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Abstract

The wood mouse (genus Apodemus) is one of the most common rodents in broad-leaf

forests in the temperate zone of the Palaearctic region. Molecular studies of wood

mice have critically enhanced the understanding of their evolution and ancestral

biogeographic events. However, their molecular data are currently only limited to

partial mitochondrial sequences and a few genes. Therefore, we sequenced the wood

mouse genome to facilitate the acquisition of useful resources for inferring their

molecular evolution. We sampled a wild wood mouse at Tsukuba, Japan, and

sequenced its whole-genome using the Illumina Hiseq 2000. To reduce the risk of

non-randomness, three paired-end libraries (insert sizes: 150, 300, and 500 bp) and,

two mate-pair reads (insert sizes: 8 and 20 kbp) were constructed. In total, we

generated approximately 210 Gbp data. From these sequences, we reconstructed

336,124 scaffolds. These data will enhance our understanding of the evolution and

ecological factors that affect their genetic constitution. The genome scaffolds

generated are available in the National Center Biotechnology Information (NCBI)

BioProject with accession number PRJDB5914.

Keywords: Rodent; mouse; *Apodemus speciosus*; phylogeography; mammal; evolution

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Specifications Table

Subject area biology

More specific subject area Genomics

Type of data Genome sequences

How data was acquired High throughput DNA sequencing using Hiseq2000

Data format FASTA format

Experimental factors Total DNA extraction from liver samples

Experimental features Freshly collected healthy liver was used for total DNA

extraction

Data source location Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan

Data accessibility The genome scaffolds generated are available in the

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BioProject with accession number PRJDB5914.

Related research article Not applicable

Value of the Data

- The Japanese wood mouse could be a model mammal for investigating the natural histories of organisms inhabiting the Japanese Archipelago.
- We sequenced the Japanese wood mouse genome to facilitate the acquisition of useful resources for inferring the molecular evolution of this species.
- This data allows other researchers focusing on this species to start genome-wide analysis.

1. Data

The genus *Apodemus*, which is a member of the subfamily Murinae, is one of the most species rich taxa of the murine rodents, next to *Rattus* and *Mus*, which are the first and second speciose genera, respectively [1]. Species belonging to *Apodemus*, known as field or wood mice, are distributed in the temperate region of the Eurasian continent including the Japanese Archipelago. According to previous molecular phylogenetic analyses, *Apodemus* diversified in Asia and Europe, around the early

Pliocene and early Pleistocene eras, respectively [2]. Deciphering the genome sequences of this genus would facilitate our understanding of the evolutionary trait of the group adapted to the temperate environment, with the aid of those of *Rattus* and *Mus*. The genome of a representative species of *Apodemus* from Europe, *Apodemus sylvaticus*, was sequenced by a research group at the Liverpool University according to the JGI GOLD database (https://gold.jgi.doe.gov/; project ID = Gp0143296), but its project status is "permanent draft." In Asian species, no genome sequence data are currently available.

The large Japanese wood mouse, *Apodemus speciosus*, is widely distributed in Japan from Hokkaido to Kyushu, including the remote peripheral islands. This species inhabits forests and grasslands, eats insects and acorns, and shows seasonal breeding in the wild. A recent phylogeographic analysis revealed that this species experienced a rapid population growth in response to the effect of the Quaternary ice ages [3]. Thus, the species could be a model mammal for investigating the natural histories of organisms inhabiting the Japanese Archipelago [4]. We sequenced the Japanese wood mouse genome to facilitate the acquisition of useful resources for inferring the molecular evolution of this species.

The genome was assembled using the ALLPATHS-LG program using two-step processes of assembling and scaffolding. The paired-end reads were first assembled into contigs, which were then joined to form concatenated scaffolds by using mate-pair reads. We reconstructed 647,983 contigs (N_{50} is 3.5 kbp). These contigs were joined in 336,124 scaffolds (Table 2), and the N_{50} value of the scaffolds was 47 kbp. The wood mouse genome sequenced is a potentially useful resource for the future molecular evolutionary analysis of rodents.

2. Experimental Design, Materials, and Methods

2.1. Sample preparation and sequencing

We sampled the *A. speciosus* at Tsukuba, Japan (NIES ID; IB14-021, male). All rodent experiments were conducted in accordance with the guidelines for using wild mammals of the Mammal Society of Japan [5] and the rules of the National Institute for Environmental Studies for analysis and experimentation with environmental samples contaminated with radioactive materials. Genomic DNA was extracted from the liver using proteinase K and phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol [6]. The library preparations and sequencings were conducted by the Eurofin Sequencing Service (Eurofin MWG Operon, Germany). Paired-end sequencing of each 100-bp end of the DNA fragments was performed using the Hiseq2000 sequencing system (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA). We sequenced libraries showing five different insert sizes: 150 bp, 300 bp, 500 bp, 8 kbp, and 20 kbp.

2.2. De novo genome assembly

We sequenced three paired-end libraries (insert sizes: 150, 300, and 500 bp) and two mate-pair reads (insert sizes: 8, and 20 kbp). In total, we generated approximately 210 Gbp data. We obtained 362107447, 336419570, 369663105, 22370797, and 12377116 reads for each library showing 150-bp, 300-bp, 500-bp, 8-kbp, and 20-kbp insert sizes, respectively (Table 1). The sequenced reads were used for de novo genome assembly using the ALLPATHS-LG program ver. 51927 under default parameter settings [6].

Conflict of interest

The authors have no potential conflicts of interest to disclose.

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Table 1. Data amount

Insert size (bp)	No. of read pairs	No. of reads	Read length (bp)	Total data (GB)
150	362,107,447	724,214,894	100	72.4
300	336,419,570	892,839,140	100	89.3
500	369,663,105	739,326,210	100	73.9
8,000	22,370,797	44,741,594	100	4.5
20,000	12,377,116	24,754,232	100	2.5

Table 2. General features of the Apodemus speciosus genome

Number of contigs	647,983
Number of contigs per megabase (Mb)	189
Number of scaffolds	336,124
Total contig length	2,009,551,775
Total scaffold length, with gaps	3,428,181,270
N ₅₀ contig size (kb)	3.5
N ₅₀ scaffold size (kb)	25
N ₅₀ scaffold size (kb), with gaps	47
Number of scaffolds per megabase (Mb)	98.05
Median size of gaps in scaffolds	2,846
Median deviation of gaps in scaffolds	852