1.2 mM NaH₂PO₄, 10 mM glucose, 20 mM Hepes and 0.5% fatty acid–free BSA, pH 7.4) and were permeabilized for 6 min by addition of 20 μ M digitonin in potassium glutamate (139 mM), ATP (2 mM), MgCl₂ (2 mM) EGTA (5 mM), 10.5% fatty acid–free BSA, Pipes (20 mM), pH 6.5 in the presence or absence of the analogs GTP(γ)S (100 μ M) or GDP(β)S (750 mM). The cells were then washed twice in HBSS buffer (pH 7.4) containing 0.2% BSA and incubated with or without calcitonin for 30 min before measuring ouabain binding as described (13).

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Molecular Transfer of a Species-Specific Behavior from Drosophila simulans to Drosophila melanogaster

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Drosophila males modulate the interpulse intervals produced during their courtship songs. These song cycles, which are altered by mutations in the clock gene *period*, exhibit a species-specific variation that facilitates mating. We have used chimeric *period* gene constructs from Drosophila melanogaster and Drosophila simulans in germline transformation experiments to map the genetic control of their song rhythm difference to a small segment of the amino acid encoding information within this gene.

THE MOLECULAR AND GENETIC analysis of species-specific behavior may enhance the understanding of the evolution of closely related species. Species-specific acoustic components of the courtship behavior of drosophilids provide an excellent model system for the study of molecular ethology.

The courtship song of *Drosophila* is generated by extension and vibration of the males' wings. The most prominent feature of these sounds in the *D. melanogaster* subgroup is intermittent bursts of tone pulses and hums (1-4). The pulses carry information that enhances the females' mating behavior (2, 3). Species-specific pulse information can be conveyed to the female in at least two ways. One way involves the interpulse interval (IPI), which averages about 30 to 40 ms in *D. melanogaster* and 45 to 55 ms in *D. simulans* (1, 4). The second way is the modulation of the mean IPI, which occurs with periods ranging from 50 to 65 s in *D*.

melanogaster and 30 to 40 s in D. simulans (3, 5).

The period gene (per) in D. melanogaster influences several temporally dependent phenotypes (6). The gene was first defined by the effects of per mutations on circadian rhythms. Mutant alleles shorten (per^S), lengthen (per^{L1}), or abolish (per⁰¹) the circadian rhythms of eclosion and locomotor activity (7). These mutations were shown to have parallel effects on the IPI modulation rhythm in the courtship song: per^S males sing with 35- to 45-s periods, per^{L1}, 75- to 95-s periods, and per⁰¹ males appear to be arrhythmic (3, 5, 8–10).

Behavioral studies of D. simulans–D. melanogaster interspecies hybrids have mapped the species difference in song rhythm periodicity to the X chromosome (3), on which per is located (7). Furthermore, deletion of the repeated Thr-Gly–encoding region within per by in vitro mutagenesis (11, 12)results in a D. simulans–like shortening of the song rhythm in D. melanogaster transformants (13). These findings suggest circumstantially that per may be responsible for the species-specific components of the courtship song rhythms.

We tested the hypothesis that *per* contains species-specific song instructions by introducing a cloned copy of *D. simulans per* into the genome of a *D. melanogaster per*⁰¹ mutant. DNA from the *per* locus of *D. simulans* (Kenscoff strain) was cloned (14) (see Fig. 1A), and a P-element construct was generated (15) that included a D. simulans-derived genomic fragment corresponding to the 13.2-kb D. melanogaster per DNA used in the restoration of rhythms to D. melanogaster flies carrying per^{01} (12, 13, 16, 17).

Because the Thr-Gly repeat of per in D. melanogaster is implicated in control of song rhythmicity, and because this region of the gene is notable for its interspecific variability (18, 19), further transformation experiments focused on the vicinity of the Thr-Gly repeat in D. simulans and D. melanogaster. Thus, the transformations involved four different per constructs (15): the 13.2-kb fragment from D. melanogaster [13.2m-TGm (12, 13)], the corresponding D. simulans fragment (13.2s-TGs), the chimeric construct with the D. melanogaster Sst I-Bam HI fragment [carrying the Thr-Gly repeat (Fig. 1A)] substituted into D. simulans per (13.2s-TGm), and the reciprocal chimeric construct with the D. simulans Sst I-Bam HI material inserted within the flanking regions of D. melanogaster per (13.2m-TGs).

The biological activity of the transduced per constructs was confirmed by testing the locomotor-activity circadian rhythms of the recipient flies. The 13.2s-TGs D. simulans per and the two chimeric per genes efficiently rescued per⁰¹-associated arrhythmicity (20). Resultant circadian periods (about 24.5 to 25 hours) were comparable to those obtained by transduction of per^{01} with the D. melanogaster 13.2m-TGm gene (12, 13, 16, 17). Therefore, the 13.2s-TGs fragment and the two chimeric constructs can provide basic per function. In this context we also noted that D. simulans wild-type adults showed activity rhythms indistinguishable from those of wild-type D. melanogaster (20).

Courtship songs were recorded and analyzed blind (21, 22) for males of each of the four transformant types. The mean song cycle of the 13.2m-TGm transformant males (Table 1, Experiment 1, and Fig. 2), gave the expected *D. melanogaster* periods of about 55 s (3, 5, 9, 10). A dramatic effect

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was observed in the D. melanogaster (per^{01}) males carrying a transduced 13.2s-TGs (D. simulans) per. The song cycles of these flies, measured by any of the three time series methods used (21), gave mean period lengths of approximately 35 s, characteristic of D. simulans (3, 5). [For further comparisons, the song cycles of some recently analyzed wild-type (nontransformed) strains of D. melanogaster and D. simulans are listed in Table 1, Experiment 2.] Males carrying the chimeric construct with the D. simulans Thr-Gly region (13.2m-TGs) gave song rhythms with about 35-s cycles, whereas the reciprocal chimerics (13.2s-TGm) had song periods in the 55- to 58-s range (Table 1, Experiment 1).

The 13.2s-TGs and 13.2m-TGs transformants produced a high proportion of songs with 20- to 30-s periods (Fig. 2). Computer-simulated random songs (9, 10) and songs recorded from per^{01} males (3, 5, 6, 8-10) also have a preponderance of spectral frequencies in the 20- to 30-s range (6, 9). However, the periodicities from the TGs transformants can be distinguished by analysis of their signal-to-noise (S/N) ratios (6). In a recent study involving the songs of 23 per^{01} males (10), only 4 gave significant S/N ratios. In contrast, of the 41 13.2s-TGs and 13.2m-TGs songs analyzed (Table 1), 29 gave significant S/N values.

The species-specific period of the courtship song cycle has therefore been mapped to the 700-bp Sst I-Bam HI fragment in the largest exon of *per* (Fig. 1A). The Thr-Gly encoding repeat divides this region into three segments: 60 amino acids upstream of the Thr-Gly repeat, the Thr-Gly motif, and the 122 amino acids downstream. The region upstream of the Thr-Gly repeat is entirely conserved at the nucleotide level (20) between the three *D. melanogaster* and the two *D. simulans* strains shown in Fig. 1B.

The Thr-Gly region itself is polymorphic in length, both within D. melanogaster (13) and D. simulans. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification of DNA sequences from seven D. simulans and ten D. melanogaster strains (Fig. 1C), with oligo primers flanking the Thr-Gly repeat, generated DNA products consistent in size with repeat lengths ranging from about 17 to 24 Thr-Gly pairs (Fig. 1C). The D. melanogaster amino acid sequence (Fig. 1B) varies between certain strains in increments of three Thr-Gly-pairs (18 bp) (13): Canton-S (23 pairs), Oregon-R (20 pairs), and Chieti-V (17 pairs). But intermediate Thr-Gly repeat lengths have also evolved in this species (compare, in Fig. 1C, lane 2 with lanes 7 to 9). Two of the D. simulans sequences are also illustrated (Fig. 1B), one from the Kenscoff strain (24 Thr-Gly pairs) used in the transformation experiments, and one from the Australia strain (23 Thr-Gly pairs).

To investigate whether Thr-Gly repeat length variation affects the species-specific song cycle length, we examined the songs from *D. melanogaster* strains carrying 17, 20, and 23 pairs of Thr-Glys and from three *D. simulans* strains (Australia, Kenscoff, and Georgetown), the *per* alleles of which encode either 23 or 24 Thr-Gly pairs. No significant differences were observed among



Fig 1. Comparison of per cloned from D. simulans and D. melanogaster. (A) The genomic restriction enzyme map of the portion of the per locus used to rescue the behavioral abnormalities associated with D. melanogaster peroi mutants. The restriction sites are B, Bam HI; E, Eco RI; S, Sst I; Xho, Xho I; Xba, Xba I; and Sal, Sal I. The black bar indicates the location of the Thr-Gly repeat. The genomic position of the per mRNA is indicated below the D. melanogaster sequence, with exons numbered in lower-case Roman numerals. Terminal Xho I and Xba I sites at the ends of the melanogaster sequence are cloning sites derived from a modified pUC18 vector developed for constructing the P-element vector used in the transformations involving this per DNA (12). The scale at the bottom is in kilobases; 0 is the beginning of a published D. melanogaster sequence (12). (**B**) Amino acid sequence encoded in the Sst I to Bam HI interval. The Thr-Gly repeat sequence is in lower case. [Aus, Australia; Ken, Kenscoff strains of D. simulans; CS, Canton-S; OR, Oregon-R; CV, Chieti-V strains of D. melanogaster (13)] (Deletions, -; species-specific amino acid changes, *.) Amino acids 1 to 80 were identical in all five strains (amino acid 1 corresponds to position 637 of accession number A26427, PIR data base, National Biomedical Research Foundation). Positions 161 to 242 were identical among the D. melanogaster strains (mel is D. melanogaster). Single-letter abbreviations for the amino acid residues are: A, Ala; C, Cys; D, Asp; E, Glu; F, Phe; G, Gly; H, His; I, Ile; K, Lys; L, Leu; M, Met; N, Asn; P, Pro; Q, Gln; R, Arg; S, Ser; T, Thr; V, Val; W, Trp; and Y, Tyr. (C) Size variation of DNA from *per* coding for the Thr-Gly repeat. PCR-amplified sequences from several strains of D. melanogaster and D. simulans were displayed on an ethidium bromide-stained 5% polyacrylamide gel. The primers were 5'-CCGCCAGTAACATACA-CATGAGCAGTG-3' and 5'-GCAGGGATTCGGTCAGCGTGACTGGCG-3'. Horizontal lines were 246- and 369-bp size markers. Drosophila melanogaster strains were: lane 1, Vietnam, and lanes 2 to 4, Raleigh, North Carolina (obtained from C. Aquadro); lane 5, Catonsville, Maryland, and lane 6, Hudson, Massachusetts (wild-trapped, D.A.W.); lane 7, Ithaca, New York; lane 8, Oregon-R, and lane 9, Canton-S (12). Drosophila simulans strains were: lane 10, Kenscoff, Haiti; lane 11, Georgetown, Guyana; lane 12, Leticia, Colombia; lane 13, Zamorano, Honduras; lane 14, Australia; lane 15, Lima, Peru; and lane 16, Nueva, California (National Drosophila Species Resource Center, Bowling Green, Ohio).

the D. melanogaster or among the D. simulans strains, irrespective of the time series analysis used to obtain the individual song periods (Table 1, Experiment 2). All six of these wild-type strains gave song cycles in the usual ranges for these species (50 to 65 s for D. melanogaster and 30 to 40 s for D. simulans). Consequently, it is unlikely that the mapping of the species-specific differences in song cycle could be simply due to the four extra Thr-Gly pairs encoded within the Sst I-Bam HI fragment of D. simulans Kenscoff.

The sequence downstream of the Thr-Gly repeat harbors eight amino acid substitutions (Fig. 1B) among the strains that were analyzed, of which four are species-specific, that is, are shared by strains of the same species. The species-specific differences are Thr in D. simulans versus Ala in D. melanogaster at position 121, Arg versus Lys at 125, Asp versus Glu at 165, and Ala versus Val at 224 (amino acid positions as in Fig. 1B). By inference, one or more of these changes are most likely to account for the species-specific song rhythm differences. The change from Thr to Ala could mean that posttranslational modification of a Thr, such as glycosylation or phosphorylation, may be absent in D. melanogaster at position 121. The other three substitutions appear to be conservative changes, but there are examples of such

Table 1. Courtship song cycle of *per*-transformed and wild-type males. The mean cycle durations are in seconds \pm SEM. N is the total number of songs analyzed for a given genotype, n+ is the number that gave significant S/N ratios, and n- is the number that did not (Fig. 2 legend). Mean periods based on N are given for the CLEAN, vdB, and BMDP3R analyses; a second mean based on n+ is given. Experiment 1: D. melanogaster transformants in a pet^{01} genetic background (15). The per construct types included: 13.2m-TGm (TG repeat length, 20 pairs), one of two transformed strains, the behavioral rhythmicity of which was studied (12, 13), though new courtship songs were recorded and analyzed for the present study; 13.2s-TGs (TG repeat length, 24 pairs), four strains; 13.2m-TGs, two strains; 13.2s-TGm, two strains. Within a 13.2-TG type, the interstrain song rhythm results were shown to be homogeneous by nested ANOVA. This also confirmed the significance of the intertype differences (Fig. 2). Experiment 2: Song cycle periods of three polymorphic D. melanogaster (Dm) strains (Chieti-V, Oxford,

and Canton-S), each carrying within their per gene 17, 20, or 23 contiguous Thr-Gly pairs (13), and three D. simulans (Ds) strains (Australia, Kenscoff, and Georgetown) carrying 23 or 24 Thr-Gly pairs (the bracketed repeat length for the Georgetown strain was estimated by PCR) (Fig. 1C). D. melanogaster strains with 17, 20, or 23 Thr-Gly pairs were derived, respectively, from Chieti-V, Oxford, and Canton-S wild-type stocks, made coisogenic except in the vicinity of the per locus by repeated backcrossing to a wild-type strain carrying the flanking markers yellow (γ) and white (w). The final γ^+, w^+ strains had retained the Thr-Gly pereat lengths of the starting stocks (R. Costa, personal communication). Because D. simulans males tend to sing less vigorously than D. melanogaster, a mean IPI for these songs was computed if there were ten or more individual IPIs in a 10-s time bin (Fig. 2). Within each species there were no interstrain song period differences by ANOVA, on the basis of the CLEAN-derived song period estimates.

Strain	Thr-Gly repeat length (no. of pairs)	Number of songs analyzed			Mean song periods ± SEM(s)					
					CLEAN		vdB		BMDP3R	
		N	n+	n-	N	n+	N	n+	N	n+
					Experin	ient 1: Transforma	ints			
13.2m-TGm	20	12	10	2	53.8 ± 4.0	58.6 ± 2.6	52.1 ± 4.8	56.5 ± 4.4	53.9 ± 4.0	58.7 ± 2.5
13.2s-TGs	24	17	12	5	33.8 ± 2.4	37.0 ± 3.0	38.3 ± 3.7	43.3 ± 4.4	38.6 ± 3.6	43.3 ± 4.4
13.2m-TGs	24	24	17	7	35.0 ± 2.0	34.7 ± 2.3	35.6 ± 2.3	34.6 ± 2.4	35.7 ± 2.1	35.1 ± 2.2
13.2s-TGm	20	21	12	9	58.7 ± 2.6	58.2 ± 5.0	55.1 ± 3.6	58.6 ± 5.2	56.5 ± 3.6	58.4 ± 5.2
					Exper	iment 2: Wild typ	es			
Chieti-V (Dm)	17	13	9	2	49.8 ± 5.3	52.7 ± 3.7	51.3 ± 5.1	53.2 ± 4.7	51.0 ± 5.1	52.7 ± 4.6
Oxford (Dm)	20	13	6	7	51.0 ± 3.7	54.5 ± 2.6	53.5 ± 4.3	54.6 ± 2.4	58.1 ± 3.4	54.5 ± 2.4
Canton-S (Dm)	23	11	9	2	49.8 ± 5.5	53.6 ± 5.9	56.5 ± 4.6	59.0 ± 4.1	60.6 ± 3.5	59.4 ± 4.1
Australia (Ds)	23		5	õ	394 + 2.9	394 + 29	349 + 25	349 ± 2.5	35.3 ± 2.0	35.2 ± 2.0
Kenscoff (Dc)	20	š	ž	ž	362 + 30	338 + 26	361 + 2.9	339 + 26	361 + 2.9	33.9 ± 4.6
Georgetown (Ds)	[23]	5	3	2	34.9 ± 3.6	39.1 ± 4.7	34.8 ± 3.8	39.2 ± 4.6	34.6 ± 3.7	38.9 ± 4.6



Fig 2. Examples of individual courtship song IPI rhythms of transformants and their corresponding spectrally derived results, from applying the CLEAN algorithm (21, 24). Top row, histograms showing the distributions of periods observed for each group of transformants (averaged in Table 1). The bottom row in the figure gives the mean IPI versus time plots (solid lines) and the best sinusoidal fits through the data (dotted lines), on the basis of nonlinear regression analysis (21). These sine-wave based periods are similar to the principal frequency components observed in the CLEAN spectrograms, shown in the middle row, above each IPI versus time plot (Table 1). (Middle row, from the left: 13.2m-TGm, period = 59.4 s; 13.2s-TGs, period = 44.7 s; 13.2m-TGs, period = 35.7 s; 13.2s-TGm, period = 51.9 s. Bottom row, from the left: 13.2m-TGm, period = 59.3 s; 13.2s-TGs, period = 43.5 s; 13.2m-TGs, period = 35.0 s; 13.2s-TGm, period = 52.4 s.) Analysis of variance (ANOVA) of these song cycle data gave the following F-ratios: 21.0 for the spectrally derived period estimates from CLEAN, 8.7 for the analogous vdB results, and 11.3 for the BMDP3R-derived curve-fitting results (df=3,75, P<0.001 for each such F-ratio). A posteriori analysis of the means showed that males carrying the 13.2m-TGm or 13.2s-TGm constructs gave song rhythm periods that were not significantly different from each other but were each much longer than those obtained from the 13.2s-TGs and 13.2m-TGs transformants (P < 0.001); the mean periods from the latter two types of males were not different from each other. ANOVA involving only those songs with significant S/N ratios led to results almost identical to those from the analyses using all the data (Table 1), irrespective of whether we used the CLEAN-, vdB-, or BMDP3R-derived periods.

"mild" differences being functionally important (23).

This region downstream of the Thr-Gly repeat is variable between the species and among strains within species (Fig. 1B), in contrast to the conserved region upstream of the Thr-Gly encoding region. This pattern is also observed when the per sequence of another D. melanogaster "subgroup" relative, D. yakuba, is compared (19).

These experiments suggest that for D. simulans and D. melanogaster song cycles, perhaps four or fewer amino acid substitutions in the less conserved region of the per locus are responsible for the species-specific courtship behavior instructions encoded within this clock gene. Behavioral bioassays of in vitro mutagenized site changes within per of either or both species should clarify this situation.

Other transformation experiments implicate per in the control of the different circadian rhythm patterns of locomotor activity exhibited by D. pseudoobscura versus D. melanogaster adults (16). Further scrutiny of the evolutionary constraints on this gene, with respect to both courtship song and locomotor behavior, may eventually determine whether per plays a role in drosophilid speciation.

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 - The procedures to uncover periodicity have been described (5, 6, 8-10). Because subjective elements in the procedure could potentially bias the results (6, 10), each transgenic line used was coded before song recording and all subsequent song analysis was performed blind. The mean IPI was calculated for each 10-s bin of recorded time. Any bin with fewer than 15 individual IPIs was considered empty, and treated as if the male had not sung at all, with no mean IPI value calculated for that time point (6). The time series of mean IPIs (30 to 40 data points) was subjected to Fourier analysis by the CLEAN (9, 24) and vdB (10) algorithms. These two methods deal with gaps in a data record (for example, empty 10-s bins) in different ways (10, 24). The significance of the principal spectral component was tested by nonlinear regression with BMDP program "3R" (BMDP Statistical Software, Berkeley, CA). After all results were obtained, the code was broken and averages were computed for each genotype. Recent experiments using substantial behavioral and analytical modifications of our methods [S. A. Crossley, Anim. Behav. 36, 1098 (1988); A. W. Ewing, ibid., p. 1091] failed to detect rhythmicity in courtship songs; but see (6, 9, 10) for further results confirm-ing the validity of these rhythms.
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