which implements a Bayesian hierarchical model while accounting for the



242 presence of deep coalescent events, was used to estimate the *Capsella* genus species tree  
243 using our multi-locus dataset (Liu 2008). Models within the BEST program assume (i)  
244 No population substructure within each population, (ii) No gene flow after species  
245 divergence and, (iii) No recombination within loci. Some of these assumptions, in  
246 particular the last one, will likely be violated. For example, recombination will be present  
247 in *C. grandiflora* and will make the length of terminal branches and the total branch  
248 length larger, and the time to the most recent common ancestor smaller (Schierup and  
249 Hein 2000). The program reportedly works best using concatenated alignments with little  
250 missing data. Consequently, we ran BEST using the 7 loci in this dataset that had the  
251 most consistent sampling of individuals across loci (At1g03560, At1g15240, At1g65450,  
252 At2g26730, At4g14190, At5g51670 and At5g53020). Alignments were concatenated  
253 using MacClade version 4.08 (available from <http://macclade.org/>). BEST was run in two  
254 ways, once using *A. thaliana* as an outgroup and again including both *A. thaliana* and *N.*  
255 *paniculata* (where available). In each case BEST was run twice, with 4 chains for a  
256 maximum of 2 million generations, with a burnin of 200,000 generations, sampling every  
257 100 generations.

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### 259 ***MIMAR and coalescent simulations***

260 A first test of the null hypothesis that *C. bursa-pastoris* is an autopolyploid of *C.*  
261 *grandiflora* was done by first estimating the parameters of an isolation-with-migration  
262 model using the program MIMAR (Becquet and Przeworski 2007), and then performing  
263 coalescent simulations based on these parameters to test the null hypothesis (Hudson  
264 2002). Because previous studies showed that *C. rubella* diverged very recently from *C.*  
265 *grandiflora* (Fuxe et al. 2009; St.Onge et al. 2011), *C. rubella* was initially not included  
266 in this analysis. Furthermore, sites with >2 segregating bases were also excluded.  
267 MIMAR simulations were run in a pairwise fashion using *C. bursa-pastoris* A, *C. bursa-*  
268 *pastoris* B and *C. grandiflora* and allowing for three different models of migration  
269 between genomes: 1) absence of migration 2) symmetrical migration and 3) asymmetrical  
270 migration. Additionally, all analyses were run both with the ancestral effective  
271 population size unconstrained or assumed to be identical to the effective size of *C.*  
272 *grandiflora*. Prior limits for all parameters can be found in Table S3; these priors were set

273 based on short initial runs with very wide priors. The program was run as described in  
274 Foxe et al. (2009), with the exception that each simulation was run for a total of 10,080  
275 min. (1 week). We note that the model implemented by MIMAR does not allow a  
276 temporary reduction in  $N_e$  at the polyploid origin and so effectively allows multiple  
277 polyploid origins. Thus, inferences of effective population sizes should be considered a  
278 weighted average since divergence, rather than a direct estimate of the number of  
279 founders.

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281 Because MIMAR simulations only model two taxa at a time, it does not on its own  
282 provide an explicit test of the mode of polyploid speciation. We therefore conducted  
283 coalescent simulations using MIMAR parameter estimates under models of both  
284 autopolyploidy and allopolyploidy. These models are depicted in Figure 1. Importantly,  
285 the differences between these models are the split times between *C. grandiflora* and the  
286 two genomes of *C. bursa-pastoris*. Under the autopolyploid model all three divergence  
287 times are the same, or the divergence time of the A and B homeologues is shorter than the  
288 time of either to *C. grandiflora*, if there was a period of polysomic inheritance. Under  
289 allopolyploidy the divergence time between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* B and  
290 between *C. bursa-pastoris* A and B are much longer than that between *C. grandiflora* and  
291 *C. bursa-pastoris* A. To model autopolyploid speciation, we used the inferred divergence  
292 time from MIMAR runs considering the two homeologues of *C. bursa-pastoris*, since this  
293 should provide an estimate of the lower bound for the time of autopolyploid origin. Under  
294 the allopolyploid model, the A and B copies in *C. bursa-pastoris* truly represent distinct  
295 genomes with different parental origins, and we used the two inferred divergence times  
296 from the MIMAR runs of *C. grandiflora* with the two distinct homeologue sets.

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298 To compare our simulated data to our empirical data we used summary statistics  
299 introduced by Wakeley and Hey (1997) for each locus: the number of polymorphisms  
300 specific to the samples from populations 1 and 2 (called  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ , respectively), where  
301 the population pairs correspond to *C. grandiflora*/*C. bursa-pastoris* A, *C. grandiflora*/*C.*  
302 *bursa-pastoris* B and *C. bursa-pastoris* A /*C. bursa-pastoris* B, the number of shared  
303 polymorphisms between two samples ( $sp$ ), and the number of sites fixed in either sample

304 (f1 and f2, depending on which of the two species carries the ancestral state). We  
305 conducted simulations under both auto- and allopolyploidy models using the program *ms*  
306 (Hudson 2002) and the demographic parameters inferred with MIMAR. Namely, in the  
307 autopolyploid model we used  $T_1$  as the divergence time between the two genomes and *C.*  
308 *grandiflora* (Figure 1) and in the allopolyploid model we used  $T_2'$  for the divergence  
309 between *C. bursa-pastoris* A and *C. grandiflora* and  $T_2''$  for the divergence between *C.*  
310 *bursa-pastoris* B and *C. grandiflora* (Figure 1). For each of the 14 genes we assumed that  
311 10 chromosomes were sampled in each species and ran 10,000 simulations. We then  
312 calculated shared and fixed sites for each run and the mean over runs for each locus  
313 (additional information is available in Supplementary file S2 where the same analysis  
314 was carried out but considering both *C. grandiflora* and *C. rubella*).

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316 Using these simulations we determined which of the summary statistics described above  
317 were informative in differentiating the two models. We found that unique polymorphisms  
318 (s1 and s2) did not differ between the two models. This may seem intuitive given that  
319 unique polymorphisms mostly reflect genealogies within that species, and therefore give  
320 limited information about speciation and divergence between the species in a genus. We  
321 therefore did not use these sites further. In contrast fixed sites (f1 and f2, depending on  
322 which of the two species carries the ancestral state) and shared polymorphisms (sp) did  
323 differ between ploidy models. Again this is intuitive as fixed differences correspond to  
324 mutations that happened in the early stages of speciation and are closely associated to  
325 divergence time, whereas shared polymorphisms, assuming they represent shared  
326 ancestral polymorphism and not recent introgression, represent polymorphism that were  
327 segregating in the ancestor and therefore give information about ancestral effective  
328 population sizes and divergence times. To make use of these two informative statistics we  
329 calculated their difference in the following way. If  $f1(C.bp\ B, C.g)$  and  $f1(C.bp\ A, C.g)$   
330 are the number of fixed sites between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* B and *C.*  
331 *bursa-pastoris* A, respectively then their difference,  $fix\_diff = f1(C.bp\ A, C.g) - f1(C.bp$   
332  $B, C.g)$ . For convenience we used f1 to define  $fix\_diff$  but the conclusions were the same  
333 when we used f2 (data not shown). If  $sp(C.bp\ A, C.g)$  and  $sp(C.bp\ B, C.g)$  represent the  
334 number of shared sites between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* A and *C. bursa-*

335 *pastoris* B, respectively, then the difference between them,  $\text{shared\_diff} = \text{sp}(C.\text{bp } A, C.g)$   
336  $- \text{sp}(C.\text{bp } B, C.g)$ .

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338 We calculated the two differences defined above in our observed data and used them to  
339 test the null hypothesis that *C. bursa-pastoris* is an autopolyploid. Essentially we used a  
340 goodness-of-fit test to test the fit of our null hypothesis to the empirical data. We  
341 compared the observed values of the mean of  $\text{fix\_diff}$  and  $\text{shared\_diff}$  over the fourteen  
342 loci with the distribution of the same mean for the 10,000 simulation runs obtained under  
343 the autopolyploid model. When calculating the  $p$ -values for the autopolyploid model we  
344 used a two-tailed test for both test statistics. The  $p$ -value is therefore the fraction of  
345 simulations in which the absolute value of the mean is higher than the observed mean,  
346 with  $p$ -values of  $<0.05$  indicating that our empirical values lie in the tails of the  
347 simulated distributions. We also assessed the fit of our alternative hypothesis,  
348 allopolyploidy, in a similar way except that in this case the tests were one-tailed because  
349 of the bias we created in our dataset. Therefore the  $p$ -value of the  $\text{fixed\_diff}$  statistics is  
350 the fraction of simulations in which the mean is higher than the observed mean while in  
351 the case of  $\text{shared\_diff}$  it is the fraction of simulations in which the mean is lower than  
352 the observed mean.

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#### 354 ***Approximate Bayesian Computation***

355 An Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC) analysis was used to evaluate two-split  
356 models resulting in *C. grandiflora* and the A and B genomes of *C. bursa-pastoris*. This  
357 analysis was performed using the program SeqLib-1.6 (De Mita et al., 2007)  
358 (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/seqlib/>), on the silent sites of the dataset. Because *C.*  
359 *rubella* has recently evolved from *C. grandiflora* and the variation in the species is more  
360 or less a subset of the variation found in *C. grandiflora* (Foxe et al. 2009; Guo et al. 2009,  
361 St Onge et al. 2011), we chose not to include it in the present analysis (see results and  
362 discussion). We evaluated two possible arrangements of coalescent events involving the  
363 three lineages 1) the A and B genomes of *C. bursa-pastoris* coalesce first, followed by  
364 this lineage coalescing with *C. grandiflora* 2) *C. grandiflora* coalesces first with the A  
365 genome of *C. bursa-pastoris*, followed by coalescence with the B genome. Model 1

366 represents an autopolyploidy event, where the divergence times of both *C. bursa-pastoris*  
367 genomes from to *C. grandiflora* are the same (Figure 1). Under model 2, the *C. bursa-*  
368 *pastoris* B genome is more diverged from *C. grandiflora* than *C. bursa-pastoris* A,  
369 representing an allopolyploidy event (Figure 1). These models have 9 parameters: the  
370 population mutation rates of each lineage,  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  where  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  are relative to  
371  $\theta_1$ , the population recombination rate,  $\rho$ , a combined migration rate between all lineages,  
372 the dates of each divergence event, where the second event is additive to the first and the  
373 population sizes after each coalescent event, relative to  $\theta_1$ . It should be noted again that,  
374 for each gene, the *C. bursa-pastoris* allele most divergent from *C. grandiflora* was  
375 assigned to the B genome, effectively biasing our analysis towards model 2.

376

377 The ABC analysis of our two two-split models was performed using a set of 13 summary  
378 statistics; the number of shared, fixed and unique polymorphisms in all possible  
379 configurations with the three populations. We first performed initial runs with 1,000,000  
380 samples using wide priors (Table S3). Using the local linear regression method described  
381 by Beaumont *et al.* (2002), 0.1% of the samples best fitting our empirical data were  
382 selected and used to create a prior for the ABC run. This allows us to explore the region  
383 of high probability identified in the initial run. 500,000 samples are taken in the ABC run,  
384 and 0.2% of the best fitting samples were used to estimate model parameters. A  
385 goodness-of-fit (GoF) test was used to validate the results of the ABC analysis. This test  
386 consisted of two sets of simulations, one using the point estimates for each parameter  
387 estimated in the ABC and one using the posterior distributions of each parameter. Further  
388 details on the goodness-of-fit test are in the Supplementary File S3..

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390 A second analysis was performed using the same method but with only *C. bursa-pastoris*  
391 accessions from China. This was done to assess the influence of putatively introgressed  
392 alleles from *C. rubella* that only occurred in Europe (Slotte et al. 2008).

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#### 394 ***Testing for interlocus gene conversion in C. bursa-pastoris***

395 We followed the approach of Slotte and colleagues (2008) to test for gene conversion  
396 between homeologues. In particular, we calculated the minimum number of

397 recombination events,  $R_m$ , between homeologues (Hudson and Kaplan 1985) using  
398 DNAsp 5.0 (Librado and Rozas 2009), and tested for gene conversion using the geneconv  
399 software (Sawyer, 1989).

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## 401 RESULTS

402

### 403 *Patterns of polymorphism and phylogeny*

404 Synonymous site diversity, measured as  $\pi$ , was higher in *C. grandiflora* than in *C.*  
405 *rubella* and *C. bursa-pastoris* A and B; median values were 0.028 for *C. grandiflora*,  
406 while they were zero for the latter two species (Figure S1). This is in agreement with  
407 expectations based on the respective mating systems of these species and previous studies  
408 (Slotte et al. 2008; Foxe et al. 2009; St.Onge et al. 2011). In particular the low level of  
409 nucleotide diversity observed in *C. rubella* is consistent with the presence of a severe  
410 population bottleneck associated to the shift to selfing (Foxe et al. 2009; Guo et al. 2009,  
411 St.Onge et al. 2011). The reduction in diversity seen in both *C. bursa-pastoris* A and B  
412 may also be the result of a recent bottleneck at speciation and transition to selfing.  
413 However, all species showed a high variance in diversity, with *C. rubella* showing the  
414 most extreme variance, with synonymous  $\pi$  values varying from 0 to the extremely high  
415 value of 0.15 for the DFR (At5g42800) locus. Resequencing of the full *C. rubella*  
416 genome and mRNA resequencing indicate that the high variance in diversity is a  
417 genomewide characteristic of the species (Wright et al, unpublished; D. Weigel, pers  
418 comm). This locus also showed high, but less elevated, polymorphism in *C. grandiflora*  
419 (0.08). Excluding DFR, the average synonymous diversity was 0.027 in *C. grandiflora*,  
420 0.004 in *C. rubella*, 0.003 in *C. bursa-pastoris* A, and 0.003 in *C. bursa-pastoris* B. The  
421 average Tajima's D values at synonymous sites were negative for *C. bursa-pastoris* A (-  
422 0.19) and B genomes (-0.9), possibly reflective of recent population expansion. In *C.*  
423 *grandiflora*, synonymous Tajima's D was close to zero (-0.08), consistent with previous  
424 conclusions suggesting that this species is close to demographic equilibrium (Foxe et al.  
425 2009; St.Onge et al. 2011). In *C. rubella*, synonymous Tajima's D was slightly negative (-  
426 0.2).

427

428 The minimum number of synonymous substitutions was calculated in a pairwise fashion  
429 between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* A and B (Table S2). Under an  
430 allopolyploidy model we would expect a higher number of synonymous substitutions  
431 between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* B than between *C. grandiflora* and *C.*  
432 *bursa-pastoris* A. We do of course observe this since we have used the minimum number  
433 of synonymous substitutions to *C. grandiflora* to assign alleles to the A and B genomes,  
434 assigning the more distant allele to the B genome. However, for most loci, there is only a  
435 slight difference in this quantity between homeologues, suggesting that the two  
436 homeologues are nearly equal in their distance from standing *C. grandiflora* haplotype  
437 variation. Furthermore, the minimum number of synonymous substitutions between the  
438 two *C. bursa-pastoris* genomes is higher than either comparison with *C. grandiflora* as  
439 previously observed (Slotte et al. 2006). Likewise, we observe 29 fixed synonymous  
440 differences between *C. bursa-pastoris* A and B compared with 2 between *C. grandiflora*  
441 and *C. bursa-pastoris* A and 19 between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* B (Figure  
442 2). The cause of this large difference in fixed sites observed between the *C. bursa-*  
443 *pastoris* genomes is likely their small effective population size causing alleles to drift to  
444 fixation quickly. On the other hand, the large effective population size of *C. grandiflora*  
445 would allow the maintenance of many shared alleles with both *C. bursa-pastoris*  
446 genomes.

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448 Looking at the pattern of fixed differences between homeologues in *C. bursa-pastoris*  
449 reveals a striking pattern; 43% of fixed differences between homeologues are segregating  
450 with our *C. grandiflora* sample. Furthermore, if we restrict this to the 7 genes with large  
451 *C. grandiflora* samples (>20 chromosomes), this fraction increases to 52%. This retention  
452 of *C. grandiflora* polymorphism as fixed differences between homeologues in *C. bursa-*  
453 *pastoris* is consistent with an autopolyploid model, where distinct haplotypes sampled  
454 from the ancestral *C. grandiflora* population were ‘frozen’ as gene duplicates during  
455 polyploidization. Under this scenario, the remaining fixed differences would reflect rare  
456 SNPs not sampled in *C. grandiflora* and/or new mutations and fixation events following  
457 speciation. Considerably fewer fixed differences between homeologues are still  
458 segregating in *C. rubella* (20%).

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460 In terms of identical haplotypes, we identified identical haplotypes between *C. bursa-*  
461 *pastoris* A and the other two species for all but three of our loci. Of the genes showing  
462 haplotype sharing 4 loci showed sharing with both species, 4 showed sharing only with  
463 *Capsella rubella*, and 2 showed sharing with *C. grandiflora* alone. Although the excess  
464 haplotype sharing in *C. rubella* is consistent with the inference of introgression (Slotte et  
465 al. 2008), it is important to note that the requirement of inferring phase in *C. grandiflora*  
466 and extensive recombination may erode some of the signal of haplotype sharing. Indeed,  
467 for the seven loci where we have relatively large *C. grandiflora* sample sizes for better  
468 inferences of phased haplotypes, only one locus shows *C. rubella* only haplotype sharing,  
469 and for this one it is only a single *C. rubella* individual that shows the shared haplotype.

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471 We estimated the species tree of the *Capsella* genus using the program BEST, which  
472 implements a Bayesian hierarchical model while accounting for the presence of deep  
473 coalescences (Liu 2008). The analysis was performed twice, first by including *A. thaliana*  
474 as an outgroup (Figure S2-A) and second by including both *A. thaliana* and *Neslia*  
475 *paniculata*, where available, as outgroups (Figure S2-B). *C. grandiflora* was not shown to  
476 be more closely related to either *C. bursa-pastoris* A or B in either of the resulting trees.  
477 In fact, the tree resulting from the first analysis is the expected tree under an  
478 autopolyploidy model where the branch lengths between the two *C. bursa-pastoris*  
479 genomes and *C. grandiflora* are equal. Despite biasing our analysis toward the  
480 allopolyploidy model our results thus lend support to the autopolyploidy hypothesis.

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### 483 ***Demographic model fitting: MIMAR and ms simulations***

484 We used the program MIMAR (Becquet and Przeworski 2007) to fit models of isolation  
485 with migration in a pairwise fashion to *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* A and B.  
486 The model assumes that a single ancestral population of size  $N_a$  splits into two  
487 descendant populations at time  $t$ , and the two descendant populations have distinct  
488 population sizes. Models including symmetric migration, asymmetric migration and no  
489 migration between the two derived populations were analysed for all three species pairs.



490 The results, however, show no evidence for migration between *C. grandiflora* and *C.*  
491 *bursa-pastoris*, so we only report the results from analyses assuming no migration  
492 between descendant populations.

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494 Mimar runs that included gene flow, both between the *C. bursa-pastoris* homeologues  
495 and from *C. bursa-pastoris* to *C. grandiflora*, showed modes that approached zero (Table  
496 S4), providing little evidence for extensive gene conversion between homeologues and/or  
497 introgression from *C. grandiflora* following divergence. We therefore focus the  
498 presentation of the results on the no-migration model, although all results are reported in  
499 Table S4. *C. bursa-pastoris* A and B show a 5- and 7- fold decrease in effective  
500 population size, respectively, compared with *C. grandiflora* (Figure 3A; Table S4), with  
501 effective population sizes around 50,000-80,000 for *C. bursa-pastoris* A and B and  
502 values around 410,000 for *C. grandiflora*, if we assume a mutation rate of  $1.5 \times 10^{-8}$   
503 /site/year (Koch et al. 2000). The estimated time of divergence between each pair of  
504 genomes were 278,000 years between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* A, 1.1 million  
505 years between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* B and 563,000 years between the two  
506 *C. bursa-pastoris* genomes (Figure 3). It is not unexpected that the divergence time is  
507 much older between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* B compared with the *C.*  
508 *grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* A divergence time, since we have biased our analysis  
509 toward finding this result. What is striking is that the divergence time estimate between  
510 the two *C. bursa-pastoris* genomes is intermediate between the other two estimates, and  
511 the 90% highest posterior density (HPD) overlaps the HPD intervals between *C.*  
512 *grandiflora* and both *C. bursa-pastoris* homeologues. Under an allopolyploidy model the  
513 divergence time between the two *C. bursa-pastoris* genomes should be the same as the  
514 divergence between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* B, and significantly different  
515 from divergence between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* A. This suggests that the  
516 true divergence between *C. grandiflora* and both *C. bursa-pastoris* copies reflects an  
517 autopolyploid event about 563,000 years ago.

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519 To further test whether the data fit an autopolyploid model we used test statistics based  
520 on shared and fixed sites. We calculated these summary statistics for both the observed

521 data and the data simulated under both models. Most of the differences between the two  
522 models are confined to the fixed and shared sites (Table S5). We calculated two further  
523 statistics, the differences in both the number of fixed and the number of shared  
524 polymorphic sites between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* B, on the one hand and  
525 *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris* A, on the other hand. We used our two statistics to  
526 test for significant departures from the autopolyploid and allopolyploid models. Neither  
527 statistics in our observed data depart significantly from the simulated values under the  
528 autopolyploid model ( $P = 0.4339$  for fixed differences and  $P = 0.3673$  for shared  
529 differences) while both depart significantly under the allopolyploid model ( $P = 0.0032$   
530 for fixed differences and  $P = 0.0008$  for shared differences) (Figure 4). We therefore  
531 cannot reject the autopolyploid hypothesis, while we can reject the allopolyploid model.

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### 533 ***Demographic model fitting: Approximate Bayesian computation***

534 Model 2 (allopolyploidy) of our two-split analysis failed to converge in the initial run,  
535 making it impossible to continue on to the ABC run. Model 1 (autopolyploidy), however,  
536 did produce usable samples indicating that this model fits better our data than model 2.  
537 Furthermore, the posterior distributions of most parameters have clear modes, showing  
538 that the data is informative for this model (Figure 5). The point estimates of the current  
539 population size of the A and B genomes of *C. bursa-pastoris* are 15,000 and 22,000  
540 respectively (90% CR: 12,000-23,000 for *C. bursa-pastoris* A and 1,500-43,400 for *C.*  
541 *bursa-pastoris* B), while the estimate for *C. grandiflora* is 91,000 (90% CR: 32,600-  
542 162,000). The date of the first divergence event, between *C. bursa-pastoris* A and *C.*  
543 *bursa-pastoris* B, is 649,000 years (90% CR: 314,000-1,187,000 years), when assuming a  
544 generation time of 1 year and a mutation rate of  $1.5 \times 10^{-8}$ . The date of the second  
545 divergence event (739,000 years, 90%CR 361,000-1,443,000) is close to the time of the  
546 first divergence event suggesting that the A and B genomes of *C. bursa-pastoris* diverged  
547 from each other at a relatively similar time to when they diverged from *C. grandiflora*,  
548 thereby strongly supporting an autopolyploid origin of *C. bursa-pastoris*. It was not  
549 possible to estimate the population sizes after each coalescent event as the posteriors of  
550 these parameters were not informative. Goodness-of-fit tests indicate that the resulting  
551 model fit our data reasonably well. We calculated Tajima's D,  $\theta_w$  and  $\theta_\pi$  for each

552 genome from our goodness-of-fit simulations and  $S_{nn}$ ,  $G_{ST}$  and  $K_{ST}$  among the genomes  
553 using SeqLib's build-in goodness-of-fit test and found that all summary statistics fit our  
554 data (two-tailed P-value > 0.05) except for Tajima's D (supplementary file S3). The  
555 reduced fit to Tajima's D may be reflective of population expansion following  
556 divergence.

557 To explore the possible impact of introgression events between *C. bursa-pastoris* and *C.*  
558 *rubella* on our inferences, the same analysis, using model 1, was performed using only  
559 Chinese *C.bursa-pastoris* samples, which were previously inferred to not be subject to  
560 introgression (Slotte et al. 2008). Introgressed alleles would be expected to decrease the  
561 divergence time between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris*. Although the point  
562 estimates of the two divergence times were older for this analysis than for the total  
563 dataset, the 90% CR was extremely wide and overlapping with time estimates from the  
564 full dataset. However, this analysis was not very informative because the divergence time  
565 parameters and several other parameter estimates from this analysis had very wide 90%  
566 CRs, or/and had no clear mode. Importantly the posterior of the date of the first  
567 coalescent event encompasses the prior for this parameter (Figure S3). This may be due  
568 to lack of data in the Chinese samples, which have much less diversity than the European  
569 ones. This is probably due to the recent origin of the Chinese *C. bursa-pastoris*  
570 populations (Slotte et al. 2008). In fact, this reduction in diversity is supported by our  
571 Chinese-only ABC analysis, as  $\theta$  is one of the few well-inferred parameters of the model  
572 (effective population size of Chinese *C. bursa-pastoris* 4550, 90% CR: 3,383-12,033)

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#### 574 ***Gene conversion and interlocus recombination***

575 The results indicating a lack of gene flow between homeologues suggest that there has  
576 not been extensive gene conversion and/or historical recombination events, but we also  
577 conducted explicit tests for this. None of our loci showed evidence for gene conversion  
578 between *C. bursa-pastoris* homeologues using the geneconv software. However, two  
579 highly polymorphic loci, DFR ( $R_m=4$ ) and At4g14190 ( $R_m=2$ ), showed non-zero  
580 minimum number of recombination events between the two homeologues, suggesting the  
581 possibility of some level of interlocus gene conversion. Given that these loci, particularly  
582 DFR, are highly polymorphic in the diploid species, it is possible that the recombination

583 events may have originated in the ancestral population rather than be due to homeologous  
584 gene conversion. Indeed, one of the recombination events in At4G14190 is also present in  
585 *C. grandiflora* (data not shown).

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## 588 DISCUSSION

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590 So far, it has proven difficult to establish whether *C. bursa-pastoris* is an allopolyploid or  
591 an autopolyploid. Various studies have resulted in often-conflicting theories as to the  
592 evolutionary origins of *C. bursa-pastoris*, some lending support to an allopolyploid origin  
593 (Hurka et al. 1989; Slotte et al. 2006) and others to an autopolyploid one (Hurka and  
594 Neuffer 1997). Because divergence is recent and extensive shared polymorphisms persist,  
595 a coalescent-based approach incorporating population samples and multilocus nuclear  
596 data becomes crucial to accurately distinguish models of polyploid speciation. In the  
597 present study we used sequence polymorphism and divergence at 14 nuclear loci and two  
598 different coalescent-based approaches to test whether *C. bursa-pastoris* had an  
599 autopolyploid or allopolyploid origin.

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601 We conducted three types of analysis to investigate the two possible origins of *C. bursa-*  
602 *pastoris*. First we examined the diversity among the three *Capsella* species and inferred  
603 their phylogeny using the program BEST. Second we estimated the parameters of an  
604 isolation-with-migration model with the program MIMAR and used these estimates to  
605 conduct coalescent simulations under both models. Finally, we used Approximate  
606 Bayesian Computation to estimate parameters of two-split models representing our null  
607 and alternative hypotheses. We could not reject an autopolyploid origin of *C. grandiflora*  
608 in any of these analyses, whereas our results were inconsistent with an allopolyploid  
609 model. Based on our analyses, the lower bound of the time of origin of *C. bursa-pastoris*  
610 is between 270,000 and 700,000 years ago. *C. bursa-pastoris* would thus still be much  
611 older than *C. rubella* which most likely diverged from *C. grandiflora* less than 50,000  
612 years ago (Foxy et al. 2009; StOnge et al. 2011) allowing us to rule out the suggestion  
613 that *C. bursa-pastoris* could be an allopolyploid of *C. rubella* and *C. grandiflora* (Hurka  
614 et al. 1989) in agreement with the conclusion of Slotte et al. (2006). Even if these time  
615 estimates should be taken with a grain of salt given the uncertainty around mutation rates  
616 (Beilstein et al. 2010; Ossowski et al. 2010) a rather recent autopolyploid origin would be  
617 consistent with the low level of diversity in *C. bursa-pastoris*, and it would also mean  
618 that disomic inheritance has evolved quite rapidly in this species. The ABC analysis

619 indicates that the divergence time of the two homeologous chromosomes of *C. bursa-*  
620 *pastoris* is very close to the divergence between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris*,  
621 suggesting that if there was a period of tetrasomic inheritance it was short relative to the  
622 age of the tetraploid species. It has been shown in other species that polyploids with  
623 tetrasomic segregation (pairing of four homologous chromosomes during meiosis) tend to  
624 rediploidize over time as mutations accumulate and chromosomes diverge (Ramsey and  
625 Schemske 1998; Soltis et al. 2010). This process can indeed occur rather quickly and  
626 diploidization can proceed through structural rearrangements within 30 generations in *A.*  
627 *thaliana* (Parisod et al. 2010). Furthermore, autopolyploids with small chromosomes or  
628 low chiasma frequencies may exhibit disomic inheritance immediately after their  
629 formation (Stebbins 1971). It is also possible that autopolyploid formation from a highly  
630 diverse ancestral population such as *C. grandiflora*, may enhance the speed at which  
631 disomic inheritance can occur.

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633 Many polyploid species have multiple origins (Soltis et al. 2003). In a previous study  
634 Slotte et al. (2006) argued that the low nucleotide diversity observed for cpDNA  
635 sequences and at seven chloroplast microsatellite loci supports a single origin of *C.*  
636 *bursa-pastoris*. The chloroplast sequences resulted in a strongly supported phylogeny in  
637 which *C. bursa-pastoris* is sister to both diploid species. This topology is consistent with  
638 an ancient origin of *C. bursa-pastoris* from *C. grandiflora* given the fact that *C. rubella*  
639 derived from *C. grandiflora* much more recently. The level of variation in *C. bursa-*  
640 *pastoris* across the 14 loci is similarly low, and is a consequence of a 5-7 fold decrease of  
641 the effective population size compared to *C. grandiflora*. This reduction is not as severe  
642 as the reduction in population size observed in *C. rubella* (100-1,500 fold reduction, Foxe  
643 et al. 2009; 18 fold reduction, St.Onge et al. 2011). This may be the result of a  
644 combination of factors. Recurrent polyploid formation would increase genetic variation  
645 but would not leave such a strong bottleneck signature; while this might seem to  
646 contradict the lack of variation observed in cpDNA, this could reflect subsequent  
647 coalescent events in the chloroplast following species formation (Ceplitis et al. 2005;  
648 Slotte et al. 2006). Alternatively, the severity of the bottleneck could have been lessened  
649 by early gene flow from *C. grandiflora* via pollen, which would not affect diversity in

650 cpDNA. A third alternative is that the evidence for a severe population bottleneck might  
651 simply have eroded with time as the divergence of *C. bursa-pastoris* from *C. grandiflora*  
652 is much older than the divergence of *C. rubella* from *C. grandiflora*; a more detailed  
653 model of small founding population size followed by a recovery in population size is  
654 likely equally consistent with the data, and might explain our observed negative values of  
655 Tajima's D.

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657 Gene conversion can have a strong impact on the histories of duplicated genes and  
658 genomes (e.g. Osada and Innan 2008) and, in principle, extensive gene conversion in *C.*  
659 *bursa-pastoris* could also have affected our results. Extensive gene conversion could  
660 theoretically cause an allopolyploid genome to appear as an autopolyploid under our  
661 analysis. However, for this to have happened in *C. bursa-pastoris* the amount of gene  
662 conversion would have had to be very extensive, which seems highly unlikely. We  
663 identified only two of our loci with evidence of interlocus recombination using the  
664 minimum number of recombination events, and no evidence for gene conversion using  
665 geneconv. Furthermore, the loci showing gene conversion are highly polymorphic in the  
666 diploid species, raising the possibility that the identified recombination events could be  
667 due to their retention from ancestral polymorphism and/or due to introgression events.  
668 Even though gene conversion is unlikely to have been potent enough to alter our  
669 conclusion it might still have contributed to the pattern of divergence among the different  
670 genomes. Assuming autopolyploidization and speciation occurred simultaneously we  
671 would expect the A and B genomes of *C. bursa-pastoris* to split from *C. grandiflora* at  
672 the same time. However, we observe a slight gap in the mean values of these dates. This  
673 could be caused by early gene conversion between the A and B genomes, making them  
674 appear to be slightly more recently diverged from each other than either is to *C.*  
675 *grandiflora* although a period of initial tetrasomic inheritance, as discussed previously,  
676 might be a more parsimonious explanation. Overall, the similar divergence times between  
677 homeologues and *C. grandiflora* make long periods of disomy and/or gene conversion  
678 unlikely.

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680 Another factor that might have influenced our results is introgression. Previous work has  
681 identified evidence of introgression from *C. rubella* to *C. bursa-pastoris* (Slotte et al.  
682 2008). Evidence for introgression was detected in European populations of *C. bursa-*  
683 *pastoris* but was absent in China where *C. rubella* is absent. Since these introgressed  
684 alleles would generally be grouped with the A genome, they are expected to increase the  
685 divergence between the A and B genomes of *C. bursa-pastoris* and thereby favor our  
686 allopolyploid hypothesis. Introgression is therefore not expected to alter our conclusion  
687 that *C. bursa-pastoris* has an autopolyploid origin. It would, however, be expected to  
688 cause the inferred divergence date between *C. bursa-pastoris* and *C. grandiflora* to be  
689 younger. To examine the possible role of introgression from *C. rubella*, and to confirm  
690 our general conclusions using *C. rubella* instead of *C. grandiflora*, we conducted *mimar*  
691 analysis with asymmetrical gene flow for *C. rubella* and both *C. bursa-pastoris* A and B.  
692 Parameter estimates for these runs had particularly wide confidence intervals, likely due,  
693 at least in part, to the loss of information on ancestral polymorphism caused by the severe  
694 bottleneck in *C. rubella*. Nevertheless, the results are consistent with our previous  
695 conclusions: divergence estimates between *C. bursa-pastoris* A and B fall in between the  
696 divergence times estimated between *C. bursa-pastoris* A and *C. rubella* (mode: 66,066,  
697 95% HPD: 22022-3.9 million years) and *C. bursa-pastoris* B and *C. rubella* (mode: 3.1  
698 million years, 95% HPD: 2.2 million-4.0 million years). Furthermore, simulations of  
699 autopolyploid models of the observed data conform well to our observed comparisons of  
700 *C. rubella* to *C. bursa-pastoris*, while we get higher rejection rates for the allopolyploid  
701 model (Supplementary file S2). To further test if the inferred divergence times were  
702 being affected by putatively introgressed alleles we conducted an ABC analysis using  
703 only the Chinese samples. Although this analysis was not very informative, the 90% CR  
704 of the first inferred divergence time using only China's *C. bursa-pastoris* samples was  
705 overlapping with the estimate from the total dataset, suggesting that introgression from *C.*  
706 *rubella* into *C. bursa-pastoris* did not have a strong impact on our conclusion. Finally, the  
707 patterns of haplotype sharing do not indicate that extensive introgression from *C. rubella*  
708 is likely to greatly influence our analysis; haplotype sharing was generally comparable  
709 for both diploid species. With genome-wide data from large samples of all three species,



710 it will be interesting to re-examine the extent to which haplotype sharing reflects  
711 ancestral polymorphism vs. gene flow following speciation.

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713 It is important to note that all of our modelling approaches focus on a simplified  
714 model of speciation and divergence, and it is possible that additional model mis-  
715 specifications, particularly in the allopolyploid model, could be leading to a higher  
716 rejection rate. For example, Mimar assumes a single population size change following  
717 divergence and a constant migration rate, and subsequent population size changes and/or  
718 changes in gene conversion rates between homeologues over time could be complicating  
719 our inferences. However, our simulations lead us to conclude that the autopolyploid  
720 model can explain our data quite well, and it is not obvious why model mis-specification  
721 would be a problem specific only to the allopolyploidy model. Nevertheless, it will be  
722 important to confirm our conclusions with large-scale genomic data, where the patterns of  
723 haplotype structure and divergence across chromosomes can also be incorporated into  
724 these analyses.

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## 726 CONCLUSIONS

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728 Our study confirms the usefulness of coalescent-based approaches when studying the  
729 mode of origin of polyploids, although as pointed by Doyle and Egan (2009) precise time  
730 estimates remain elusive and are highly dependent on demographic details and on  
731 assumptions on mutation rates. While these results shed much light on the evolutionary  
732 origin of *C. bursa-pastoris*, little is still known about the extensive phenotypic changes  
733 that have occurred in both *C. bursa-pastoris* and *C. rubella*. Understanding the genomic  
734 context and underlying evolutionary forces that have promoted these changes will be of  
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893 **Figure text**

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895 Figure 1. Model diagrams of the null hypothesis, autopolyploidy, and alternative  
896 hypothesis, allopolyploidy.

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898 Figure 2. Number of synonymous fixed differences between all pairs of *C. bursa-pastoris*  
899 *A*, *C. bursa-pastoris B*, *C. grandiflora* and *C. rubella*.

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901 Figure 3. Marginal posterior distributions of speciation parameters estimated by MIMAR,  
902 with posterior modes showing good fit to data summaries.  $\theta = 4Ne\mu$  where  $Ne$  is the  
903 effective population size and  $\mu$  is the mutation rate ( $1.5 \times 10^{-8}$ /site/year)

904 A) Constrained model: the model assumes equal effective population sizes in the ancestor  
905 as in present-day *C. grandiflora*: Model 1; Species 1 = *C. grandiflora*, Species 2 = *C.*  
906 *bursa-pastoris A*. The model is represented by continuous lines. Model 2; Species 1 = *C.*  
907 *grandiflora*, Species 2 = *C. bursa-pastoris B*. The model is shown by a dotted line. Tgen  
908 Divergence time (years) between *C. grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris A* and between *C.*  
909 *grandiflora* and *C. bursa-pastoris B*

910 B) Unconstrained model:  $\theta_A$  ancestral *C. grandiflora*,  $\theta_1$  *C. bursa-pastoris A*  
911 (continuous line),  $\theta_2$  *C. bursa-pastoris B* (dotted line). Tgen Divergence time (years)  
912 between *C. bursa-pastoris A* and *C. bursa-pastoris B*.

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914 Figure 4: Density distribution of the simulated values of the summary statistics under (A)  
915 autopolyploidy and (B) allopolyploidy. The left column gives the distribution of the mean  
916 of *fix\_diff* over the fourteen genes, where *fix\_diff* is the difference between the number of  
917 fixed sites of each of the homoelogs when it is compared to *C. grandiflora*. The right  
918 column gives the same for *shared\_diff*, the difference between the number of shared  
919 polymorphic sites of each of the homoelogs to when it is compared to *C. grandiflora*.  
920 The blue vertical line is the observed value. P values are given in the upper right corner  
921 of each plot. See text for details.

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923 Figure 5. Posterior distributions of informative parameters in the two-split model where



924 the two *C. bursa-pastoris* genomes coalesce first, followed by coalescence of their  
925 common ancestor with *C. grandiflora*.  $\theta=4N_e\mu$  where  $N_e$  is the effective population size  
926 of *C. bursa-pastoris* A and  $\mu$  is the mutation rate ( $1.5 \times 10^{-8}$ /site/year). Other effective  
927 population sizes and the divergence times are relative to this first estimate. Divergence  
928 times are on a scale of  $4N_e \times$  generations and the second date parameter is additive to the  
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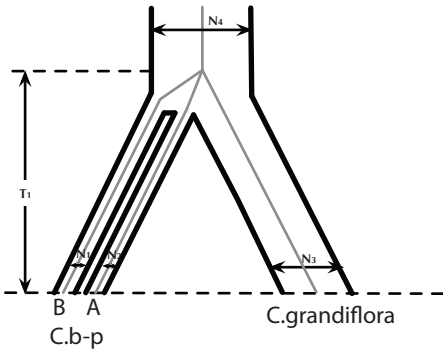
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### autopolyploid



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