

Language continuity despite population replacement in Remote Oceania

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SUMMARY PARAGRAPH

Recent genomic analyses show that the earliest peoples reaching Remote Oceania – associated with Austronesian-speaking Lapita culture – were almost completely East Asian, without detectable Papuan ancestry. Yet Papuan-related genetic ancestry is found across present-day Pacific populations, indicating that peoples from Near Oceania have played a significant – but largely unknown – ancestral role. Here, new genome-wide data from 19 South Pacific individuals provide direct evidence of a so-far undescribed Papuan expansion into Remote Oceania starting ~2,500 years before present, far earlier than previously estimated and supporting a model from historical linguistics. New genome-wide data from 27 contemporary ni-Vanuatu demonstrate a subsequent and almost complete replacement of Lapita-Austronesian by Near Oceanian ancestry. Despite this massive demographic change, incoming Papuan languages did not replace Austronesian languages. Population replacement with language continuity is extremely rare – if not unprecedented – in human history. Our analyses show that rather than one large-scale event, the process was incremental and complex, with repeated migrations and sex-biased admixture with peoples from the Bismarck Archipelago.

MAIN TEXT

Sahul – the continent comprising present-day Australia, Tasmania and New Guinea – was colonized by modern humans during the Pleistocene as early as 65,000 years before present¹ (y BP). Yet it took more than 60,000 years for humans to move east of the Solomon Islands, from Near Oceania out into Remote Oceania² (Fig. 1b). These seafaring Neolithic peoples, part of the Austronesian Expansion beginning ~5,500y BP, likely in present-day Taiwan and the nearby mainland³⁻⁵, carried farming technology and a major branch of the Austronesian languages⁶ into Island Southeast Asia, eventually reaching New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago and encountering indigenous Papuans. Here, at ~3,300y BP the Lapita Cultural Complex^{3,7} appeared – characterized by distinctive dentate-stamped pottery – and using the outrigger sailing canoe, Lapita peoples expanded east, leap-frogging beyond the Solomon Islands^{8,9}. They transported their landscapes³ and Oceanic languages out into Remote Oceania, first arriving in the Reef-

66 Santa Cruz islands, Vanuatu¹⁰ and New Caledonia ~3,000y BP¹¹, and rapidly navigated >800km of open
67 ocean to Fiji, reaching western Polynesia by ~2,850y BP¹².

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69 Uncovering the extent of interaction between incoming Austronesian-Lapita and indigenous Papuan
70 peoples is critical to understanding all subsequent Pacific prehistory. ‘Papuan’ here refers to both the non-
71 Austronesian languages found across New Guinea and a component of genetic ancestry, likely to have
72 diverged from the ancestors of present-day East Asians at least 27,000y BP¹³. The linguistic, cultural and
73 genetic diversity in New Guinea is immense, due to complex histories of differentiation since first arrival¹⁴.
74 While the majority of Near Oceanians today speak Papuan languages, Remote Oceanians almost
75 exclusively speak Oceanic languages of the Austronesian family¹⁵. Bayesian phylogenetic analyses of 400 of
76 the >1,200 Austronesian languages⁵ broadly support the Express Train model of the Austronesian
77 Expansion, whereby Austronesian-speaking groups had negligible cultural or genetic interaction with
78 indigenous Papuans in Near Oceania before moving further into the Pacific. However, the genetic
79 composition of the present-day South Pacific indicates a more complex history, comprising major East
80 Asian-Austronesian and minor Papuan components of genome-wide ancestry (~79:21%¹⁶, ~87:13%¹³).
81 Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)¹⁷ and Y-chromosome^{18,19} studies show that populations across Polynesia
82 have maternal ancestry largely of Austronesian origin (>96%²⁰) while the majority of their Y-chromosomes
83 derive from Near Oceania (>60%²⁰), confirmed in recent X-chromosome analyses^{13,21}. This suggests that
84 Oceanic-speaking populations – prior to or during the formation of the Lapita Cultural Complex –
85 experienced significantly sex-biased admixture, involving women of Austronesian origin and Papuan men.
86 This model requires that Lapita peoples, while maintaining Oceanic language(s), had admixed ancestry in
87 Near Oceania prior to their eastward expansion into Remote Oceania. However, the first genome-wide
88 ancient data from the region²¹ demonstrates – consistent with craniofacial analyses²² – that Papuan
89 ancestry is largely absent in individuals from Lapita sites in both Vanuatu and Tonga. The present-day
90 genetic ancestry of Remote Oceania can therefore *only* be explained by subsequent population expansion,
91 carrying Papuan ancestry into the Pacific.

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93 Vanuatu has been an important hub in the western Pacific²³ from Lapita onwards. Uncovering the detailed
94 demographic processes shaping the genetic and linguistic landscape of Vanuatu is thus crucial to
95 understanding those of the wider Pacific. Here we provide the earliest direct evidence of Papuan genetic
96 ancestry in Remote Oceania. Our results reveal that peoples from Near Oceania began arriving just a few
97 centuries after the first Lapita settlements in Vanuatu. This was followed by an almost complete – yet
98 incremental – replacement of Lapita-Austronesian by Bismarck Archipelago-like genetic ancestry.

100 RESULTS

101 **Ancient and modern genome-wide data.** We recovered genome-wide and mitochondrial aDNA data
102 from the bones or teeth of 19 individuals from archaeological sites ¹⁴C-dated to ~2,600-200y BP across
103 Vanuatu ($n=12$), Tonga ($n=3$), French Polynesia ($n=3$) and the Solomon Islands ($n=1$) (Table 1,
104 Supplementary table 1, Supplementary table 2, Methods). DNA was extracted²⁴ and converted into double
105 stranded genetic libraries^{25,26} in dedicated cleanroom facilities. Hybridization capture targeted the complete
106 mitochondrial genome and ~1.24 million single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) (*1240K*)^{27,28}, followed
107 by next generation sequencing. The isolated aDNA was authenticated based on the presence of typical
108 deamination patterns, low levels of mtDNA contamination, X-chromosome contamination in males, and
109 analyses were restricted, if necessary, to the likely endogenous deaminated sequences²⁹ (Supplementary
110 table 3, Supplementary table 4, Supplementary figure 1, Methods). The genome-wide aDNA was co-
111 analyzed with four published Lapita samples²¹, 781 present-day Oceanian and East Asian samples
112 genotyped for ~600K SNPs on the *Affymetrix Human Origins* (HO) *Array*^{21,30} and 308 high coverage
113 genomes³¹. We also genotyped 27 ni-Vanuatu samples from the islands of Malakula and Efate (Methods,
114 Supplementary figure 2) on the HO *Array*, with eight also shotgun sequenced (SG) at low coverage (0.6-3
115 fold) (Supplementary table 5). All newly generated data were analyzed alongside published genome-wide
116 *Illumina HumanCore-24* data from 754 individuals across Remote Oceania, including 610 from Vanuatu³²
117 (Supplementary table 6).

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119 **Demographic history of Vanuatu.** While early Lapita people in Vanuatu had largely East Asian-
120 Austronesian ancestry²¹, principal component analysis (PCA) shows that – though diverse – the 27 present-
121 day individuals fall instead within the Near Oceanic cline, in close proximity to Santa Cruz and New Britain
122 populations (Fig. 1a,b), demonstrating an almost complete population turnover since initial settlement.
123 Previous *ALDER*³³ analysis estimated the time of Papuan admixture into Remote Oceania at 1,927-1,239y
124 BP for Polynesian populations²¹, and our analyses on regional populations give similar estimates of ~2,000-
125 1,500y BP (see below). Yet the ¹⁴C dates for the ancient samples demonstrate that Papuan ancestry was
126 already in Vanuatu up to 1,000 years earlier, from ~2,500y BP. Both the earliest (*TAN002*) and latest
127 (*TAN001*) ancient samples from Tanna (Supplementary figure 2) lay inside the distribution of the new

128 present-day HO samples, but it is striking that ancient samples from Malakula and Futuna within this
129 timeframe do not (Fig. 1a). The Malakula time-transect bridges much of the massive genetic distance
130 between initial Lapita inhabitants and contemporary ni-Vanuatu. *ADMIXTURE*³⁴ analyses on ancient and
131 modern Vanuatu SG data support a complex population replacement. With $K=5$ ancestral components –
132 allowing the distinction between *Asian-Austronesian* (blue) and *Near Oceanian-Papuan* (green) – Vanuatu
133 demonstrates a general but heterogeneous trend of increasing *Papuan* ancestry through time (Fig. 2a), from
134 largely *Austronesian* Lapita (ref. 21, and *MAL006*) to predominantly *Papuan* ni-Vanuatu ancestry.
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136 *qpWave* analysis³⁵ determined that ancient Vanuatu could be modeled as a two-way admixture between
137 Papuan and Austronesian populations (Supplementary table 7), using *qpAdm*³⁶ to quantify the relative
138 ancestry proportions (Fig. 2b, Supplementary table 8). The near-contemporaneous genetic heterogeneity in
139 Malakula is striking. Over the ~500y period beginning ~2,500y BP Malakula was home to individuals with
140 between 22 to 46% of their ancestry derived from ancestral Austronesians (Futuna samples ~1,100y BP
141 have 11 to 17%). The earliest ancient individual, *TAN002*, is a male carrying both Papuan mtDNA and Y-
142 chromosome haplogroups (*Q2a* and *K21b*, respectively), with autosomes consistent with having no
143 Austronesian ancestry (Fig. 2b, Supplementary figure 3). We estimated the excess Austronesian X-
144 chromosome ancestry relative to the autosomes across our time-transect, finding diverse levels of maternal
145 ancestry within Malakula (Supplementary table 8). In particular, *MAL004* – a male with typical Papuan Y-
146 chromosome haplogroup *M1b* – carries as much as ~50% Austronesian maternal excess (and Polynesian
147 mtDNA haplogroup *B4a1a1a*), providing the first direct snapshot of this sex-biased admixture in
148 progress¹⁷⁻²⁰. The latest ancient sample, *TAN001*, shows similar autosomal admixture proportions to
149 contemporary ni-Vanuatu, and carries a Papuan mtDNA haplogroup and Polynesian Y-chromosome
150 haplogroup (*P1d1* and *O2a2b2a*, respectively).
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152 To identify potential source populations of post-Lapita Near Oceanian ancestry we calculated *D*-statistics³⁰
153 on the new ancient Vanuatu data, down-sampled to the more geographically extensive HO dataset
154 (Supplementary table 9). Using the model $D(\text{Near Oceanian}, \text{New Guinea}; \text{Vanuatu ancient}, \text{Mbuti})$, where *Near*
155 *Oceanian* is drawn from all potential sources reported in ref. 21, we identified Baining Marabu and Baining
156 Malasait in New Britain, Bismarck Archipelago (Fig. 1b) as the closest present-day proxy sources of Near
157 Oceanian ancestry in the ancient Vanuatu individuals ($Z \gg 0$). One possible confounding factor is the
158 significant difference in the levels of Austronesian ancestry in Baining populations compared to New
159 Guinea Papuans shown by $D(\text{Baining Marabu or Baining Malasait}, \text{New Guinea}; \text{Ami}, \text{Mbuti})$: $Z=3.7$ or 4.2 .
160 However, *TAN002* does not show such an attraction to *Ami*, confirming that its affinity to Baining relative
161 to Papuans is not explained by shared Austronesian ancestry (Supplementary table 9). Furthermore,
162 although Denisovan admixture levels are observed to decline with increased Austronesian ancestry
163 proportion³⁷, the best-supported source populations have values consistent with New Guinea Papuans
164 ($D(\text{Baining Marabu or Baining Malasait}, \text{New Guinea}; \text{Denisovan}, \text{Mbuti})$: $Z=-0.8$ or -1.9). Thus, *D*-statistics
165 confirm the close relationship observed in PCA between Baining populations and the earliest Vanuatu
166 individual carrying Near Oceanian ancestry (*TAN002*), despite the immense geographical distance (Fig.
167 1a,b).
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169 *qpGraph*³⁰ analyses (Fig. 3a) showed that *TAN002* could be modeled as an unadmixed individual descended
170 from a population ancestral to modern *Baining Marabu*, before the latter receives a 4% Austronesian
171 contribution. In Vanuatu, a population associated with *TAN002* would admix with local Lapita people
172 (proxied by *Ami*) giving rise to ancient Malakula individuals ~2,500-2,000y BP. Additional Papuan
173 admixture is needed to account for the lower Austronesian proportion in the ~1,100y BP Futuna
174 population (Fig. 2b, Supplementary table 8, Supplementary figure 3). The most recent ancient individual
175 *TAN001* can only be modeled as descended directly from a Baining-related population, suggesting
176 complete local population replacement. We were unable to fit present-day Vanuatu HO alongside the new
177 ancient samples in a single model (Supplementary figure 4), indicating that present-day ni-Vanuatu may
178 carry an additional genetic component not found in ancient populations.
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180 **Different genetic trajectory in Polynesia.** Analyses of two new Lapita individuals (*TON001*, *TON002*)
181 from the Talasiu site in Tonga²¹, confirmed their genetic similarity to early peoples in Vanuatu (Fig. 1a).
182 Notably, *TON002* is a male carrying Y-chromosome haplogroup *O1a1a1a*, providing direct evidence that
183 this clade – like the “*Polynesian mtDNA motif*” haplogroup *B4a1a1a* – was associated with the Austronesian
184 expansion³⁸. After Lapita settlement, the populations of Vanuatu and Tonga appear to follow a
185 considerably different genetic trajectory; PCA analyses indicate that present-day Tongans fall between the
186 East Asian and Near Oceanian clines (Fig. 1a, Supplementary figure 5), more specifically between Lapita
187 individuals and Solomon Islanders. A newly sequenced ancient Tongan female sample (*LHA001*), from
188 780-550y BP, lay relatively close in PCA to modern Tongans, but its lower affinity to Solomon Islanders
189 suggests that modern Tongan ancestry was not yet completely in place by this time ($D(\text{LHA001}, \text{Tongan};$

190 *Savo, Mbuti*): $Z=-3$).

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192 We obtained genome-wide data from three individuals unearthed at the monumental site Taputapuātea
193 (*TAP002*, *TAP003*, *TAP004*) on the island of Ra'iātea, French Polynesia dated to the time of European
194 contact in the 18th century AD³⁹. *ADMIXTURE*³⁴ analyses (Fig. 2a) show these individuals have major
195 *Austronesian* (blue) and minor *Papuan* (green) ancestry components, and both carry typical Polynesian
196 mtDNA haplogroups (Table 1). In PCA space they fall in close proximity to the Tongan individual
197 *LHA001* – slightly more towards the East Asian cline – suggesting that the population expansion to East
198 Polynesia ~900-800y BP⁴⁰ may have originated in western Polynesia. *ADMIXTURE* analyses ($K=4$) on a
199 subset of HO data – including 454 present-day and 13 ancient Near and Remote Oceanian individuals
200 (Supplementary figure 5) – show that present-day ni-Vanuatu carry a heterogeneous proportion of three
201 major components that are maximized in Near Oceanian populations (Papuan, Baining and Bougainville),
202 with a minor Lapita-related component (Supplementary figure 5). Conversely, present-day Tongans have
203 substantial Lapita ancestry, with a minor component of Near Oceanian admixture (with different
204 proportions of Papuan, Baining and Bougainville) (Supplementary figure 5). *qpAdm* analyses further
205 support modeling modern Tongans as a two-way admixture between ancestral Austronesians and a
206 population ancestral to some present-day Solomon Island groups – such as Malaita and Makira – or
207 represented by the ~500y BP Malaita individual (*MAI002*), even when Papuan and Bismarck are included
208 as an additional outgroup (Supplementary table 10). Thus, Solomon Islanders alone can explain the Near
209 Oceanian ancestry found in Tongans, without contribution from New Guinea Papuans. This higher
210 affinity to Solomon Islanders provides evidence that, post-Lapita, Tonga likely received its Near Oceanian
211 ancestry from a different source than did Vanuatu.

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213 **Genetic cline in present-day Vanuatu.** We analyzed the new ancient and modern data alongside a
214 dataset from Remote Oceania³², which includes 754 individuals from New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and
215 Tonga (Supplementary table 6), genotyped on the *HumanCore-24 BeadChip*, with ~160K and ~50K SNP
216 overlap with the *1240K* and HO data, respectively. After removing individuals with genetic evidence of
217 non-autochthonous ancestry, PCA and *ADMIXTURE* analyses (Supplementary figure 6 and
218 Supplementary figure 7) demonstrated high genetic diversity in ni-Vanuatu from the islands of Santo and
219 Maewo (north of Malakula, Supplementary figure 2), with these individuals laying on a cline running from
220 close to New Britain, through Vanuatu, New Caledonia and Fiji, towards present-day Tonga. The new
221 Vanuatu HO data from the islands of Malakula and Efate (Supplementary figure 2), and the most recent
222 ancient Tanna individual (*TAN001*), lay overwhelmingly towards the New Britain end of this cline. Down-
223 sampled to ~50K SNPs, the different trajectories for post-Lapita Vanuatu and Tonga populations
224 identified in the HO analyses are less distinguishable. We used *D*-statistics to test whether this cline
225 describes a separate demographic process to that which brought Bismarck-like ancestry to Vanuatu
226 (Methods) but – at the resolution of currently available regional genotyping data – we are unable to
227 distinguish between the two clines with confidence (Supplementary figure 8), suggesting that a Tongan-like
228 ancestry may have played some role in the formation of present-day genetic diversity in Vanuatu. However,
229 the HO analyses demonstrate that present-day Tongan ancestry, forming one end of this cline, was not
230 fully in place prior to ~780-550y BP (*LHA001*), so this influence may be significantly later than the initial
231 arrival of Bismarck ancestry in Malakula (~2,500y BP).

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233 **Austronesian-Papuan admixture date estimation.** We performed *ALDER*³³ analyses on both modern
234 and ancient Vanuatu data to gain independent estimates of arrival times for the Papuan ancestry
235 component. We obtain an estimate of 60.7 ± 8.2 generations BP for the 27 HO Vanuatu individuals, which
236 – assuming a 28.1 year generation-time²¹ – equates to $1,705 \pm 232$ y BP (Fig. 3b, Methods). Interestingly,
237 admixture time estimates similarly obtained for ancient Vanuatu provided 51.2 ± 17 generations for three
238 Futuna individuals (*FUT002*, *FUT006* and *FUT007*) and 5.6 ± 1.8 generations for three ancient Malakula
239 individuals (*MAL002*, *MAL004* and *MAL007*). Accounting for ancient sample ages, the admixture date is
240 estimated at $2,560 \pm 477$ y BP for Futuna and $2,451 \pm 51$ y BP for Malakula, coinciding with the latest
241 presence of individuals in the new Vanuatu time-transect with unadmixed Papuan (*TAN002*) or
242 Austronesian (*MAL006*) ancestry (Fig. 3b). *ALDER* analyses of the Parks *et al.*³² data gave dates ranging
243 from $1,569 \pm 79$ y BP (Fiji) to $1,999 \pm 101$ y BP (Port Olry, Vanuatu), overlapping the interval proposed by
244 Skoglund *et al.*²¹, yet still significantly later than the directly dated admixed ancient individuals in Malakula
245 (Supplementary figure 9).

246 DISCUSSION

247
248 The population history of Remote Oceania is relatively short but these early stages appear complex,
249 particularly in Vanuatu. New genome-wide aDNA data directly demonstrates the presence of Papuan
250 peoples in Remote Oceania far earlier than estimated with present-day regional genome-wide data
251 (Supplementary figure 9, and ref. 21), with unadmixed Bismarck-like individuals apparent in Vanuatu as

252 early as ~2,500y BP, possibly contemporaneous with the end of the Lapita horizon. The new HO data
253 from contemporary Malakula and Efate shows that while Oceanic speaking Lapita peoples were genetically
254 replaced by a population closely related to Papuan-speaking Baining people, present-day ni-Vanuatu
255 continue to speak Oceanic languages. The almost complete replacement of a population's genetic ancestry
256 that leaves the original languages *in situ* is extremely rare – possibly without precedent – in human history
257 and requires explanation. Alongside linguistic and archaeological evidence, our aDNA analyses provide a
258 plausible and compelling model for this language continuity, namely an extended and incremental process
259 of population replacement by peoples from the Bismarck Archipelago (Fig. 3a), rather than a single
260 massive turnover event that would likely have brought a shift from Oceanic to Papuan languages.

261
262 The >120 languages spoken today in Vanuatu – *per capita* the most linguistically diverse place on Earth –
263 are exclusively Oceanic¹⁴, yet many aberrant, seemingly Papuan, linguistic features are evident⁴¹. These
264 include quinary numeral systems, rounded labial phonemes, dual exclusion of *p* and *c* phonemes, and serial
265 verb construction⁴²⁻⁴⁵. These features are heterogeneously distributed across Vanuatu⁴²⁻⁴⁴, extremely rare or
266 absent in other Austronesian languages and are shared almost exclusively with Papuan languages (e.g.
267 Supplementary figure 10). A number of ethnographically attested cultural practices or artifacts also share
268 this near exclusive distribution, including large nasal piercing ornaments, penis sheaths, head-binding and
269 the rearing of full-circle tusker pigs^{46,42}. These shared cultural and linguistic features provide further
270 support for the Baining-Papuan genetic connection we identify. While some linguists argue for a single
271 admixed expansion into Vanuatu from Near Oceania⁴⁷, or Papuan involvement in initial Lapita
272 settlement⁴³, others propose a 2-wave model⁴², where an initial unadmixed proto-Oceanic-speaking
273 population arrive, followed closely by a separate Papuan-speaking expansion. The latter⁴² is supported
274 because the putative Papuan linguistic features found in Vanuatu cannot be reconstructed for proto-
275 Oceanic, and their marked deviation from most other Oceanic languages suggests development within
276 Vanuatu⁴²⁻⁴⁴. Some features can be reconstructed for the proto languages of Vanuatu – rounded labials and
277 the *p/c* gap for Proto-North-Central Vanuatu⁴⁸, and quinary numeral systems for Proto-Southern
278 Vanuatu⁴⁹ – pointing to their early development and strongly supporting early Papuan influence. An
279 undifferentiated proto-Oceanic operating as a *lingua franca* for linguistically diverse Papuan migrant groups
280 could explain⁴² the continuity of Oceanic languages in the face of secondary Papuan expansion.

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282 Our aDNA analyses lend direct support to this historical linguistic model⁴². Indeed, some archaeologists
283 have argued that the process by which Papuans made their way into Remote Oceania was strikingly
284 different to the initial arrival of Lapita people²³, suggesting a continuing process of long-distance
285 interaction rather than a simple dispersal event. One element of this process – namely the sex-biased
286 admixture inferred from present-day South Pacific populations^{e.g.13,21} – is already becoming clearer, with
287 such genetically admixed ancient individuals (e.g. *MAL004*) observed shortly after the very earliest arrival
288 of Near Oceanian peoples in Remote Oceania (Fig. 2b, Supplementary table 8). We show that initially
289 genetically homogeneous Lapita peoples in Vanuatu and Tonga²¹ follow strikingly different post-Lapita
290 population trajectories, reflected in the clear cultural separation seen in the archaeological record. As a
291 defined stylistic horizon, Lapita lasted only a few hundred years after settlement – local differentiation in
292 pottery design beginning ~2,700y BP suggests significant fragmentation of the previously well-connected
293 Lapita peoples²³. In central Vanuatu, the appearance of the incised Erueti ceramic complex ~2,550y BP⁵⁰
294 seems to parallel a contemporaneous stylistic shift across island Melanesia post-Lapita, including both New
295 Caledonia and the Bismarck Archipelago³. It is an intriguing possibility that the early arrival of Bismarck-
296 like people we now directly observe in Vanuatu may have exacerbated – even triggered – the process of
297 Lapita fragmentation²³ and the ongoing long-distance interactions we uncover may also have influenced
298 the convergent processes of stylistic diversification^{3,50} found in pottery sequences across the region.

299
300 Our analysis of present-day Remote Oceanian data³² suggests a possible Tongan-like influence on the
301 genetic diversity of present-day eastern Melanesia, with populations in northern Vanuatu, New Caledonia
302 and Fiji lying on a cline towards modern Tonga (Supplementary figure 6). Given the data resolution, we
303 were unable to clearly distinguish this from the other cline formed by the post-Lapita population trajectory
304 in Vanuatu (Fig. 1a), but the ancient Tongan individual *LHA001* suggests that it formed later. One
305 possibility is that this genetic structure was influenced by interactions with western Polynesia leading to the
306 many *Polynesian outlier* communities – characterized by retention of various Polynesian linguistic features,
307 cultural practices and genetic ancestry³ – distributed across Micronesia, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands,
308 New Caledonia and Vanuatu. While the timing, scale and impact of this westward Polynesian migration is
309 not yet precisely estimated, it likely coincided with the initial colonization of eastern Polynesia ~900-800y
310 BP⁴⁰.

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312 In conclusion, our analyses of Vanuatu genome-wide data – both ancient and modern – combined with
313 linguistic and archaeological evidence, strongly support a model of interaction and incremental admixture

314 between Lapita-Austronesian peoples and incoming Bismarck Islanders that lead to an eventual population
315 turnover, but left the pre-existing Oceanic languages in place. This multidisciplinary work has begun to
316 uncover the complex, localized demographic processes that drove the initial colonization of the wider
317 South Pacific and formed the enduring cultural and linguistic spheres that continue to shape the Pacific
318 today.
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320 **METHODS**

321 **Ancient and modern-day DNA processing.**

322 *Ancient DNA sampling.* All samples were processed in dedicated laboratories at the Max Planck Institute for
323 the Science of Human History in Jena, Germany. Bone powder for DNA extraction was obtained from
324 petrous bones by drilling the densest osseous matter around the cochlea and from teeth by cutting at the
325 junction between root and crown and sampling the dental pulp. For detailed information on the analyzed
326 samples, their archaeological context and radiocarbon age see Supplementary text, Supplementary table 1,
327 Supplementary table 2, Fig. 1 and Supplementary figure 2.

328 *Extraction.* DNA from the 23 ancient individuals was extracted following established protocols²⁴, negative
329 and cave bear positive controls were included. To release DNA from 50-100mg of bone powder a solution
330 of 900µl EDTA, 75µL H₂O and 25µL Proteinase K was added. In a rotator, samples were digested for at
331 least 16 hours at 37°C, followed by an additional hour at 56°C⁵¹. The suspension was then centrifuged and
332 transferred into a binding buffer as previously described²⁴. To bind DNA, silica columns for high volumes
333 (High Pure Viral Nucleic Acid Large Volume Kit, Roche) were used. After two washing steps using the
334 manufacturer's wash buffer, DNA was eluted in TET (10mM Tris, 1mM EDTA and 0.05% Tween) in two
335 steps for a final volume of 100µl.

336 *Library Preparation.* For aDNA authentication and contamination estimates screening DNA libraries were
337 built from 20µl of DNA extract in the absence of uracil DNA glycosylase (non-UDG libraries), following a
338 double stranded library preparation protocol²⁵. After assessing human DNA contamination levels, one or
339 two additional 25µl aliquots of DNA extract were transformed either into non-UDG libraries²⁵ or into
340 "UDG-half" double-stranded libraries with a protocol that makes use of the UDG enzyme to reduce but
341 not eliminate the amount of deamination induced damage towards the end of aDNA fragments²⁶. Negative
342 and positive controls were carried out alongside each experiment. Libraries were quantified using the IS7
343 and IS8 primers²⁵ in a quantification assay with DyNAmo SYBP Green qPCR kit (Thermo Scientific) on
344 the Lightcycler 480 Roche. Each aDNA library was double indexed⁵¹ in one to four parallel 100µl reactions
345 using PfuTurbo DNA Polymerase (Agilent Technologies). The indexed products for each library were
346 pooled, purified over MinElute columns (Qiagen), eluted in 50µL TET and again quantified using the IS5
347 and IS6 primers²⁵ with the quantification method described above. Four microliters of the purified product
348 were amplified in multiple 100µl reactions using Herculase II Fusion Polymerase (Agilent) following the
349 manufacturer's specifications with 0.3µM of the IS5/IS6 primers. After another MinElute purification, the
350 product was quantified using the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer DNA 1000 chip. An equimolar pool of all
351 libraries was then prepared for shotgun sequencing on Illumina platforms.

352 *Enrichment.* Both UDG-half and non-UDG treated libraries were further amplified with IS5/IS6 primers to
353 reach a concentration of 200-400ng/µl as measured on a NanoDropTM spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher
354 Scientific). mtDNA capture²⁷ was performed on screened libraries that after shotgun sequencing showed
355 the presence of aDNA, highlighted by the typical CtoT and GtoA substitution pattern towards 5' and 3'
356 molecule ends, respectively. Furthermore, samples with a percentage of human DNA in shotgun data
357 around 0.1% or greater were enriched⁵³ for a list of 1,237,207 targeted SNPs across the human genome
358 (1240K capture)²⁸.

359 *Sequencing.* The enriched DNA product was sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 4000 instrument with 75
360 cycles single-end or 50 cycles pair-end runs (for *TAN001* and *FUT006*) using the manufacturer's protocol.
361 The output was de-multiplexed using *bcl2fastq v2.17.1.14* and *dnacust v3.0.0*.

362 *Modern DNA sampling.* Genetic sampling was carried out as part of a long-term linguistic and
363 anthropological fieldwork project, directed by Prof. Russell Gray and Dr. Heidi Colleran at the Max Planck
364 Institute for the Science of Human History (<http://www.shh.mpg.de/456217/vanuatu-languages-lifeways>).
365 The saliva samples of 27 present-day ni-Vanuatu from the islands of Malakula and Efate were collected
366 using the Oragene OG-500 saliva collection kit. Ethical approval for this work was granted by the Ethik-
367 Kommission der Friedrich-Schiller-Universität in Jena, Germany, and we obtained research permission
368 from the Vanuatu Kaljoral Senta, the institution that regulates all research in the country. Sampling was
369 carried out in 5 communities that are already participating in the linguistic and anthropological project, and
370 all participants gave documented informed consent and were provided the means to withdraw from the
371 study if required.

372 *Modern DNA extraction and library preparation.* Extraction and library preparation were performed in the
373 molecular biology laboratories of the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History in Jena,
374 Germany. Modern-day DNA was extracted from the Oragene kit following the manufacturer's protocols
375 with the only modifications that 600µl of sample volume was used accordingly adjusting the following
376 reaction volumes. 10µl of eight modern-day DNA extracts (Supplementary table 5) were used to build
377 double-stranded DNA libraries²⁵. They were then indexed in one reaction following the same protocols
378 mentioned above, pooled equimolarly and shotgun sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 4000 instrument (75
379 cycles single-end run).

380 *Genotyping of present-day humans.* The company Atlas Biolabs in Berlin, Germany genotyped 27 modern DNA
381 extracts on the Axiom Genome-Wide Human Origins array. After checking DNA quality and quantity on

382 both a 1% Agarose gel and a NanoDrop, samples were adjusted to 20ng/μl using a Qubit high sensitivity
383 kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific), loaded on the Axiom Genome-Wide Human Origins array (Affymetrix) and
384 genotyped on a GeneTitan. Genotyping was performed using the Affymetrix Genotyping Console, and all
385 individuals had >94% genotyping completeness.

386 *Genomic data processing.* Pre-processing of the sequenced reads was performed using *EAGER v1.92.44*⁵⁴.
387 Reads resulting from the sequencing of modern and ancient DNA libraries were clipped to remove residual
388 adaptor sequences using *Clip&Merge*⁵⁴ and *AdapterRemoval v2*⁵⁵, respectively. Clipped sequences were then
389 mapped against the human reference genome *hg19* using BWA⁵⁶ turning seeding off and with the *-n*
390 parameter set to 0.01. Duplicates were removed with *DeDup*⁵⁴ that removes reads with identical start and
391 end coordinates. Additionally a mapping quality filter of 30 was applied using *samttools*⁵⁷. Alignment files
392 were filtered for reads showing the presence of likely deaminated bases as the result of post-mortem
393 damage (PMD) using *pmdtools v0.60*⁵⁸. Both damage restricted and non-restricted sequences from either
394 non-UDG or UDG-half libraries were trimmed for the first and last three positions in order to reduce the
395 impact of deamination induced miss-incorporations during genotyping. Trimmed reads were genotyped
396 using *pileupCaller* (<https://github.com/stschiff/sequenceTools/tree/master/src-pileupCaller>) a tool that
397 randomly draws one allele at each of the 1240K targeted SNPs covered at least once. The generated
398 pseudo-haloid calls for 19 ancient Pacific individuals (Table 1) were merged to a pull-down of the 1240K
399 SNPs from the Simon Genome Diversity Project (SGDP)³¹, eight shotgun sequenced modern-day
400 individuals from Vanuatu and four previously published 1240K captured individuals associated with the
401 Lapita culture from Vanuatu and Tonga²¹. Moreover the newly generated capture data for the ancient
402 individuals as well as 27 genotyped modern-day individuals (Supplementary table 5) were merged to the
403 ~600K SNPs of the *Human Origins* (HO) dataset^{21,30}.

404 **Authentication of ancient DNA.**

405 In the field of aDNA several methods have been developed to assess authenticity of the retrieved DNA²⁹.
406 First, the typical features of aDNA were inspected with *DamageProfiler*
407 (<https://bintray.com/apeltzer/EAGER/DamageProfiler>), e.g. short average fragment length (~40-70bp)
408 and an increased proportion of miscoding lesions due to deamination at the molecule termini
409 (Supplementary table 3). Sex determination was performed by comparing the coverage on the targeted X-
410 chromosome SNPs (~50K positions within the 1240K capture) normalized by the coverage on the targeted
411 autosomal SNPs to the coverage on the Y-chromosome SNPs (~30K), again normalized by the coverage
412 on the autosomal SNPs⁵⁹ (Table 1). Individuals falling in an intermediate position between male and female
413 are assigned to undetermined sex and indicate the presence of present-day DNA contamination. For male
414 individuals *ANGSD* was run to measure the rate of heterozygosity of polymorphic sites on the X-
415 chromosome after accounting for sequencing errors in the flanking regions⁶⁰. This provides an estimate of
416 nuclear contamination in males that are expected to have only one allele at each site. For all male samples
417 that exhibit X-chromosome contamination levels below 2% with at least 100 X-chromosome SNPs
418 covered twice, all reads were retained for further analyses (Supplementary table 4). Otherwise only PMD
419 fragments that are likely of endogenous origin were used⁶¹ (Table 1). For both male and female individuals
420 mtDNA captured data was used to jointly reconstruct the mtDNA consensus sequence and estimate
421 contamination levels with *schmutzi*⁶² (Supplementary table 11). For specimens where a relatively low
422 proportion of mtDNA molecules compared to nuclear DNA (mt/nuclear DNA ratio) was observed
423 (Supplementary table 11), mtDNA contamination estimate can be used as reliable predictor for nuclear
424 contamination²⁹. Population genetic analyses on samples presenting mtDNA levels of contamination above
425 4% were restricted to PMD fragments. Moreover, for each individual the positioning in PCA space was
426 compared to the data after restriction to deaminated sequences²¹. Samples that were substantially displaced
427 in PCA space (Supplementary figure 1) were restricted to PMD fragments for population genetic analyses.

428 **Population genetic analyses.**

429 PCA were computed with present-day populations from the HO dataset composed of 781 Oceanians and
430 East Asians²¹ and 27 modern-day Vanuatu individuals newly genotyped here, for a total of 808 individuals.
431 Ancient individuals were projected onto the two first components using *smartpca (v13050)*⁶³ with the
432 options “*lsqproject: YES*” and “*numoutlieriter: 0*” (Fig. 1 and Supplementary figure 1). Another PCA was
433 computed on the ~50K SNPs overlapping the HO dataset and a recently published *Illumina HumanCore-24*
434 dataset (typed on ~240K SNPs in total)³² (Supplementary figure 6). The same 808 modern-day Oceanians
435 and East Asians were used to build the principal components on which 669 individuals across Remote
436 Oceania (Supplementary table 6) and 15 ancient Pacific individuals with more than 6K SNPs were
437 projected. The software *ADMIXTURE v1.3.0*³⁴ was run in unsupervised mode on high coverage genomes
438 of 308 modern-day worldwide individuals³¹, eight shotgun sequenced present-day Vanuatu individuals and
439 all 23 ancient Pacific individuals. Only transversions sites of the 1240K SNPs (~220K positions) were
440 considered in order to reduce the impact on the clustering algorithm of residual damage still present in
441 non-UDG treated libraries. An additional regional *ADMIXTURE* analysis was carried out also on the
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444 transversions subset of the HO data (~110K SNPs) including 13 ancient individuals from Vanuatu and
 445 Tonga (more than 15K SNPs) and 454 modern-day Oceanian individuals (Supplementary figure 5). Finally,
 446 *ADMIXTURE* was run on the overlapping SNPs between HO and Parks *et al.*³² datasets for the 27 newly
 447 genotyped present-day individuals from Malakula and Efate in Vanuatu (Supplementary table 5) in addition
 448 to 754 present-day individuals from New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and Tonga (Supplementary figure 7).
 449 From the latter dataset 85 individuals harboring more than 2% of non-local ancestry at $K=5$ were removed
 450 for a total of 669 individuals retained (Supplementary table 6). In the following analyses all SNPs were
 451 investigated for individuals with UDG-half libraries whereas only transversion SNPs were used for
 452 individuals with non-UDG libraries to avoid spurious results originating from leftover aDNA damage.
 453 *D*-statistics were calculated with *qpDstats v711* program from the *ADMIXTURE* suite
 454 (<https://github.com/DReichLab>) in the form $D(\text{Pop1}, \text{Pop2}; \text{Pop3}, \text{Outgroup})$. A negative value implies that
 455 either *Pop1* and *Outgroup*, or *Pop2* and *Pop3* share more alleles than expected under the null hypothesis of a
 456 symmetrical relationship between *Pop1* and *Pop2* (Supplementary table 9). To jointly observe the affinity of
 457 modern-day Fiji, Tonga, New Caledonia and Vanuatu individuals from Parks *et al.*³² and HO datasets as
 458 well as ancient Vanuatu individuals towards Ami and Tonga populations, we calculated two sets of *D*-
 459 statistics in the form A: $D(\text{Baining}, X; \text{Ami}, \text{Mbuti})$ and B: $D(\text{Baining}, X; \text{modern Tongan}, \text{Mbuti})$, where *X* is
 460 drawn from *Fiji, Tonga, Maewo (Vanuatu), Port Olry (Vanuatu), Santo (Vanuatu)* and *New Caledonia* from Parks
 461 *et al.*³², as well as the Vanuatu HO and ancient Malakula, Futuna and Tanna samples. Plotting A against B
 462 (Supplementary figure 8) shows that we cannot see a clear deviation between modern and ancient
 463 individuals, as all values do not appreciably differ from the straight line expected for no differential
 464 ancestry.
 465 *qpWave v400*³⁵ was implemented on the HO dataset in order to test if the ancient individuals are consistent
 466 with two sources of ancestry represented by modern-day Ami (as the best proxy for ancestral
 467 Austronesian) and Papuan individuals, with respect to a set of outgroups (*Mbuti, Denisovan, Sardinian,*
 468 *English, Yakut, Chukchi, Mala, Japanese, Ju_boan_North, Mixe, Onge, Yoruba*). This is obtained when rank *n-1*
 469 cannot be rejected ($p>0.05$) as shown for all our ancient Vanuatu individuals, as well as modern Vanuatu
 470 HO individuals despite a much lower *p*-value (Supplementary table 7). The same populations for both HO
 471 and *1240K* datasets were then used in *qpAdm v610*³⁶ to estimate admixture proportions for ancient and
 472 modern-day Vanuatu individuals (Supplementary figure 3, Fig. 2b and Supplementary table 8). *qpAdm*
 473 models each individual as a mixture of Ami and Papuan by fitting admixture proportions that match the
 474 observed matrix of *f₄*-statistics and computing standard errors with a block jackknife. To evaluate potential
 475 sex bias admixture, *qpAdm* analysis, as described above, was run only on X-chromosome SNPs (option
 476 “*chrom:23*”) of the *1240K* dataset. Differences in admixture proportions between autosomal and X-
 477 chromosome SNPs provide an indication of sex-biased admixture (Supplementary table 8).
 478 Modern-day Tongans were modeled in *qpAdm* as resulting from a two-way admixture between Ami (as the
 479 best proxy for ancestral Austronesian) and ancient (*MAI002*) or modern-day Solomon Islanders from the
 480 island of Makira, Malaita and Bougainville (Naisoi and Choiseul populations). When selecting the 12
 481 outgroups listed above, Tongans can successfully be modeled with $p>0.05$, using a block jackknife to
 482 calculate standard errors as indicated previously. *qpAdm* was re-run expanding the outgroup population list
 483 with Papuan and Baining Marabu. For present-day individuals from Makira, Malaita and the ancient
 484 individual from Malaita (*MAI002*) rank *n-1* can still not be rejected, indicating that additional Papuan New
 485 Guinea or Bismarck ancestry is not necessary to model modern-day Tongans (Supplementary table 10).
 486 Admixture dates were estimated based on linkage disequilibrium using *ALDER*³³ on the ~160K
 487 overlapping SNPs between *1240K* capture and Parks *et al.*³² datasets. As source populations, 20 Asian (Ami,
 488 Atayal, Igorot, Kinh, Dai, She, Lahu, Han) and 16 Papuan individuals were chosen. The estimated dates of
 489 admixture were converted into years assuming a generation time of 28.1 years^{21,64} for the 27 Vanuatu HO
 490 individuals (Fig. 3b) and for modern-day New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and Tonga populations³²
 491 (Supplementary figure 9). Admixture dates were also estimated for SNPs overlapping to the *1240K* capture
 492 for three ancient Futuna individuals (*FUT002, FUT006, FUT007*) with average age set to 1,123y BP and
 493 three ancient Malakula individuals (*MAL002, MAL004, MAL007*) with average age set to 2,293y BP (Fig.
 494 3b).
 495 Admixture graphs on the HO dataset were fitted with *qpGraph v5211*^{30,65} that matches a matrix of *f*-
 496 statistics testing the relationships between all analyzed populations at the same time. An initial backbone
 497 graph modern-day populations without signs of admixture were built into the tree (Mbuti, Ami, New
 498 Guinea). The differential proportion of Denisovan ancestry between Mbuti-Ami and New Guinea
 499 populations⁶⁶ was not modeled here since this is accommodated in the graph by shifting the splitting point
 500 of the African Mbuti population. Baining Marabu was then incorporated as admixed between an Ami-
 501 related and a New Guinea-related lineage, as suggested from *D*-statistics analyses (Supplementary table 9).
 502 Ancient UDG-half individuals from Vanuatu (three Futuna individuals grouped, three Malakula individuals
 503 grouped and two Tanna individuals separately) were added chronologically one-by-one at each possible
 504 position of the graph reporting every time the highest *D*-statistic between the observed and fitted model
 505 and calculating the Z-score with a block jackknife. The graph reported in Fig. 3a is built with a total of

38,789 SNPs and fits the allele frequency relationships between modern-day and ancient individuals with all empirical f -statistics within the 3 standard error interval and only one significant D -statistic ($Z=2.6$). The modern-day Vanuatu HO population can be fitted as admixed between modern-day Baining Marabu and Ami-related populations but this relatively simple model with only four populations has already the worst Z -score, equal to 2.3 (Supplementary figure 4a). Moreover, we were unable to fit a modern-day HO Vanuatu population in the graph once ancient individuals are included, neither by replacing the ~200y BP *TAN001* individual (Supplementary figure 4b) nor modeling Vanuatu HO as deriving part of its ancestry from the ~1,100y BP Futuna population (Supplementary figure 4c) with the worst Z -score of 6 and 5.2, respectively.

Haplogroup assignment for uniparental markers.

After enrichment of the libraries for the mitochondrial genome (mtDNA capture) reads were pre-processed in *EAGER v1.92.55* as described above and aligned to the mitochondrial reference genome (rCRS) using *CircularMapper*, a program that takes into account the circularity of the mtDNA⁵⁴. Contamination was estimated while assembling the mitochondrial genome using *schmutz*⁶² with the parameters “--notusepredC --uselength”. Present-day human contamination estimates were performed using a comparative database of 197 modern-day worldwide mtDNAs provided with the software package. For the resulting sequences we filtered positions with likelihood above 20 or 30 (Supplementary table 11) and used *HaploGrep*²⁶⁷ to assign the corresponding mtDNA haplogroup. For the *FUT007* individual the mtDNA consensus sequence was reconstructed from the mtDNA off-target reads in the combined non-UDG and UDG-half *1240K* capture data (Table 1 and Supplementary table 11). Sequenced reads overlapping the Y-chromosome SNPs present in the *ISOGG* database *v11.349* (<http://www.isogg.org/tree>) were investigated to assign Y-chromosome haplogroups. *ANGSD*⁶⁰ was used to count ancestral and derived allele occurrence and perform a majority call for positions covered at least once. For this analysis UDG-half and no-UDG data were combined for each sample (Supplementary table 3). To avoid miss-assignments due to DNA damage, CtoT and GtoA mutations required a minimum of two consistent nucleotides to be called. Haplogroup assignment was based on the most downstream SNP retrieved after evaluating the presence of upstream mutations along the related haplogroup phylogeny⁵⁹.

DATA AVAILABILITY

All newly reported ancient DNA data including nuclear DNA alignment files and mtDNA sequences are archived at the European Nucleotide Archive database (accession number PRJEB24810). Newly reported SNP genotyping and shotgun sequence data will be made available on request to H.C. (colleran@shh.mpg.de) and A.P. (powell@shh.mpg.de), subject to a signed agreement to restrict usage to anonymized non-medical studies of population history, as outlined in the ethics and consent documentation.

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700 **FIGURES LEGENDS**

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702 **Fig. 1:** Spatial and genetic distribution of ancient and present-day individuals. **(a)** Principal component
703 analysis of modern-day East Asian and Near and Remote Oceanian populations genotyped on the
704 *Affymetrix Human Origins Array*, with 23 ancient individuals projected. Ancient samples are indicated by
705 filled symbols – the new data from this study have a black border – and present-day samples are indicated
706 by open symbols. **(b)** Regional map, showing locations of Near and Remote Oceanian sample populations
707 and ancient individuals.

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709 **Fig. 2:** Admixture proportions of Papuan- vs. Lapita-related ancestry in ancient and present-day
710 populations using 1240K genome-wide data. **(a)** Unsupervised *ADMIXTURE* analyses of present-day
711 global populations and ancient Pacific individuals, with 5 ancestral components. **(b)** Austronesian ancestry
712 proportion (modeled by indigenous Taiwanese population Ami) in ancient and present-day Vanuatu
713 individuals estimated through *qpAdm* analyses. Symbol legend is given in Fig. 1, and standard errors are
714 indicated by black lines if larger than the symbol (see also Supplementary table 8).

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716 **Fig. 3:** Demographic history of ancient Vanuatu individuals. **(a)** *qpGraph* model that fits observed allele
717 frequency patterns with branch lengths representing drift in $F_{ST} * 1000$ units and edge percentages indicating
718 admixture proportions. Ancient samples or groups are indicated with a red border. **(b)** *ALLDER* analyses
719 estimating the date of Papuan and East Asian admixture, converted into years with a generation time of
720 28.1 years. Standard error bars are shown for date estimates, while sample ages for the two ancient groups
721 (Futuna and Malakula) are averaged radiocarbon dating confidence interval (CI) midpoints. As the earliest
722 ancient Vanuatu individual with unadmixed Near Oceanian ancestry, *TAN002* is included for age
723 comparison, with error bar indicating the 95.4% radiocarbon dating CI.

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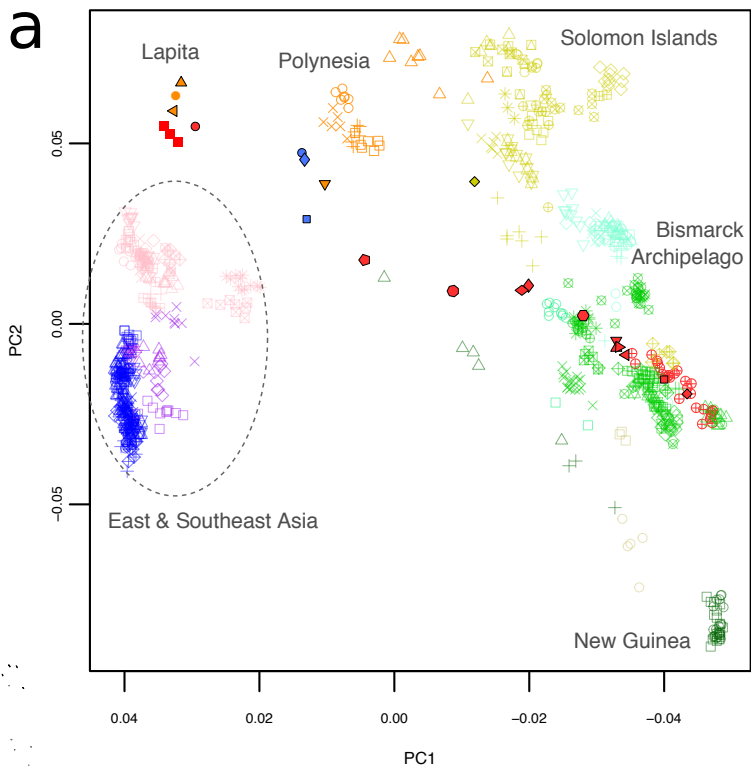
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TABLES

Table 1: Data description for the newly reported genome-wide data from 19 ancient individuals. Radiocarbon dating and ancient DNA summary statistics.

Sample Name	Country, Island	Anatomical element	cal BP (AD/BC) 95.4%	Sex	mtDNA haplogroup	Y chromosome haplogroup	Damage restrict	Mean coverage 1240K	SNPs 1240K	Library type
FUT001	Vanuatu, Futuna	L petrous	1230-980 (720-970 AD)	F	P1d2a	-	No	1.289	647,595	noUDG
FUT002	Vanuatu, Futuna	R petrous	1240-1000 (710-950 AD)	F	M28b1	-	No	1.163	626,821	UDGhalf
FUT006	Vanuatu, Futuna	L petrous	1270-1070 (680-880 AD)	M	P1d2a	K2	No	0.748	453,192	UDGhalf
FUT007	Vanuatu, Futuna	R petrous	1190-970 (760-980 AD)	M	M28b1	K2b1a3	No	0.596	392,622	UDGhalf
LHA001	Tonga, Tongatapu	Molar	780-550 (1170-1400 AD)	F	B4a1a1	-	Yes	0.048	37,058	UDGhalf
MAI002	Solomon Islands, Malaita	R Petrous	540-480 (1410-1470 AD)	F	B4a1a1a	-	No	5.582	913,583	noUDG
MAL001	Vanuatu, Malakula	L petrous	2330-2100 (380-150 BC)	F	B4a1a1	-	No	0.089	78,100	noUDG
MAL002	Vanuatu, Malakula	L petrous	2490-2200 (540-250 BC)	F	B4a1a1a	-	No	0.302	220,082	UDGhalf
MAL004	Vanuatu, Malakula	L petrous	2690-2320 (740-370 BC)	M	B4a1a1a	M1b	No	1.751	697,939	UDGhalf
MAL006	Vanuatu, Malakula	L petrous	2670-2320 (720-370 BC)	F	B4a1a1a11	-	Yes	0.011	10,418	noUDG
MAL007	Vanuatu, Malakula	R petrous	2140-1920 (190-30 BC)	F	B4a1a1a	-	No	0.609	394,207	UDGhalf
MAL008	Vanuatu, Malakula	L petrous	2290-1940 (350 BC - 10AD)	F	B4a1a1a	-	Yes	0.025	22,381	noUDG
TAN001	Vanuatu, Tanna	L petrous	260-0 (1690-1950 AD)	M	P1d1	O2a2b2a	No	1.223	629,733	UDGhalf
TAN002	Vanuatu, Tanna	R petrous	2630-2350 (680-400 BC)	M	Q2a	K2b1	No	0.241	191,304	UDGhalf
TAP002	French Polynesia, Ra'iatea	Molar	270- -10 (1680-1960 AD)	M	B4a1a1m1	n/a	Yes	0.041	39,897	noUDG
TAP003	French Polynesia, Ra'iatea	Molar	270- -10 (1680-1960 AD)	M	B4a1a1c	CT	No	0.158	137,660	UDGhalf
TAP004	French Polynesia, Ra'iatea	Molar	240-10 (1710-1940 AD)	M	B4a1a1+16126	CT	No	0.072	66,227	noUDG
TON001	Tonga, Tongatapu	R petrous	2670-2320 (720-370 BC)	F	B4a1a1a	-	Yes	0.092	82,790	noUDG
TON002	Tonga, Tongatapu	L petrous	2690-2350 (740-400 BC)	M	B4a1a1	O1a1a1a	Yes	0.406	285,776	noUDG

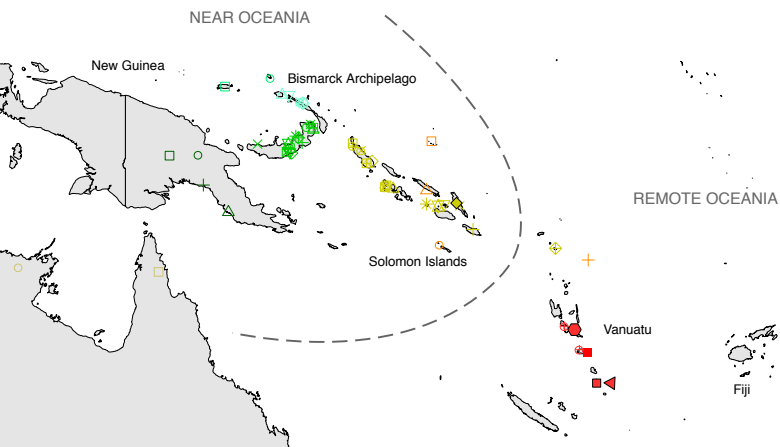
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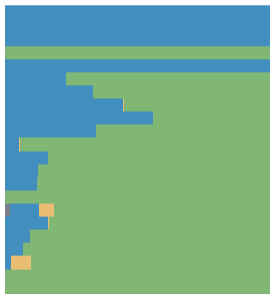
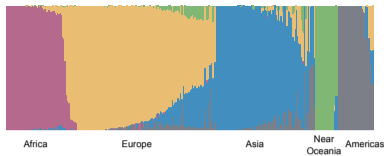


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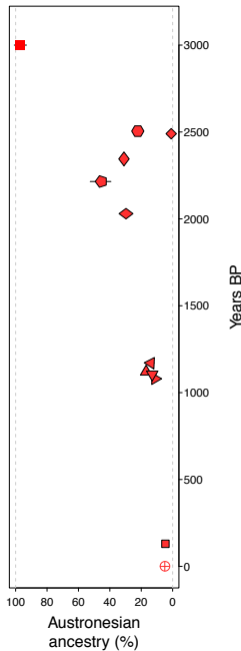


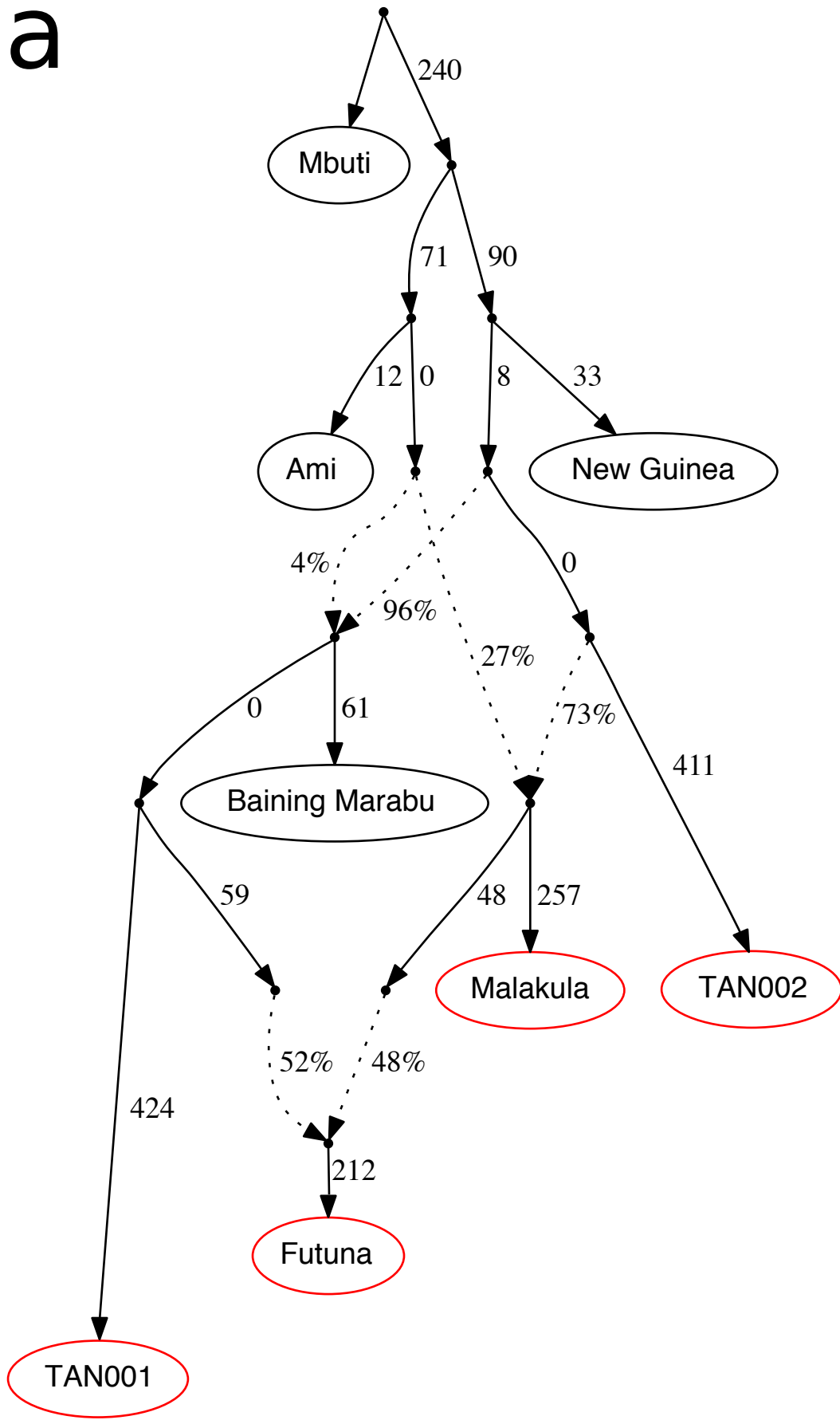
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 MAL004 2,690-2,320y BP
 MAL002 2,490-2,200y BP
 MAL008 2,290-1,940y BP
 MAL001 2,330-2,100y BP
 MAL007 2,140-1,920y BP
 FUT006 1,270-1,070y BP
 FUT002 1,240-1,000y BP
 FUT001 1,230-980y BP
 FUT007 1,190-970y BP
 TAN001 260-0y BP
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 M13 modern
 M10 modern
 M9 modern
 M8 modern



Tonga TON002 2,690-2,350y BP
 Tonga CP30 2,680-2,340y BP
 Tonga TON001 2,670-2,320y BP
 Tonga LHA001 780-550y BP
 Solomon MAI002 540-480y BP
 Ra'iatea TAP003 270-0y BP
 Ra'iatea TAP002 270-0y BP
 Ra'iatea TAP004 240-10y BP

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