

than those from other populations. Najera & Mensua (1979) analyzed two cellar populations and they found that flies from these populations had a greater number of eye colour mutations than flies from other non cellar populations.

In order to explain this fact we tested the behavior of some wine cellar mutants against their wild allele in artificial populations, comparing two culture mediums, one supplemented with alcohol at 10% and the other without alcohol. We chose four eye colour mutants for their phenotype: two of light colour and two of dark colour, which we named 2/54A (allele of cardinal), 2/74B (strain segregating cardinal and cinnabar mutants), 2/58A (allele of sepia), and 1/51.3 (dark eye not yet identified).

The Buzzati-Traverso (1955) serial exchange technique was used to study the action of natural selection and to follow the population dynamics. The populations were started with 100 heterozygotic individuals, obtained from crossing each mutant with a wild wine cellar stock descending from a female which did not give any variability in F_2 of eye colour mutants. The initial frequency of both alleles was, then, $p=q=0.5$.

Two replicae for each mutant population in each medium (alcohol and non-alcohol) was made (making a total of sixteen populations). The culture temperature was $19\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ and the exchanges to new bottles were carried out every week. All individuals were counted every three weeks at the beginning, every six weeks afterwards, and every twelve weeks at the end of the experiment. Figure 1 shows, in graphic form, the evolution of all populations.

Each mutant attained different gene frequency at equilibrium. Equilibrium was attained approximately 300 days from starting. There were no differences between the normal and the alcohol experiment except in the 1/51.3 mutant, in which the gene frequency was clearly higher in the alcohol medium.

It seems that the different gene frequencies attained are correlated with the grade of colour from darker to lighter.

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Narise, S. Josai University, Saitama, Japan. Activity difference among acid phosphatase allozymes from *D. virilis*.

Starch gel electrophoregrams at pH 7.0 of crude extracts from *D. virilis* showed the different activity in acid phosphatase (acph) among homozygotes for each Acph^1 , Acph^2 and Acph^4 allele (Narise 1976) at Acph locus which

presumably corresponds to $\text{Acph}-1$ described by MacIntyre (1971). As shown in Fig. 1, acph migrated to cathode under this condition and some activity was found near the origin in Acph^1 and Acph^2 strains, but not in Acph^4 . Extraction of the enzyme with 0.5% Triton from Acph^1 and Acph^2 flies resulted in increase in activity of the main band and decrease in activity near the origin. However, no effect of Triton was observed in Acph^4 . These facts indicate that the activity near the origin is partly due to the enzyme in particle fractions. Acph in *D. melanogaster* has been found to be localized to lysosomes (Sawicki & MacIntyre 1978). On the basis of these findings, biochemical study to search the factor(s) causing the activity difference has been conducted.

Adult flies, one day old, from the three allozyme strains were separately homogenized in 0.25M sucrose buffered with 20 mM Tris pH 7.0 in a Potter's homogenizer. The slurry was squeezed through two layers of gauze. The crude extract was then centrifuged at 15,000g for 30 min. Acph activity in the supernatant was compared with that in the crude extract (Table 1). 72% of activity in the crude extract from Acph^4 strain was found in supernatant, while 31% from Acph^1 and 45% from Acph^2 . Thus, the activity difference in supernatant among three strains is greater than that in crude extract.

In order to examine intracellular distribution of acph, cell fractions (nuclei, mitochondria and lysosomes, microsomes, and supernatant) were prepared by means of differential centrifugation and acph activity of each fraction was determined. Distribution of Acph^1 activity among these four fractions (26, 29, 4 and 31%) was similar to that of Acph^2 activity, whereas the distribution of Acph^4 activity was 13, 17, 4 and 62%. These results suggest that Acph^4 enzyme is easily released to supernatant from cell particles to (or in) which acph is attached or contained. Evidence for this was obtained using sucrose gradient fractionation. A combined cytoplasmic particle fraction prepared by centrifugation at 100,000g after removal

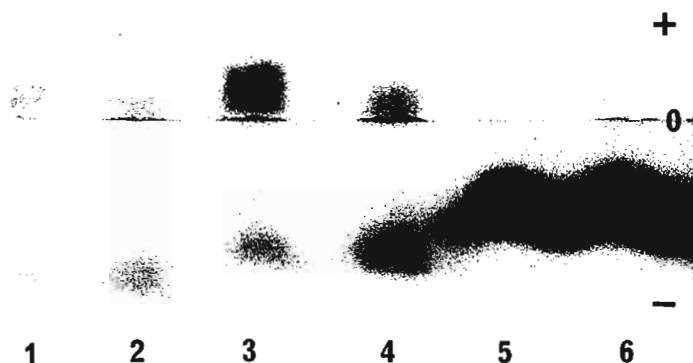


Fig. 1. Electrophoregrams of acid phosphatase of crude extracts from adult flies of three homozygous genotypes. 1,2: $Acph^1/Acph^1$; 3,4: $Acph^2/Acph^2$; 5,6: $Acph^4/Acph^4$. 1,3,5: Extracts with 0.02M Tris pH 7.0. 2,4,6: Extracts with 0.5% Triton in 0.02M Tris pH 7.0.

Table 1. Acid phosphatase activity in crude extract and supernatant of $Acph$ allozyme strains.

| Strain | Activity (mg PNP/hr/g fly) | |
|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | Crude extract | Supernatant |
| $Acph^1$ | 60.9±6.3 | 18.7±1.7 |
| $Acph^2$ | 70.1±12.5 | 31.7±6.6 |
| $Acph^4$ | 87.7±13.2 | 63.3±12.6 |

PNP: p-nitrophenyl phosphate

of the nuclear fraction was fractionated by centrifugation through a non-linear gradient of sucrose ranging in concentration from 0.4 to 2.0 M, and distribution of $acph$ was examined. The peak of activity was found in fractions corresponding to lysosomes and at the top of the gradient, probably soluble. $Acph^2$ activity in soluble fraction was 12% of total activity, whereas $Acph^4$ was 27%, with an accompanying reduction of the activity in lysosomal fraction.

The results described here demonstrate that activity in $acph$ allozymes on electrophoretic gel greatly depends on the difference in capability of the allozymes being incorporated into particle fractions, mainly lysosomes, although it is not clear whether the difference is ascribed to lysosomes or enzyme itself.

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Photomap of the salivary gland chromosomes of *D. Jambulina* (Parshad & Paika).

D. jambulina belonging to montium subgroup of melanogaster species group (*Sophophora*; *Drosophila*) constitutes the most abundantly available species in North India. The study of neuroblast cells from a male larva of *D. jambulina* indicates that the mitotic chromosomes comprise three pairs of V-shaped, one rod and one

J-shaped elements. The three pairs of V-shaped chromosomes differ in length; one is bigger, the second is smaller and the third one is intermediate. In the female larvae, the J-shaped chromosome is replaced by a rod-shaped chromosome. The rod and J-shaped elements, representing the unidentical members of a pair are, therefore, the X and Y chromosomes, respectively. The cytological map of *D. jambulina* is shown as Figure 1. The salivary chromosome complement has been divided into 106 equal divisions. The X, 2L & 2R extend over 13, 19, 20 divisions while 3L & 3R contain 26 divisions each. The fourth chromosome comprises only two divisions. The landmarks in different salivary chromosomes of *D. jambulina* have been outlined as follows:

X chromosome: When the chromocentre gets broken, this arm lies singly within or on the outskirts of salivary gland cell. Its smaller size, as compared to others, facilitates its identification. This arm has a compact distal end consisting of two thick dark bands. In the region 5 C, a sharp constriction is preceded by one prominent band and followed by a lightly stained portion and then two bands. At the proximal end of this arm (region 11c to 12a) there is a bigger swelling accompanied by a comparatively smaller swelling on either side.