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The genome sequence of the Notch-wing Button, *Acleris emargana* (Fabricius, 1775) [version 1; peer review: 2 approved, 1 approved with reservations]

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Abstract

We present a genome assembly from an individual male *Acleris emargana* (the Notch-wing Button; Arthropoda; Insecta; Lepidoptera; Tortricidae). The genome sequence is 691.4 megabases in span. Most of the assembly is scaffolded into 30 chromosomal pseudomolecules, including the Z sex chromosome. The mitochondrial genome has also been assembled and is 16.34 kilobases in length. Gene annotation of this assembly on Ensembl identified 21,886 protein coding genes.

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Species taxonomy

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Background

The Notch-wing Button *Acleris emargana* (Fabricius, 1775) is a moth in the Tortricidae family. The species' vernacular name is a reference to the remarkable shape of the forewings, which show a large inward 'notch' along their leading edge. As in other members of its genus, the species is polymorphic (Bradley *et al.*, 1973). *Acleris emargana* has a Palearctic distribution, being found across northern Eurasia east to at least northern China and Altai and Buryatia in Russia (Karsholt *et al.*, 2005). The species' distribution at the eastern boundary of its range is poorly known due to confusion with its recently split sister taxon *Acleris effractana*, which has a Holarctic distribution (Karsholt *et al.*, 2005). *Acleris emargana* is widespread across the British Isles except in the Outer Hebrides where it appears to be replaced by *effractana* (Elliott *et al.*, 2018).

The species overwinters as an egg, with the larva feeding between May and July on *Salix* or *Populus*, and less commonly, *Betula*, *Corylus* or *Alnus* (Bradley *et al.*, 1973; Elliott *et al.*, 2018). The larva feeds from within a folded leaf or between spun leaves (Bradley *et al.*, 1973; Elliott *et al.*, 2018). Pupation occurs in the larval habitation or amongst moss. Adults occur between July and September, often found in damp areas where willow (*Salix* ssp.) is established (Bradley *et al.*, 1973; Elliott *et al.*, 2018).

The genome of *Acleris emargana* was sequenced as part of the Darwin Tree of Life Project, a collaborative effort to sequence all named eukaryotic species in the Atlantic Archipelago of Britain and Ireland. Here we present a complete, chromosome-level genome sequence for *Acleris emargana*, based on one male specimen from Wytham Woods, Oxfordshire, UK.

Genome sequence report

The genome was sequenced from one male *Acleris emargana* (Figure 1) collected from Wytham Woods, Oxfordshire (51.77, -1.34). A total of 25-fold coverage in Pacific Biosciences single-molecule HiFi long reads and 67-fold coverage in 10X Genomics read clouds was generated. Primary assembly contigs were scaffolded with chromosome conformation Hi-C data. Manual assembly curation corrected 27 missing joins or mis-joins and removed three haplotypic duplications, reducing the assembly length by 0.99% and the scaffold number by 10.53%, and decreasing the scaffold N50 by 1.34%.

The final assembly has a total length of 691.4 Mb in 33 sequence scaffolds with a scaffold N50 of 22.8 Mb (Table 1). Most (99.98%) of the assembly sequence was assigned to



Figure 1. Photograph of the *Acleris emargana* (ilAclEmar1) specimen used for genome sequencing.

30 chromosomal-level scaffolds, representing 29 autosomes and the Z sex chromosome. Chromosome-scale scaffolds confirmed by the Hi-C data are named in order of size (Figure 2–Figure 5; Table 2). While not fully phased, the assembly deposited is of one haplotype. Contigs corresponding to the second haplotype have also been deposited. The mitochondrial genome was also assembled and can be found as a contig within the multifasta file of the genome submission.

The estimated Quality Value (QV) of the final assembly is 58.5 with *k*-mer completeness of 99.99%, and the assembly has a BUSCO v5.3.2 completeness of 97.8% (single = 97.1%, duplicated = 0.7%), using the lepidoptera_odb10 reference set (*n* = 5,286).

Metadata for specimens, spectral estimates, sequencing runs, contaminants and pre-curation assembly statistics can be found at <https://links.tol.sanger.ac.uk/species/758706>.

Genome annotation report

The *Acleris emargana* genome assembly (GCA_927399475.2) was annotated using the Ensembl rapid annotation pipeline (Table 1; https://rapid.ensembl.org/Acleris_emargana_GCA_927399445.1/Info/Index). The resulting annotation includes 22,022 transcribed mRNAs from 21,886 protein-coding genes.

Methods

Sample acquisition and nucleic acid extraction

The specimen used for DNA sequencing was a male *Acleris emargana* (specimen ID Ox000806, individual ilAclEmar1), collected from Wytham Woods, Oxfordshire (biological vice-county Berkshire), UK (latitude 51.77, longitude -1.34) on 2020-08-01 using a light trap. The specimen used for Hi-C sequencing (specimen ID Ox000951, individual ilAclEmar2) was collected from the same location on 2020-09-08. Both

Table 1. Genome data for *Acleris emargana*, ilAclEmar1.2.

Project accession data		
Assembly identifier	ilAclEmar1.2	
Species	<i>Acleris emargana</i>	
Specimen	ilAclEmar1	
NCBI taxonomy ID	758706	
BioProject	PRJEB48047	
BioSample ID	SAMEA7746613	
Isolate information	ilAclEmar1, male: whole organism (DNA sequencing) ilAclEmar2: whole organism (Hi-C scaffolding)	
Assembly metrics*		Benchmark
Consensus quality (QV)	58.5	≥ 50
k-mer completeness	99.99%	≥ 95%
BUSCO**	C:97.8%[S:97.1%,D:0.7%], F:0.5%,M:1.7%,n:5,286	C ≥ 95%
Percentage of assembly mapped to chromosomes	99.98%	≥ 95%
Sex chromosomes	Z chromosome	localised homologous pairs
Organelles	Mitochondrial genome assembled	complete single alleles
Raw data accessions		
PacificBiosciences SEQUEL IIe	ERR7123967	
10X Genomics Illumina	ERR7113542, ERR7113544, ERR7113543, ERR7113545	
Hi-C Illumina	ERR7167663	
Genome assembly		
Assembly accession	GCA_927399475.2	
Accession of alternate haplotype	GCA_927399445.1	
Span (Mb)	691.4	
Number of contigs	72	
Contig N50 length (Mb)	16.7	
Number of scaffolds	33	
Scaffold N50 length (Mb)	22.8	
Longest scaffold (Mb)	101.2	
Genome annotation		
Number of protein-coding genes	21,886	
Number of gene transcripts	22,022	

* Assembly metric benchmarks are adapted from column VGP-2020 of "Table 1: Proposed standards and metrics for defining genome assembly quality" from (Rhie *et al.*, 2021).

** BUSCO scores based on the lepidoptera_odb10 BUSCO set using v5.3.2. C = complete [S = single copy, D = duplicated], F = fragmented, M = missing, n = number of orthologues in comparison. A full set of BUSCO scores is available at <https://blobtoolkit.genomehubs.org/view/ilAclEmar1.2/dataset/CAKMJL02/busco>.

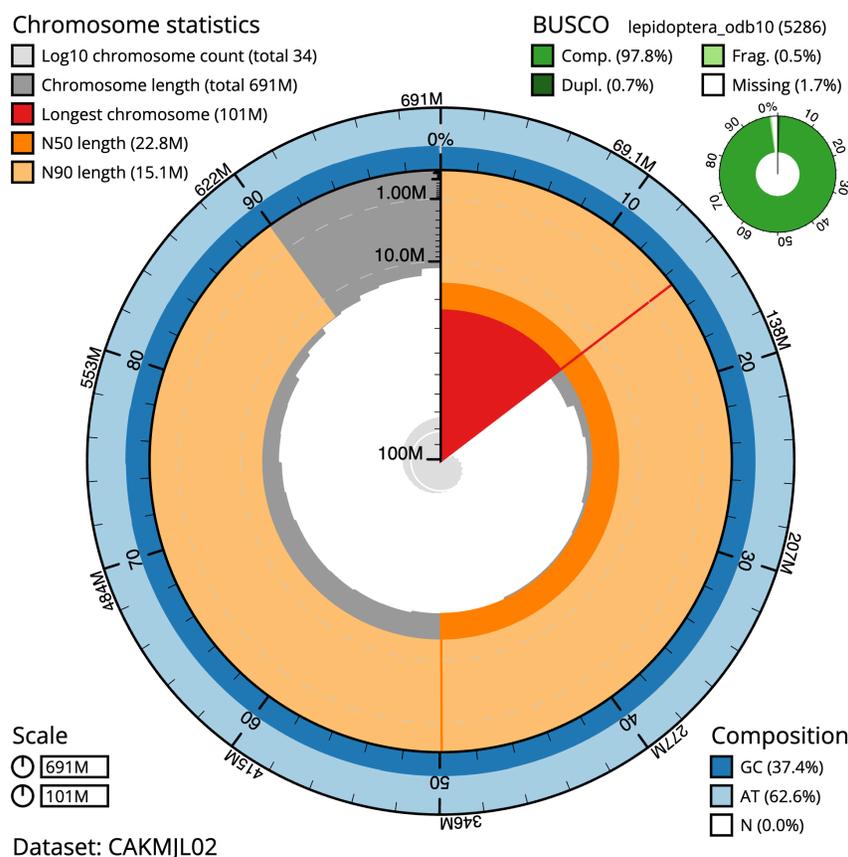


Figure 2. Genome assembly of *Acleris emargana*, ilAclEmar1.2: metrics. The BlobToolKit Snailplot shows N50 metrics and BUSCO gene completeness. The main plot is divided into 1,000 size-ordered bins around the circumference with each bin representing 0.1% of the 691,448,267 bp assembly. The distribution of scaffold lengths is shown in dark grey with the plot radius scaled to the longest scaffold present in the assembly (101,224,011 bp, shown in red). Orange and pale-orange arcs show the N50 and N90 scaffold lengths (22,775,158 and 15,148,969 bp), respectively. The pale grey spiral shows the cumulative scaffold count on a log scale with white scale lines showing successive orders of magnitude. The blue and pale-blue area around the outside of the plot shows the distribution of GC, AT and N percentages in the same bins as the inner plot. A summary of complete, fragmented, duplicated and missing BUSCO genes in the lepidoptera_odb10 set is shown in the top right. An interactive version of this figure is available at <https://blobtoolkit.genomehubs.org/view/ilAclEmar1.2/dataset/CAKMJL02/snail>.

specimens were collected and identified by Douglas Boyes (University of Oxford) and preserved on dry ice.

DNA was extracted at the Tree of Life laboratory, Wellcome Sanger Institute (WSI). The ilAclEmar1 sample was weighed and dissected on dry ice with tissue set aside for Hi-C sequencing. Tissue from the whole organism was disrupted using a Nippi Powermasher fitted with a BioMasher pestle. High molecular weight (HMW) DNA was extracted using the Qiagen MagAttract HMW DNA extraction kit. HMW DNA was sheared into an average fragment size of 12–20 kb in a Megaruptor 3 system with speed setting 30. Sheared DNA was purified by solid-phase reversible immobilisation using AMPure PB beads with a 1.8X ratio of beads to sample to remove the shorter fragments and concentrate the DNA sample. The concentration of the sheared and purified DNA was assessed using a Nanodrop spectrophotometer and Qubit Fluorometer and Qubit dsDNA High Sensitivity Assay kit.

Fragment size distribution was evaluated by running the sample on the FemtoPulse system.

Sequencing

Pacific Biosciences HiFi circular consensus and 10X Genomics read cloud DNA sequencing libraries were constructed according to the manufacturers' instructions. DNA sequencing was performed by the Scientific Operations core at the WSI on Pacific Biosciences SEQUEL II (HiFi) and Illumina NovaSeq 6000 (10X) instruments. Hi-C data were also generated from whole organism tissue of ilAclEmar2 using the Arima2 kit and sequenced on the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 instrument.

Genome assembly, curation and evaluation

Assembly was carried out with Hifiasm (Cheng *et al.*, 2021) and haplotypic duplication was identified and removed with purge_dups (Guan *et al.*, 2020). One round of polishing was

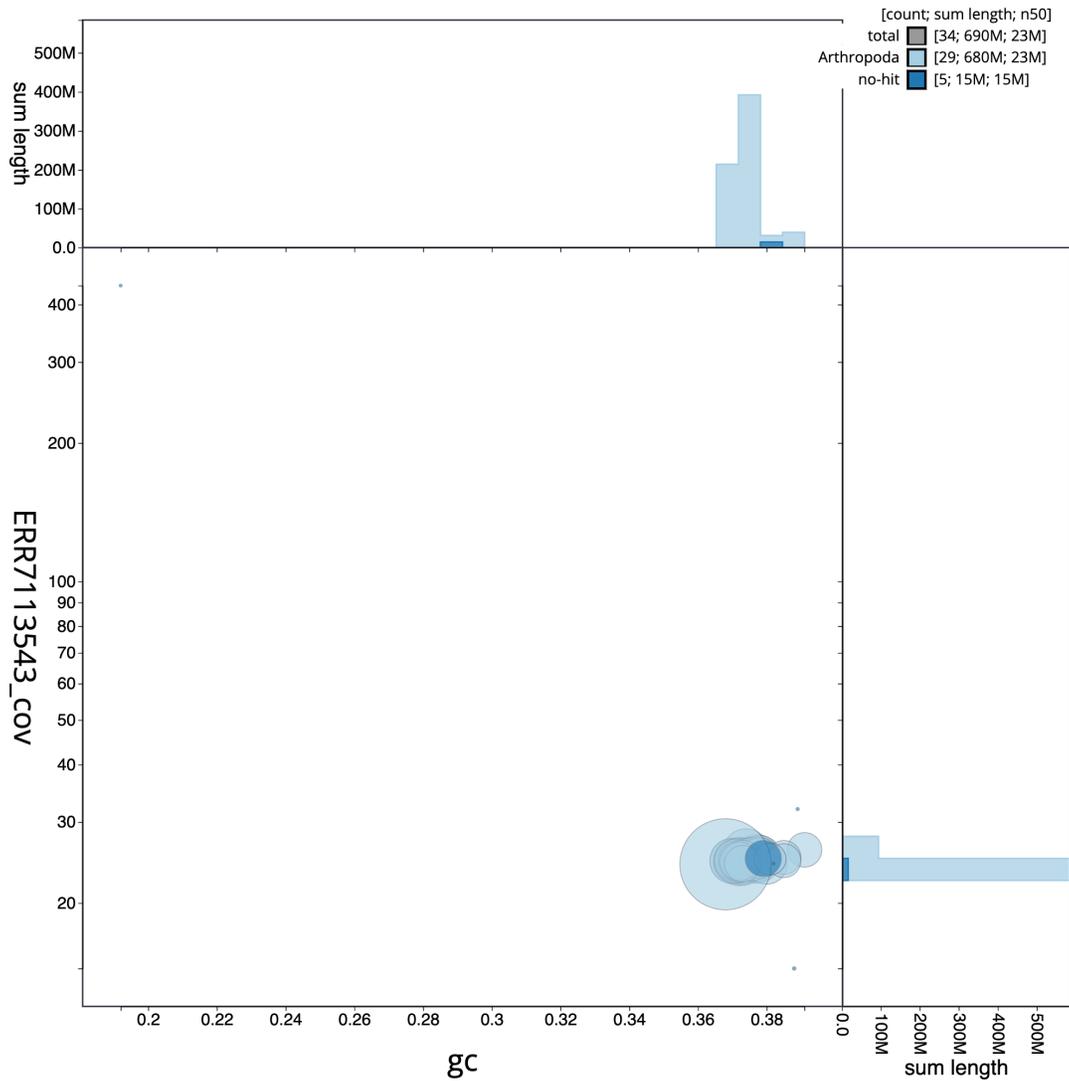


Figure 3. Genome assembly of *Acleris emargana*, ilAclEmar1.2: BlobToolKit GC-coverage plot. Scaffolds are coloured by phylum. Circles are sized in proportion to scaffold length. Histograms show the distribution of scaffold length sum along each axis. An interactive version of this figure is available at <https://blobtoolkit.genomehubs.org/view/ilAclEmar1.2/dataset/CAKMJL02/blob>.

performed by aligning 10X Genomics read data to the assembly with Long Ranger ALIGN, calling variants with FreeBayes (Garrison & Marth, 2012). The assembly was then scaffolded with Hi-C data (Rao *et al.*, 2014) using YaHS (Zhou *et al.*, 2023). The assembly was checked for contamination and corrected as described previously (Howe *et al.*, 2021). Manual curation was performed using HiGlass (Kerpedjiev *et al.*, 2018) and Pretext (Harry, 2022). The mitochondrial genome was assembled using MitoHiFi (Uliano-Silva *et al.*, 2023), which runs MitoFinder (Allio *et al.*, 2020) or MITOS (Bernt *et al.*, 2013) and uses these

annotations to select the final mitochondrial contig and to ensure the general quality of the sequence.

A Hi-C map for the final assembly was produced using bwa-mem2 (Vasimuddin *et al.*, 2019) in the Cooler file format (Abdennur & Mirny, 2020). To assess the assembly metrics, the *k*-mer completeness and QV consensus quality values were calculated in Merqury (Rhie *et al.*, 2020). This work was done using Nextflow (Di Tommaso *et al.*, 2017) DSL2 pipelines “sanger-tol/readmapping” (Surana *et al.*, 2023a) and “sanger-tol/genomenote” (Surana *et al.*, 2023b).

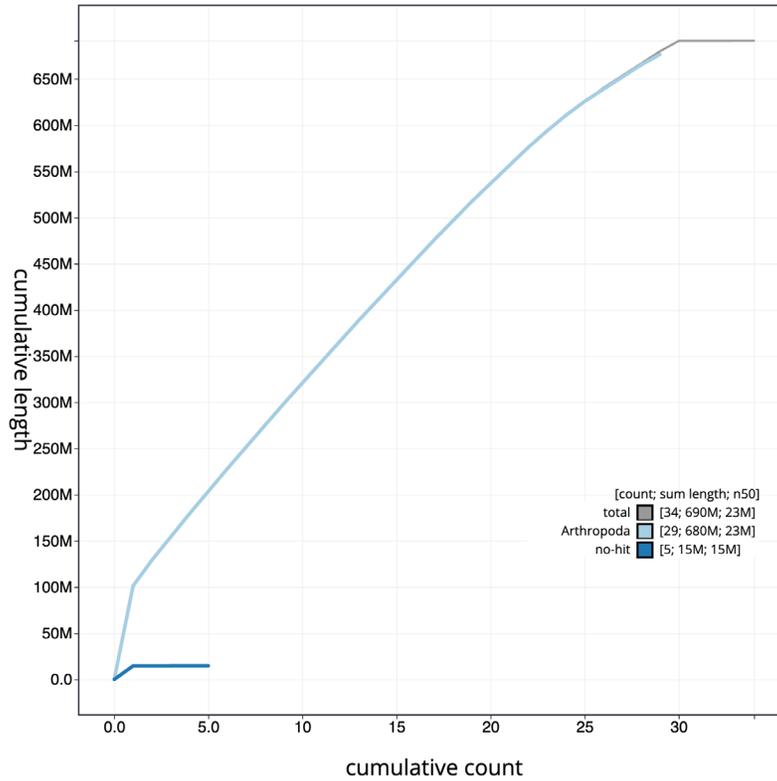


Figure 4. Genome assembly of *Acleris emargana*, ilAcEmar1.2: BlobToolKit cumulative sequence plot. The grey line shows cumulative length for all scaffolds. Coloured lines show cumulative lengths of scaffolds assigned to each phylum using the buscogenes taxrule. An interactive version of this figure is available at <https://blobtoolkit.genomehubs.org/view/ilAcEmar1.2/dataset/CAKMJL02/cumulative>.

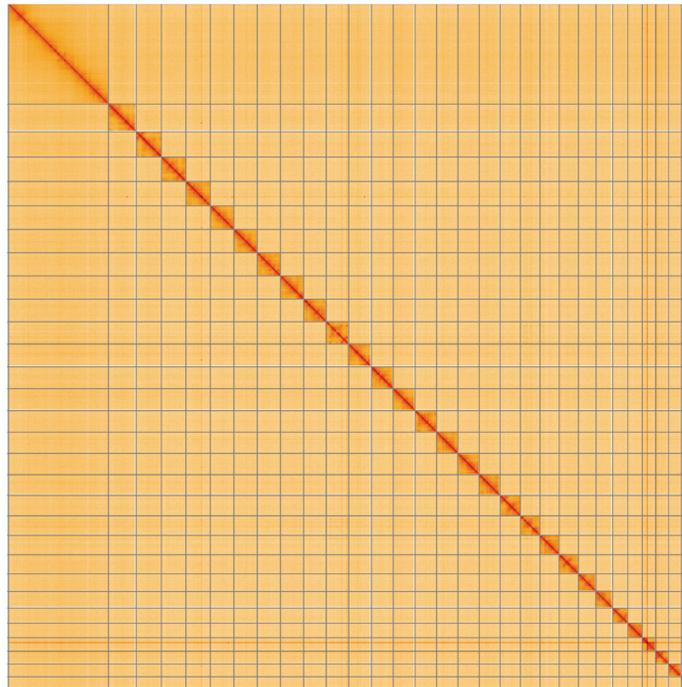


Figure 5. Genome assembly of *Acleris emargana*, ilAcEmar1.2: Hi-C contact map of the ilAcEmar1.2 assembly, visualised using HiGlass. Chromosomes are shown in order of size from left to right and top to bottom. An interactive version of this figure may be viewed at <https://genome-note-higlass.tol.sanger.ac.uk/l/?d=CxX2ql3pQpegkujExGkbMw>.

Table 2. Chromosomal pseudomolecules in the genome assembly of *Acleris emargana*, iAcIEmar1.

INSDC accession	Chromosome	Length (Mb)	GC%
OV656836.1	1	27.92	37.5
OV656837.1	2	25.53	37.5
OV656838.1	3	24.76	37.0
OV656839.1	4	24.64	37.5
OV656840.1	5	23.84	37.5
OV656841.1	6	23.5	37.0
OV656842.1	7	23.48	37.0
OV656843.1	8	23.47	37.0
OV656844.1	9	22.83	37.0
OV656845.1	10	22.78	37.5
OV656846.1	11	22.78	37.5
OV656847.1	12	22.19	37.0
OV656848.1	13	22.12	37.0
OV656849.1	14	21.72	37.5
OV656850.1	15	21.54	37.5
OV656851.1	16	21.51	37.5
OV656852.1	17	21.0	38.0
OV656853.1	18	20.65	37.0
OV656854.1	19	19.74	38.0
OV656855.1	20	19.52	37.0
OV656856.1	21	19.33	38.0
OV656857.1	22	17.83	37.5
OV656858.1	23	16.79	37.0
OV656859.1	24	15.15	37.5
OV656860.1	25	14.71	38.0
OV656861.1	26	13.54	39.0
OV656862.1	27	13.03	38.5
OV656863.1	28	12.96	38.5
OV656864.1	29	11.29	38.0
OV656835.1	Z	101.22	37.0
OV656865.2	MT	0.02	19.5

The genome was analysed within the BlobToolKit environment (Challis *et al.*, 2020) and BUSCO scores (Manni *et al.*, 2021; Simão *et al.*, 2015) were calculated.

Table 3 contains a list of relevant software tool versions and sources.

Genome annotation

The BRAKER2 pipeline (Brůna *et al.*, 2021) was used in the default protein mode to generate annotation for the *Acleris emargana* assembly (GCA_927399475.2) in Ensembl Rapid Release.

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Table 3. Software tools: versions and sources.

Software tool	Version	Source
BlobToolKit	4.1.7	https://github.com/blobtoolkit/blobtoolkit
BUSCO	5.3.2	https://gitlab.com/ezlab/busco
FreeBayes	1.3.1-17-gaa2ace8	https://github.com/freebayes/freebayes
gEVAL	N/A	https://geval.org.uk/
Hifiasm	0.12	https://github.com/chhylp123/hifiasm
HiGlass	1.11.6	https://github.com/higlass/higlass
Long Ranger ALIGN	2.2.2	https://support.10xgenomics.com/genome-exome/software/pipelines/latest/advanced/other-pipelines
Merqury	MerquryFK	https://github.com/thegenemyers/MERQURY.FK
MitoHiFi	2	https://github.com/marcelauliano/MitoHiFi
PretextView	0.2	https://github.com/wtsi-hpag/PretextView
purge_dups	1.2.3	https://github.com/dfguan/purge_dups
sanger-tol/genomenote	v1.0	https://github.com/sanger-tol/genomenote
sanger-tol/readmapping	1.1.0	https://github.com/sanger-tol/readmapping/tree/1.1.0
YaHS	1	https://github.com/c-zhou/yahs

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Data availability

European Nucleotide Archive: *Acleris emargana* (notch-wing button). Accession number PRJEB48047; <https://identifiers.org/ena.embl/PRJEB48047>. (Wellcome Sanger Institute, 2022) The genome sequence is released openly for reuse. The *Acleris*

emargana genome sequencing initiative is part of the Darwin Tree of Life (DTOL) project. All raw sequence data and the assembly have been deposited in INSDC databases. Raw data and assembly accession identifiers are reported in Table 1.

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The paper presents an outstanding genomic dataset of *Acleris emargana*, with detailed elaboration on the species' background and a comprehensive summary of the generated genome. Overall, this is an excellent genomic dataset, but there are a few minor comments:

Q1. The authors mentioned in the research background that *Acleris emargana* is often confused with *Acleris effractana*. In this case, it is suggested to provide criteria for identification. Evidence should be given from either morphological or genetic levels to confirm that the sequenced species is indeed *Acleris emargana*.

Q2. The sequencing methods section should detail the sequencing strategy.

Is the rationale for creating the dataset(s) clearly described?

Yes

Are the protocols appropriate and is the work technically sound?

Yes

Are sufficient details of methods and materials provided to allow replication by others?

Yes

Are the datasets clearly presented in a useable and accessible format?

Yes

Competing Interests: No competing interests were disclosed.

Reviewer Expertise: Insect resources and their utilization; Insect systematics

I confirm that I have read this submission and believe that I have an appropriate level of

expertise to confirm that it is of an acceptable scientific standard.

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This paper presents a thorough solid technical report on the genome assembly of a tortricid moth from the UK, identified as *Acleris emargana*. My only question to this report is the way how the sequenced specimen has been identified in terms of taxonomy. This must be explicitly documented in the paper, since it is now well known that the taxon in question belongs to a species complex formed by 2 (if not even 3?) species.

The only reliable way to distinguish *emargana* from its sister taxon *effractana* is by anatomy of the genitalia, or by DNA barcoding. Please say clearly which way you have used to identify our focal specimen – since from the time of publication onwards the genomic information will be linked to the respective taxon name ‘forever’. Hence, identification should be 100% error-free.

In this respect, it is noteworthy that the complex around *Acleris emargana/effractana* comprises 3 clusters in the bold systems database:

BOLD:AAB3524 (Europe; *Acleris emargana*); BOLD:AAB3525 (North America, Europe; *A. effractana*); BOLD:AAA6999 (Europe),

with specimens of *effractana* also being (marginally) further differentiated between North American and European origin (see here, Giligan et al. 2020 (Ref -1):

<https://doi.org/10.3390/insects11090594>).

Because of these circumstances, it may also be noted in the paper that all information (e.g. on host plants) pre-dating the recognition of *effractana* as a distinct species (pre-2005) is a bit suspect, as long as no voucher specimens exist, whose taxonomic identity has been clarified in retrospect. Therefore, any paragraphs where ecological on *Acleris emargana* are mentioned in this paper reporting its genome should be restricted to sources in which the taxonomic identity has been rigorously checked.

Otherwise: a valid technical report that makes available important genomic data to the scientific community.

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Are sufficient details of methods and materials provided to allow replication by others?

No

Are the datasets clearly presented in a useable and accessible format?

Yes

Competing Interests: No competing interests were disclosed.

Reviewer Expertise: Ecology, conservation and biodiversity of insects, with special emphasis on the Lepidoptera

I confirm that I have read this submission and believe that I have an appropriate level of expertise to confirm that it is of an acceptable scientific standard, however I have significant reservations, as outlined above.

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This paper describes the genome assembly of a genome assembly of Notch-wing Button moth, *Acleris emargana*; (Insecta; Arthropoda Lepidoptera; Tortricidae). *A.emargana* is widely found across northern Eurasia east to at least northern China and Altai and Buryatia in Russia. The genome sequence is 691.4 megabases in span scaffolded into 30 chromosomal pseudomolecules, including the Z sex chromosome. The mitochondrial genome has also been assembled and is 16.34 kilobases in length. Gene annotation of this assembly on Ensembl identified 21,886 protein coding genes.

Queries:

Q1. Since this moth's taxonomic identity has resemblance to *Acleris effractana*, how the authors can authentically say that the moth collected was actually *Acleris emargana*?

Whether voucher specimen has been deposited with any repository.

Q2. Whether barcoding was done for the specimen collected and accession number was obtained from Barcode of Life data base or NCBI GenBank?

Is the rationale for creating the dataset(s) clearly described?

Yes

Are the protocols appropriate and is the work technically sound?

Yes

Are sufficient details of methods and materials provided to allow replication by others?

Yes

Are the datasets clearly presented in a useable and accessible format?

Yes

Competing Interests: No competing interests were disclosed.

Reviewer Expertise: Entomology - Insect Molecular Biology

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