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The genome sequence of the Large Beech Piercer moth, *Cydia fagiglandana* (Zeller, 1841)

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Abstract

We present a genome assembly from an individual male *Cydia fagiglandana* (Large Beech Piercer; Arthropoda; Insecta; Lepidoptera; Tortricidae). The genome sequence has a total length of 555.10 megabases. Most of the assembly (99.91%) is scaffolded into 28 chromosomal pseudomolecules, including the sex chromosome. The mitochondrial genome has also been assembled and is 16.1 kilobases in length. Gene annotation of this assembly on Ensembl identified 16,783 protein-coding genes.

Keywords

Cydia fagiglandana, Large Beech Piercer moth, genome sequence, chromosomal, Lepidoptera



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Species taxonomy

Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Amphiesmenoptera; Lepidoptera; Glossata; Neolepidoptera; Heteroneura; Ditrysia; Apoditrysia; Tortricoidea; Tortricidae; Olethreutinae; Grapholitini; *Cydia*; *Cydia fagiglandana* (Zeller, 1841) (NCBI:txid1458189).

Background

Here we present the first whole genome sequence for *Cydia fagiglandana*, based on a male specimen from Wytham Woods, Berkshire, United Kingdom (Figure 1). This genome 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 (Blaxter *et al.*, 2022).

Genome sequence report

The genome of *Cydia fagiglandana* (Figure 1) was sequenced using Pacific Biosciences single-molecule HiFi long reads, generating a total of 25.75 Gb (gigabases) from 1.67 million reads, providing an estimated 45-fold coverage. Primary assembly contigs were scaffolded with chromosome conformation Hi-C data, which produced 112.63 Gb from 745.86 million reads. Specimen and sequencing details are summarised in Table 1.

Assembly errors were corrected by manual curation, including 24 missing joins or mis-joins and three haplotypic duplications. This reduced the assembly length by 0.95% and the scaffold number by 5.13%. The final assembly has a total length of 555.10 Mb in 36 sequence scaffolds, with 23 gaps, and a scaffold N50 of 21.3 Mb (Table 2).

The snail plot in Figure 2 provides a summary of the assembly statistics, indicating the distribution of scaffold lengths and other assembly metrics. Figure 3 shows the distribution of scaffolds by GC proportion and coverage. Figure 4 presents a cumulative assembly plot, with separate curves representing different scaffold subsets assigned to various phyla, illustrating the completeness of the assembly.



Figure 1. Photograph of the *Cydia fagiglandana* (ilCydFagi1) specimen used for genome sequencing.

Most of the assembly sequence (99.91%) was assigned to 28 chromosomal-level scaffolds, representing 27 autosomes and the Z sex chromosome. These chromosome-level scaffolds, confirmed by the Hi-C data, are named in order of size (Figure 5; Table 3). During manual curation it was noted that Sex chromosome was assigned by synteny to the assembly of *Cydia amplana* (GCA_948474715.1).

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, and as a separate fasta file with accession OY750818.1.

The final assembly has a Quality Value (QV) of 67.3 and *k*-mer completeness of 100.0%. BUSCO (v5.4.3) analysis using the lepidoptera_odb10 reference set ($n = 5,286$) indicated a completeness score of 98.2% (single = 97.6%, duplicated = 0.6%).

Metadata for specimens, BOLD barcode results, spectra estimates, sequencing runs, contaminants and pre-curation assembly statistics are given at <https://links.tol.sanger.ac.uk/species/1458189>.

Genome annotation report

The *Cydia fagiglandana* genome assembly (GCA_963556715.1) was annotated at the European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI) on Ensembl Rapid Release. The resulting annotation includes 40,761 transcribed mRNAs from 16,783 protein-coding and 7,808 non-coding genes (Table 2; https://rapid.ensembl.org/Cydia_fagiglandana_GCA_963556715.1/Info/Index). The average transcript length is 14,866.84. There are 1.66 coding transcripts per gene and 5.91 exons per transcript.

Methods

Sample acquisition and DNA barcoding

An adult male specimen of *Cydia fagiglandana* (specimen ID Ox000589, ToLID ilCydFagi1) was collected from Wytham Woods, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom (latitude 51.77, longitude -1.34) on 2020-07-05, using a light trap. The specimen was collected and identified by Douglas Boyes (University of Oxford) and preserved on dry ice.

The specimen used for Hi-C sequencing (specimen ID Ox003048, ToLID ilCydFagi2) was an adult specimen collected from the same location on 2022-07-22, using a light trap. The specimen was collected by Finley Hutchinson (University of Exeter) and Liam Crowley (University of Oxford), identified by Finley Hutchinson, and preserved on dry ice.

The initial identification was verified by an additional DNA barcoding process according to the framework developed by Twyford *et al.* (2024). A small sample was dissected from the specimens and stored in ethanol, while the remaining parts were shipped on dry ice to the Wellcome Sanger Institute

Table 1. Specimen and sequencing data for *Cydia fagiglandana*.

Project information			
Study title	<i>Cydia fagiglandana</i> (large beech piercer)		
Umbrella BioProject	PRJEB66764		
Species	<i>Cydia fagiglandana</i>		
BioSample	SAMEA7701453		
NCBI taxonomy ID	1458189		
Specimen information			
Technology	ToLID	BioSample accession	Organism part
PacBio long read sequencing	ilCydFagi1	SAMEA7701621	Whole organism
Hi-C sequencing	ilCydFagi2	SAMEA113426992	Whole organism
Sequencing information			
Platform	Run accession	Read count	Base count (Gb)
Hi-C Illumina NovaSeq 6000	ERR12102436	7.46e+08	112.63
PacBio Sequel IIe	ERR12102458	1.67e+06	25.75

(WSI). The tissue was lysed, the COI marker region was amplified by PCR, and amplicons were sequenced and compared to the BOLD database, confirming the species identification (Crowley *et al.*, 2023). Following whole genome sequence generation, the relevant DNA barcode region was also used alongside the initial barcoding data for sample tracking at the WSI (Twyford *et al.*, 2024). The standard operating procedures for Darwin Tree of Life barcoding have been deposited on protocols.io (Beasley *et al.*, 2023).

Nucleic acid extraction

The workflow for high molecular weight (HMW) DNA extraction at the Wellcome Sanger Institute (WSI) Tree of Life Core Laboratory includes a sequence of core procedures: sample preparation and homogenisation, DNA extraction, fragmentation and purification. Detailed protocols are available on protocols.io (Denton *et al.*, 2023b). The ilCydFagi1 sample was prepared for DNA extraction by weighing and dissecting it on dry ice (Jay *et al.*, 2023). Tissue from the whole organism was homogenised using a PowerMasher II tissue disruptor (Denton *et al.*, 2023a).

HMW DNA was extracted using the Automated MagAttract v1 protocol (Sheerin *et al.*, 2023). DNA was sheared into an average fragment size of 12–20 kb in a Megaruptor 3 system (Todorovic *et al.*, 2023). Sheared DNA was purified by solid-phase reversible immobilisation, using AMPure PB beads to eliminate shorter fragments and concentrate the DNA (Strickland *et al.*, 2023). The concentration of the sheared and purified DNA was assessed using a Nanodrop

spectrophotometer and a Qubit Fluorometer using the Qubit dsDNA High Sensitivity Assay kit. The fragment size distribution was evaluated by running the sample on the FemtoPulse system.

Hi-C preparation

Tissue from the ilCydFagi2 sample was processed at the WSI Scientific Operations core, using the Arima-HiC v2 kit. Tissue (stored at -80°C) was fixed, and the DNA crosslinked using a TC buffer with 22% formaldehyde. After crosslinking, the tissue was homogenised using the Diagnocine Power Masher-II and BioMasher-II tubes and pestles. Following the kit manufacturer's instructions, crosslinked DNA was digested using a restriction enzyme master mix. The 5'-overhangs were then filled in and labelled with biotinylated nucleotides and proximally ligated. An overnight incubation was carried out for enzymes to digest remaining proteins and for crosslinks to reverse. A clean up was performed with SPRIselect beads prior to library preparation.

Library preparation and sequencing

Library preparation and sequencing were performed at the WSI Scientific Operations core. Pacific Biosciences HiFi circular consensus DNA sequencing libraries were prepared using the PacBio Express Template Preparation Kit v2.0 (Pacific Biosciences, California, USA) as per the manufacturer's instructions. The kit includes the reagents required for removal of single-strand overhangs, DNA damage repair, end repair/A-tailing, adapter ligation, and nuclease treatment. Library preparation also included a library purification step using

Table 2. Genome assembly data for *Cydia fagiglandana*, ilCydFagi1.1.

Genome assembly		
Assembly name	ilCydFagi1.1	
Assembly accession	GCA_963556715.1	
Accession of alternate haplotype	GCA_963556735.1	
Span (Mb)	555.10	
Number of contigs	60	
Number of scaffolds	36	
Longest scaffold (Mb)	42.45	
Assembly metrics*		Benchmark
Contig N50 length (Mb)	19.2	≥ 1 Mb
Scaffold N50 length (Mb)	21.3	= chromosome N50
Consensus quality (QV)	67.3	≥ 40
k-mer completeness	100.0%	≥ 95%
BUSCO**	C:98.2%[S:97.6%,D:0.6%], F:0.5%,M:1.3%,n:5,286	S > 90% D < 5%
Percentage of assembly mapped to chromosomes	99.91%	≥ 90%
Sex chromosomes	Z	localised homologous pairs
Organelles	Mitochondrial genome: 16.1 kb	complete single alleles
Genome annotation of assembly GCA_963556715.1 at Ensembl		
Number of protein-coding genes	16,783	
Number of non-coding genes	7,808	
Number of gene transcripts	40,761	

* Assembly metric benchmarks are adapted from [Rhie et al. \(2021\)](#) and the Earth BioGenome Project Report on Assembly Standards [September 2024](#).

** BUSCO scores based on the lepidoptera_odb10 BUSCO set using version 5.4.3. C = complete [S = single copy, D = duplicated], F = fragmented, M = missing, n = number of orthologues in comparison.

AMPure PB beads (Pacific Biosciences, California, USA) and size selection step to remove templates shorter than 3 kb using AMPure PB modified SPRI. DNA concentration was quantified using the Qubit Fluorometer v2.0 and Qubit HS Assay Kit and the final library fragment size analysis was carried out using the Agilent Femto Pulse Automated Pulsed Field CE Instrument and gDNA 165kb gDNA and 55kb BAC analysis kit. Samples were sequenced using the Sequel IIe system (Pacific Biosciences, California, USA). The concentration of the library loaded onto the Sequel IIe was between 40–135 pM. The SMRT link software, a PacBio web-based end-to-end workflow

manager, was used to set-up and monitor the run, as well as perform primary and secondary analysis of the data upon completion.

For Hi-C library preparation, DNA was fragmented to a size of 400 to 600 bp using a Covaris E220 sonicator. The DNA was then enriched, barcoded, and amplified using the NEBNext Ultra II DNA Library Prep Kit following manufacturers' instructions. The Hi-C sequencing was performed using paired-end sequencing with a read length of 150 bp on an Illumina NovaSeq 6000 instrument.

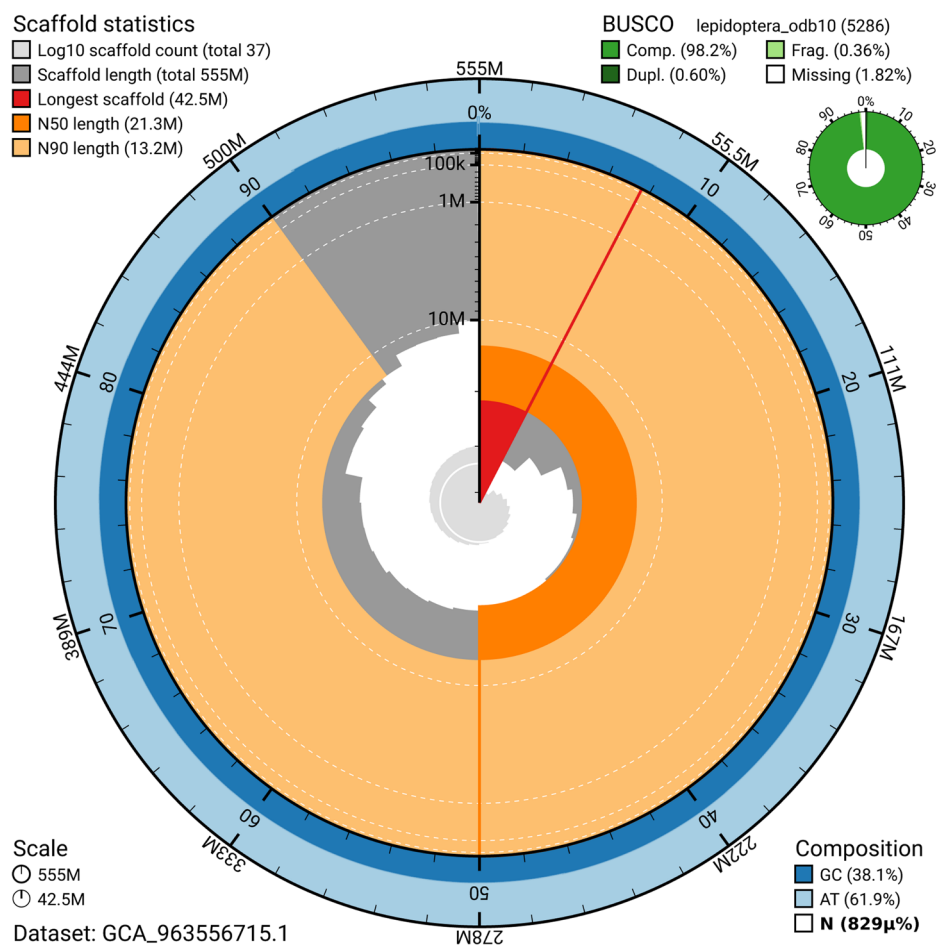


Figure 2. Genome assembly of *Cydia fagiglandana*, ilCydFagi1.1: metrics. The BlobToolKit snail plot shows N50 metrics and BUSCO gene completeness. The main plot is divided into 1,000 size-ordered bins around the circumference with each bin representing 0.1% of the 555,067,667 bp assembly. The distribution of scaffold lengths is shown in dark grey with the plot radius scaled to the longest scaffold present in the assembly (42,452,192 bp, shown in red). Orange and pale-orange arcs show the N50 and N90 scaffold lengths (21,252,168 and 13,175,172 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/GCA_963556715.1/dataset/GCA_963556715.1/snail.

Genome assembly, curation and evaluation

Assembly

The HiFi reads were first assembled using Hifiasm (Cheng *et al.*, 2021) with the --primary option. Haplotypic duplications were identified and removed using purge_dups (Guan *et al.*, 2020). The Hi-C reads were mapped to the primary contigs using bwa-mem2 (Vasimuddin *et al.*, 2019). The contigs were further scaffolded using the provided Hi-C data (Rao *et al.*, 2014) in YaHS (Zhou *et al.*, 2023) using the --break option for handling potential misassemblies. The scaffolded assemblies were evaluated using Gfastats (Formenti *et al.*, 2022), BUSCO (Manni *et al.*, 2021) and MERQURY.FK (Rhie *et al.*, 2020).

The mitochondrial genome was assembled using MitoHiFi (Uliano-Silva *et al.*, 2023), which runs MitoFinder (Allio *et al.*, 2020) and uses these annotations to select the final

mitochondrial contig and to ensure the general quality of the sequence.

Assembly curation

The assembly was decontaminated using the Assembly Screen for Cobionts and Contaminants (ASCC) pipeline (article in preparation). Flat files and maps used in curation were generated in TreeVal (Pointon *et al.*, 2023). Manual curation was primarily conducted using PretextView (Harry, 2022), with additional insights provided by JBrowse2 (Diesh *et al.*, 2023) and HiGlass (Kerpedjiev *et al.*, 2018). Scaffolds were visually inspected and corrected as described by Howe *et al.* (2021). Any identified contamination, missed joins, and mis-joins were corrected, and duplicate sequences were tagged and removed. The sex chromosome was assigned by synteny analysis. The curation process is documented at <https://gitlab.com/wtsi-grit/rapid-curation> (article in preparation).

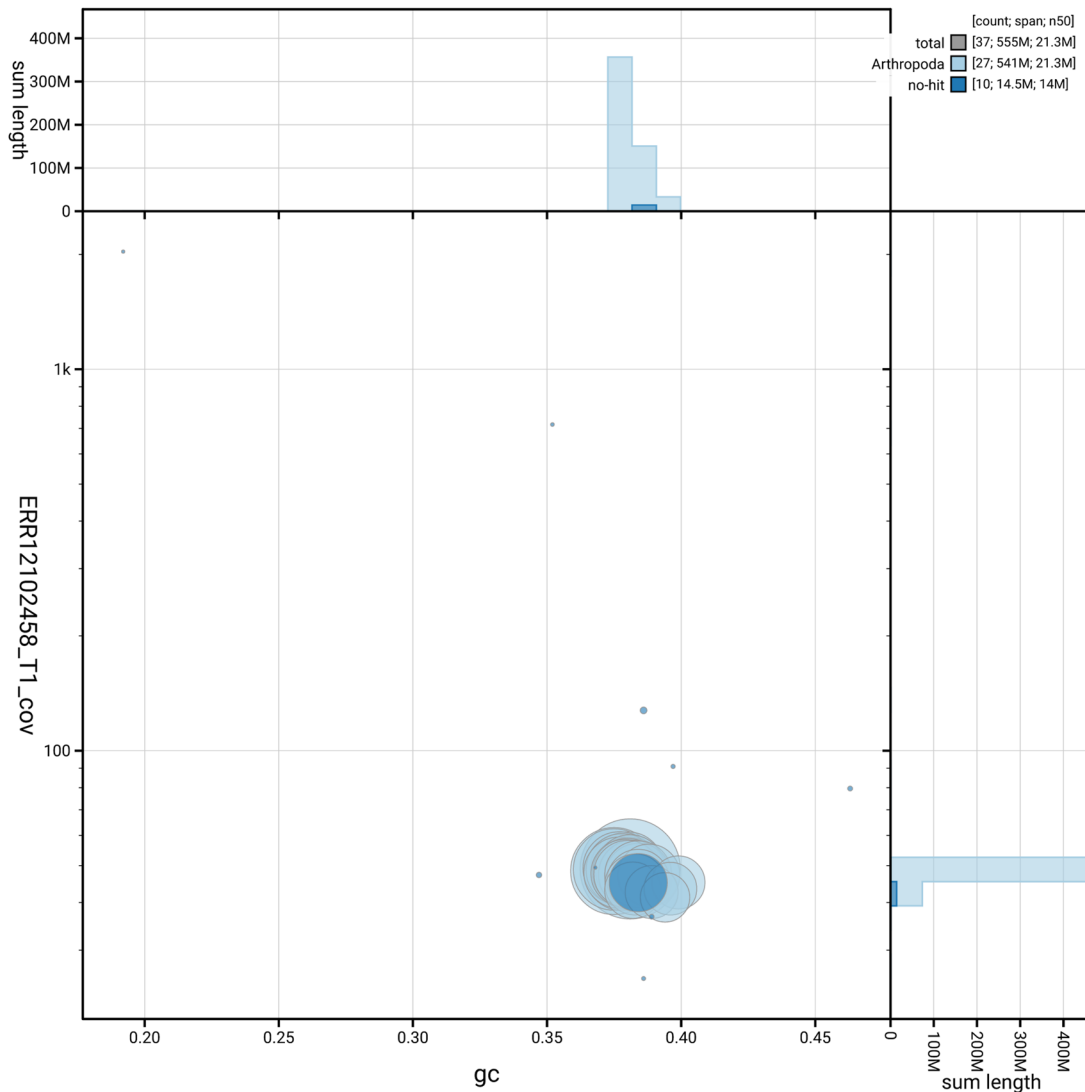


Figure 3. Genome assembly of *Cydia fagiglandana*, iICydfagi1.1: BlobToolKit GC-coverage plot showing sequence coverage (vertical axis) and GC content (horizontal axis). The circles represent scaffolds, with the size proportional to scaffold length and the colour representing phylum membership. The histograms along the axes display the total length of sequences distributed across different levels of coverage and GC content. An interactive version of this figure is available at https://blobtoolkit.genomehubs.org/view/GCA_963556715.1/dataset/GCA_963556715.1/blob.

Evaluation of the final assembly

The final assembly was post-processed and evaluated using the three Nextflow (Di Tommaso *et al.*, 2017) DSL2 pipelines: sanger-tol/readmapping (Surana *et al.*, 2023a), sanger-tol/genomenote (Surana *et al.*, 2023b), and sanger-tol/blobtoolkit (Muffato *et al.*, 2024). The readmapping pipeline aligns the Hi-C reads using bwa-mem2 (Vasimuddin *et al.*, 2019) and combines the alignment files with SAMtools (Danecek *et al.*, 2021). The genomenote pipeline converts the Hi-C alignments into a contact map using BEDTools (Quinlan & Hall, 2010) and the Cooler tool suite (Abdennur & Mirny, 2020). The contact map is visualised in HiGlass (Kerpedjiev *et al.*, 2018). This pipeline also generates assembly statistics using the NCBI

datasets report (Sayers *et al.*, 2024), computes *k*-mer completeness and QV consensus quality values with FastK and MERQURY.FK, and runs BUSCO (Manni *et al.*, 2021) to assess completeness.

The blobtoolkit pipeline is a Nextflow port of the previous Snakemake Blobtoolkit pipeline (Challis *et al.*, 2020). It aligns the PacBio reads in SAMtools and minimap2 (Li, 2018) and generates coverage tracks for regions of fixed size. In parallel, it queries the GoaT database (Challis *et al.*, 2023) to identify all matching BUSCO lineages to run BUSCO (Manni *et al.*, 2021). For the three domain-level BUSCO lineages, the pipeline aligns the BUSCO genes to the UniProt Reference Proteomes

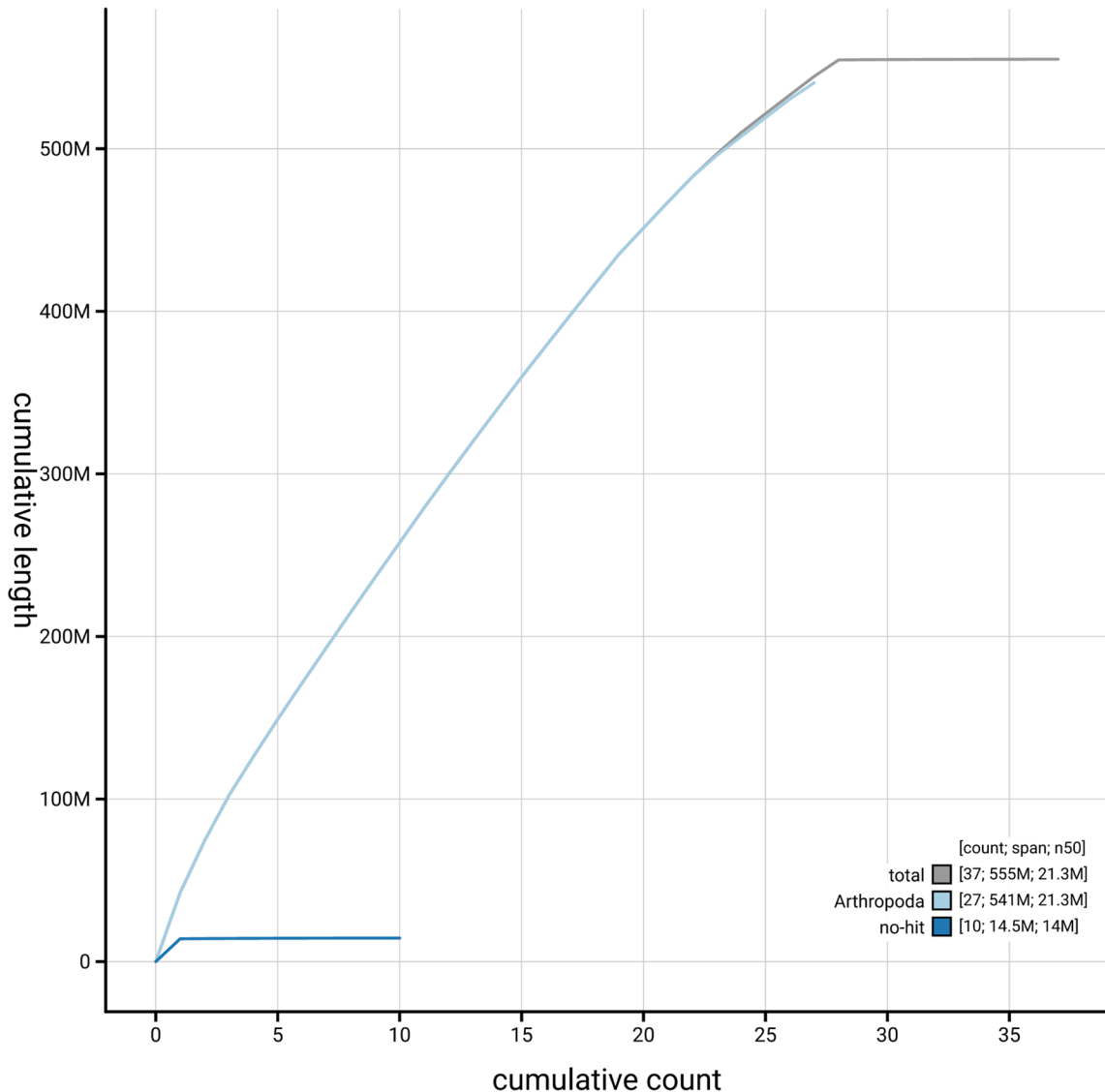


Figure 4. Genome assembly of *Cydia fagiglandana* i1CydFagi1.1: BlobToolKit cumulative sequence plot. The grey line shows cumulative length for all scaffolds. Coloured lines show cumulative lengths of scaffolds assigned to each phylum using the buscogenes taxrule. An interactive version of this figure is available at https://blobtoolkit.genomehubs.org/view/GCA_963556715.1/dataset/GCA_963556715.1/cumulative.

database (Bateman *et al.*, 2023) with DIAMOND blastp (Buchfink *et al.*, 2021). The genome is also divided into chunks according to the density of the BUSCO genes from the closest taxonomic lineage, and each chunk is aligned to the UniProt Reference Proteomes database using DIAMOND blastx. Genome sequences without a hit are chunked using seqtk and aligned to the NT database with blastn (Altschul *et al.*, 1990). The blobtools suite combines all these outputs into a blobdir for visualisation.

The genome assembly and evaluation pipelines were developed using nf-core tooling (Ewels *et al.*, 2020) and MultiQC

(Ewels *et al.*, 2016), relying on the Conda package manager, the Bioconda initiative (Grüning *et al.*, 2018), the Biocontainers infrastructure (da Veiga Leprevost *et al.*, 2017), as well as the Docker (Merkel, 2014) and Singularity (Kurtzer *et al.*, 2017) containerisation solutions.

Table 4 contains a list of relevant software tool versions and sources.

Genome annotation

The Ensembl Genebuild annotation system (Aken *et al.*, 2016) was used to generate annotation for the *Cydia fagiglandana* assembly (GCA_963556715.1) in Ensembl Rapid Release

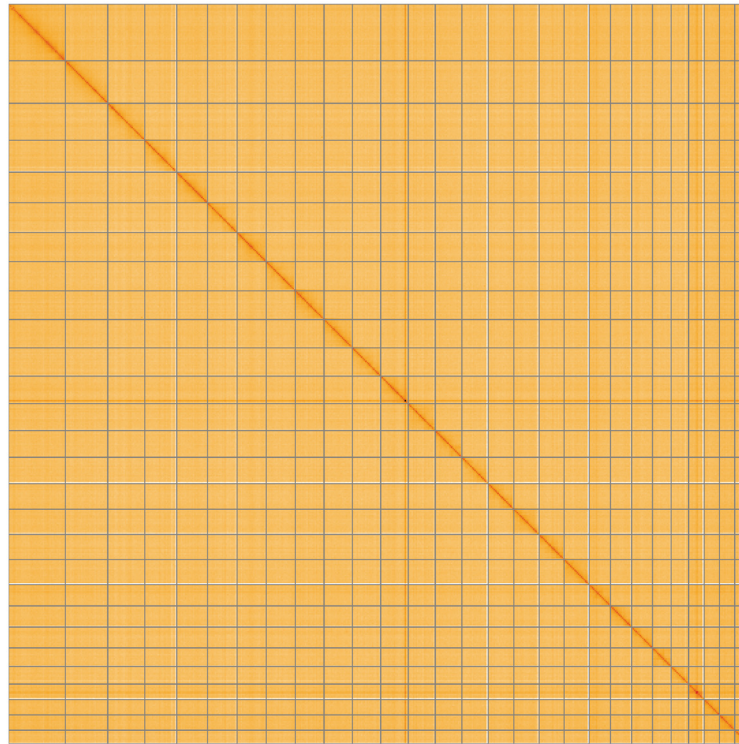


Figure 5. Genome assembly of *Cydia fagiglandana* iCydFagi1.1: Hi-C contact map of the iCydFagi1.1 assembly, visualised using HiGlass. Chromosomes are shown in order of size from left to right and top to bottom. An interactive version of this figure may be viewed at https://genome-note-higlass.tol.sanger.ac.uk/l/?d=e0zpzgwUS_WZJ62QuCpshA.

Table 3. Chromosomal pseudomolecules in the genome assembly of *Cydia fagiglandana*, iCydFagi1.

INSDC accession	Name	Length (Mb)	GC%
OY750791.1	1	31.86	37.5
OY750792.1	2	27.88	37.5
OY750793.1	3	23.87	38.0
OY750794.1	4	23.03	38.0
OY750795.1	5	22.27	37.5
OY750796.1	6	21.84	38.0
OY750797.1	7	21.81	38.0
OY750798.1	8	21.47	38.0
OY750799.1	9	21.28	38.0
OY750800.1	10	21.25	37.5
OY750801.1	11	20.59	38.0
OY750802.1	12	20.25	38.0
OY750803.1	13	19.97	38.0

INSDC accession	Name	Length (Mb)	GC%
OY750804.1	14	19.75	38.0
OY750805.1	15	19.18	38.0
OY750806.1	16	18.96	38.5
OY750807.1	17	18.89	38.0
OY750808.1	18	18.65	38.5
OY750809.1	19	15.99	39.0
OY750810.1	20	15.95	38.5
OY750811.1	21	15.51	38.5
OY750812.1	22	14.03	38.5
OY750813.1	23	13.18	38.0
OY750814.1	24	11.61	40.0
OY750815.1	25	11.55	39.0
OY750816.1	26	11.48	39.5
OY750817.1	27	10.08	39.5
OY750790.1	Z	42.45	38.0
OY750818.1	MT	0.02	20.0

Table 4. Software tools: versions and sources.

Software tool	Version	Source
BEDTools	2.30.0	https://github.com/arg5x/bedtools2
BLAST	2.14.0	ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast/executables/blast+/
BlobToolKit	4.3.7	https://github.com/blobtoolkit/blobtoolkit
BUSCO	5.4.3 and 5.5.0	https://gitlab.com/ezlab/busco
bwa-mem2	2.2.1	https://github.com/bwa-mem2/bwa-mem2
Cooler	0.8.11	https://github.com/open2c/cooler
DIAMOND	2.1.8	https://github.com/bbuchfink/diamond
fasta_windows	0.2.4	https://github.com/tolkit/fasta_windows
FastK	427104ea91c78c3b8b8b49f1a7d6bbeaa869ba1c	https://github.com/thegenemyers/FASTK
Gfastats	1.3.6	https://github.com/vgl-hub/gfastats
GoaT CLI	0.2.5	https://github.com/genomehubs/goat-cli
Hifiasm	0.19.8-r587	https://github.com/chhylp123/hifiasm
HiGlass	44086069ee7d4d3f6f3f0012569789ec138f42b84aa44357826c0b6753eb28de	https://github.com/higlass/higlass
Mercury.FK	d00d98157618f4e8d1a9190026b19b471055b22e	https://github.com/thegenemyers/MERQURY.FK
MitoHiFi	3	https://github.com/marcelauliano/MitoHiFi
MultiQC	1.14, 1.17, and 1.18	https://github.com/MultiQC/MultiQC
NCBI Datasets	15.12.0	https://github.com/ncbi/datasets
Nextflow	23.04.0-5857	https://github.com/nextflow-io/nextflow
PretextView	0.2.5	https://github.com/sanger-tol/PretextView
purge_dups	1.2.5	https://github.com/dfguan/purge_dups
samtools	1.16.1, 1.17, and 1.18	https://github.com/samtools/samtools
sanger-tol/ascc	-	https://github.com/sanger-tol/ascc
sanger-tol/genomenote	1.1.1	https://github.com/sanger-tol/genomenote
sanger-tol/readmapping	1.2.1	https://github.com/sanger-tol/readmapping
Seqtk	1.3	https://github.com/lh3/seqtk
Singularity	3.9.0	https://github.com/sylabs/singularity
TreeVal	1.0.0	https://github.com/sanger-tol/treeval
YaHS	1.2a.2	https://github.com/c-zhou/yahs

at the EBI. Annotation was created primarily through alignment of transcriptomic data to the genome, with gap filling via protein-to-genome alignments of a select set of proteins from UniProt ([UniProt Consortium, 2019](#)).

Wellcome Sanger Institute – Legal and Governance

The materials that have contributed to this genome note have been supplied by a Darwin Tree of Life Partner. The submission

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- Ethical review of provenance and sourcing of the material
- Legality of collection, transfer and use (national and international)

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Data availability

European Nucleotide Archive: *Cydia fagiglandana* (large beech piercer). Accession number PRJEB66764; <https://identifiers.org/ena.embl/PRJEB66764>. The genome sequence is released openly for reuse. The *Cydia fagiglandana* 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](#) and [Table 2](#).

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Cydia fagiglandana is present in most of Europe. These moths mainly occur in beech woodland. The research present a high-quality genome assembly with over 550 MB of total length scaffolded into 28 chromosomal pseudomolecules. The methods used in this research is correct and reliable. The quality of genome assembly is good enough for further research.

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?

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The authors generated a high-quality genome for the lepidopteran species, *Cydia fagiglandana*. Both PacBio and Hi-C methods were used for generating a high completeness and continuity raw reads. The genome was therefore nicely assembled, as reflected in high BUSCO value, scaffold number, scaffold length and number of annotated genes. The methods stated are standard, sound and are written in good details.

The manuscript is nicely written but there is one suggestion: it would be nice if the authors can also mention about some of the basic biology of the species being sequenced in the "Background", to provide more details to the readers.

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