

No evidence of sexual selection in a repetition of Bateman's classic study of *Drosophila melanogaster*

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We are unique in reporting a repetition of Bateman [Bateman AJ (1948) *Heredity (Edinb)* 2:349–368] using his methods of parentage assignment, which linked sex differences in variance of reproductive success and variance in number of mates in small populations of *Drosophila melanogaster*. Using offspring phenotypes, we inferred who mated with whom and assigned offspring to parents. Like Bateman, we cultured adults expressing dramatic phenotypes, so that each adult was heterozygous-dominant at its unique marker locus but had only wild-type alleles at all other subjects' marker loci. Assuming no viability effects of parental markers on offspring, the frequencies of parental phenotypes in offspring follow Mendelian expectations: one-quarter will be double-mutants who inherit the dominant gene from each parent, the offspring from which Bateman counted the number of mates per breeder; half of the offspring must be single mutants inheriting the dominant gene of one parent and the wild-type allele of the other parent; and one-quarter would inherit neither of their parent's marker mutations. Here we show that inviability of double-mutant offspring biased inferences of mate number and number of offspring on which rest inferences of sex differences in fitness variances. Bateman's method overestimated subjects with zero mates, underestimated subjects with one or more mates, and produced systematically biased estimates of offspring number by sex. Bateman's methodology mismeasured fitness variances that are the key variables of sexual selection.

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Bateman's study (1) of within-sex selection in *Drosophila melanogaster* is a foundational paper in sexual selection, second only to Darwin's pioneering book (2); it empirically anchored within-sex variance in number of mates (V_{NM}) as a key correlate of variance in reproductive success (V_{RS}) and as the metric of sexual selection. Bateman said his results showed that male number of mates (NM) was more variable than female NM; male reproductive success (RS) was more variable than female RS; and RS in males, but not in females, was because of NM. His conclusions were: sexual selection acted primarily on males through female choice and through male competition and profligacy in mating, so that some males mated more frequently than others, producing higher V_{RS} among males than among females because of the positive relationship between number of mates and reproductive success for males, but not for females.

Bateman's (1) paper was cited relatively infrequently before its rediscovery by Trivers (3), who used Bateman's results to buttress his arguments that the sex-differential cost of reproduction selectively favored coy, discriminating females and competitive, ardent males. After Trivers (3), citation of Bateman soared (4), as it did again after Arnold (5) discussed "Bateman's Principles" as corollaries of sex differences in behavior and fitness variances. Given its paradigmatic status, Bateman's paper has inspired further studies of V_{NM} and V_{RS} (6, 7), many of which are consistent with Bateman's main conclusions. Despite consistency in some studies and the apparent simplicity of Bateman's original design, Bateman's methods, the generality of Bateman's conclusions,

and their implications are controversial (3, 8–11) (*SI Text*), suggesting that "Bateman's Principles" might be better phrased as "Bateman's Hypotheses." Thus, it is interesting that the present report is unique in being a replication of Bateman's experiment that explicitly used his methodology of inferring who mated with whom by assigning parentage to offspring inheriting dramatic parental mutant phenotypes. Here we show that Bateman's methodology violated an assumption crucial to the reliability of his inferences: the methodology obscured some observations so that some matings that occurred were not counted, thus overestimating the number of subjects with no mates to an unknown degree and underestimating the number of subjects with one or more mates, also to an unknown degree. Inaccurate counts of number of mates and number of offspring per adult thus biased estimates of NM and V_{NM} , making conclusions based upon NM and V_{NM} , such as those from plots of the relationship of NM to RS, unreliable and potentially misleading.

Bateman's experiment was conceptually simple (1, 4), and used the only method of genetic parentage assignment available in the 1940s: heritable, dramatic, and phenotypically obvious genetic mutations to identify the parents of offspring in small, replicated trial populations. Unlike modern molecular genetic studies, in which it is theoretically possible to assign paternity and maternity to all offspring, in Bateman's study only some offspring carried the phenotypic markers of their parents, limiting Bateman's inferential power relative to what is possible in modern molecular genetic studies of parentage. Bateman's experiment involved first the production of heterozygous-dominant adults carrying a "marker mutation" as one allele at their marker locus and a wild-type gene as the other allele of the marker locus. Within a population, regardless of their sex, each adult was phenotypically distinct: no adult was homozygous at its one marker locus and each adult carried only wild-type alleles at all other marker loci (*Table S1*).

Each offspring has both a mother and a father, which guarantees that the frequency of offspring inheriting parents' marker mutations is the Mendelian expectation when parents are heterozygotes at two different loci (*Tables S2 and S3*) and provides a simple way to check the assumption that inviability of combinations of parental marker alleles in offspring did not significantly affect counts of NM or RS.

Some of Bateman's trials used three individuals of each sex, others five individuals of each sex. For populations with three of each sex, there were six phenotypically distinct individuals regardless of their sexes; similarly, in populations with five of each

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sex, there were 10 phenotypically distinct individuals. Bateman placed replicate sets of these potential breeders in small bottles, each constituting a separate population from which fitness variances (population parameters) could be calculated. He allowed subjects to associate and mate for 3 or 4 d, and then discarded the adults. As pupae eclosed, he collected offspring and scored the presence or absence of parental marker mutations, from which he inferred parentage. He inferred NM for each subject from offspring who inherited a phenotypically obvious dominant marker allele from each parent [i.e., the “double mutant ($M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$) offspring,” from which one can calculate the V_{NM} for each small study population]. He calculated the RS of each adult as the sum of its $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring plus those “single mutant” offspring, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ or $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, which inherited the mother’s mutation but not the father’s, and vice versa. Bateman used ANOVA to test for effects of parental age, marker phenotypes, and sex differences in V_{RS} summed over sets of populations.

The crucial assumption of Bateman’s method is that there is no reduction of offspring viability from inheritance of parental markers, particularly when offspring inherit a mutation from each of its parents ($M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$). $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring are the only offspring from which NM for each adult could be inferred using Bateman’s method.

Three Explanations for Bateman’s Data

Today there are at least three hypotheses explaining the observed V_{NM} and V_{RS} of potential parents in Bateman’s original experiment: (i) Inherited parental mutations with effects on viability resulted in missing offspring that biased counts of NM (4) (Tables S1–S5). If there are unbiased descriptions of who mated with whom, then it is reasonable to evaluate two other non-mutually exclusive hypotheses: (ii) stochastic demography (chance effects on survival and reproduction) in the absence of mate choice or within-sex behavioral or physiological competition resulted in observed V_{NM} and V_{RS} (10, 11); and (iii) sexual selection among males resulted in observed sex differences in NM and RS.

To reject hypothesis (i) of viability effects on RS, it is necessary only to demonstrate that observed frequencies of offspring phenotypic types— $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ —occur in frequencies expected under Mendel’s rules (Tables S1–S5). Under the assumption of no viability effects on offspring of inheriting parental marker mutations, (i) half of the offspring from each subject adult are identifiable and equal for mothers and fathers, and (ii) every set of parents in Bateman’s experiment must produce similar frequencies of four types of offspring, as can easily be seen in Tables S6–S8: one-quarter must be $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, double-mutant offspring, inheriting a marker allele at the locus uniquely associated with each parent; one-quarter must be $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, single-mutant offspring, inheriting the marker only at their mother’s marker locus but the wild-type allele at their father’s marker locus; one-quarter must be $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, single-mutant offspring inheriting the wild-type allele only from their mother’s marker locus but the marker allele from their father’s marker locus; and one-quarter must be $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ offspring, inheriting neither of their parents’ marker mutations.

Differential mating success of some individual adults over others, either because of sexual selection or stochastic demography, cannot cause deviations in expected Mendelian frequencies of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ of one-quarter each (SI Text and Tables S6–S8), because each offspring has one mother and one father. When viability effects on offspring are ruled out, and if V_{NM} is significantly greater or less than stochastic demography predicts (10–12), one might with additional data claim a role for sexual selection in the differential within-sex mating success of males and females. If observations are consistent with viability effects on offspring, the conclusion is that sexual selection caused V_{NM} would be unjustified, because the data would be inadequate

for tests of sexual selection. Similar logic organizes preliminary tests of marker suitability in modern molecular genetic parentage assignments (13–15).

Here we report the results of a comparison of offspring marker phenotypes from a two-part study. In the first part (Table S9) we tested the crucial predictions about viability effects using data (Tables S10–S13) from our repetition of Bateman’s experiment. Our questions included: Were mothers and fathers equally represented among the offspring from each population and did offspring inherit parental mutations in the expected one-quarter frequencies of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, or $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$? In the second part, we confined breeders to monogamous pairs and compared the observed numbers of offspring in each phenotype class (data in Table S14) to those in our replication of Bateman’s multimale and multifemale populations. Mate choice and behavioral or physiological competition over mates are not possible in enforced monogamous pairs. Observations of fewer than expected $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring from the monogamous pairs would be evidence against the utility of Bateman’s method for evaluating the hypotheses of sexual selection and stochastic demography.

Results

The repetition of Bateman’s experiment shows that some parental genotypes (Fig. S1) were more common in offspring than others, consistent with hypotheses of sexual selection, demographic stochasticity, and differential offspring survival. However, bias in the methodology is obvious in that mothers were statistically significantly less often counted as parents than fathers, a biological impossibility in diploid sexual species. Of the 8,093 offspring, 3,350 (41%) expressed the mother’s marker but 3,646 (45%) expressed the father’s marker and the difference was statistically significant (Fig. 1A and Fig. S1).

The proportions of offspring in each of the phenotypic classes departed strongly from Mendelian expectations: among the 8,093 offspring in our 46 replicated populations 2,343 (29%) were $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ offspring; 2,401 (30%) were $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring; 2,102 (26%) were $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ offspring; and 1,247 (15%) were $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring (Table S13).

The frequencies are a significant departure from the expected one-quarter frequencies (likelihood ratio $\chi^2 = 463.1$, $df = 3$, $P < 0.0001$) with the highest contribution to χ^2 coming from the $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ category. Of the 46 populations, 44 had fewer than 20% (range from 6.9%) $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring (Table S13). No population had a frequency of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ s over 24.3%. The binomial probability that all 46 populations would have $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ frequencies under 25% is 1.42×10^{-14} .

Biased estimates of NM are obvious from inconsistencies between the inferences allowed from double-mutant offspring (i.e., who mated with whom) and single-mutant offspring that provided an estimate of the number of additional offspring a given individual had. Some subject adults seemed to have zero mates (their markers did not appear in $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring) but did in fact mate, because their markers appeared in $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ or $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring. Among the subjects in our replicate, 21 (12.7%) females and 43 (25.9%) males were binned in the category “zero mates” (based on $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring). However, 4 (19%) of the zero-mating females had 17 offspring (based on $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$) from whom it was impossible to infer the father; and 15 (35%) of the zero-mating males (based on $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring) had 245 offspring scored from $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring from whom it was impossible to infer the mother.

Reasoning that one could use the $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring along with $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ and $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ offspring to estimate RS might be justified if inviability effects of different parental marker combinations were similar. The frequencies of observed combinations of specific parental alleles in $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring were statistically significantly different, indicating that some parental marker combinations were more deleterious than other combinations [for parental

populations and monogamous pairs. Reduced viability precludes any conclusions about the existence or force of V_{NM} on V_{RS} , even though, like Bateman's (1) results, the repetition seems to show that some mothers and some fathers had more mates and offspring than others (Fig. S1). However, concluding that sexual selection affected V_{NM} is unwarranted because the assumption that 25% of offspring be $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ was violated (Fig. 1 B–D and Table S13).

Lack of viability produced the significant differences in offspring assigned to fathers and mothers (Fig. 1A), and affected apparent RS for each inferred parent. Number of offspring for mothers and fathers must be equal in diploid sexual organisms; and importantly, because means and variances are positively correlated, the differences in RS for fathers and mothers would also bias estimates of sex differences in V_{RS} . In most populations there were more offspring assigned to fathers than to mothers (Fig. 1A), which might have produced erroneous conclusions of greater V_{NM} among males than among females. Lower frequencies of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ s also produced biased inferences of NM. Such biases arise because of missing $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ s (Fig. 1 B–D and Table S13), the only offspring class from which NM per adult could be estimated in either Bateman's or the present experiment, obscuring mating that occurred and did not occur in both sexes. The bias causes inaccuracies in the counts of individuals with zero, one, two, or three or zero, one, two, three, four, or five mates (depending on the number of potential mates in a given population), because the bias necessarily overestimated individuals with zero mates and underestimated individuals with one, two, or three mates or one, two, three, four, or five mates (depending on population size).

It seems there is little way to know, using Bateman's methodology, how to fairly apportion subjects to the categories of zero or more mates or to calculate reasonable estimates of V_{NM} or sex differences in V_{NM} in the populations. Nineteen percent of zero-mated females and 35% of zero-mated male subjects did mate, because their marker genes appeared in $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ and $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring, an incongruity that demonstrates that using Bateman's method overestimates the number of individuals with zero mates, but simultaneously underestimates those with more than zero mates. Almost twice as many males as females are inappropriately binned in the zero-mated category (from $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring), inaccurately inflating male V_{NM} and perhaps inappropriately biasing conclusions of sex differences in V_{NM} . Bateman's method mis-measures the key variables of sexual selection.

Is There an Unbiased Way to Estimate Number of Mates, RS, V_{NM} , and V_{RS} from the Data in Our Repetition? One might consider culling the data, retaining only those offspring with a father and mother in the $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ class, but this would reduce the total number of subject adults in each population, in some cases inappropriately biasing the adult sex ratio and eliminating altogether the class of individuals with zero mates. Readers would then argue that assessing the zero mating class is essential and at the heart of measuring sexual selection via female choice and among male competition. Eliminating the zero class from an analysis of the force of stochastic demography would likely render that test suspect as well.

Viability Deficits also Occurred in Monogamous Pairs in Which Sexual Selection Could Not Occur. The similarity in the frequencies of offspring phenotypes from populations and monogamous pairs provides experimental consistency, justifying the conclusion of unreliable inferential power and emphasizing the weakness of Bateman's methodology for evaluation of sexual selection. In the monogamous pairs the $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ deficit could not have resulted from male-male competitive interactions or from female choice of alternative mates, leaving only the hypothesis that the in-viability caused the deficits in $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ s. The deficit of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$

offspring was higher in the populations than in the monogamous pairs, an effect that could be a result of the higher number of females laying eggs: offspring competitive effects per vial were likely much higher in populations than in monogamous pairs.

Data in the Repetition Are Unable to Test Predictions of Sexual Selection. Bateman's method was flawed in our repetition of it, as it was in his study (Tables S1–S5). In the replication, it would be unjustifiable and misleading to: (i) estimate V_{NM} for either sex, (ii) test for sex differences in V_{NM} , (iii) test for sex differences in RS and V_{RS} , (iv) assess the relationship of NM to RS in either sex, or (v) quantify sex differences in the slope of NM on RS.

Were Bateman's Data Biased and Unable to Test Predictions of Sexual Selection? We endeavored to use exactly the same mutant lines Bateman used. All but one of Bateman's mutant lines is available today (Table 1). It is difficult to know how much the mutant lines changed in the 60 y between Bateman's experiment and the repetition. However, Bateman (1) indicated that 7 of 10 marker mutations were homozygous-lethal. That Bateman's subject adults carried mutant markers that were homozygous-lethal originally stimulated the hypothesis (4) that $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ s inheriting a dramatic or sometimes disfiguring mutation at the mother's marker locus and a different mutation from the father's marker locus would suffer inviability that could bias counts of NM and RS. The first demonstration (4) of a lack of viability came from Bateman's own data (Tables S1–S5), using the only population for which he reported a complete record of offspring phenotypes. Table S4 is a replica of a table in Bateman (1); Table S5 shows that the $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ s in that population were significantly fewer than one-quarter, and the RS of females is greater than males. Our repetition of Bateman's experiment also replicated similar biases to those apparent in Bateman's table (see table 4 in ref. 1). As his table contains the only offspring genotypes and their frequencies available from his paper (Table S4), and assuming that the population in Bateman's published table was a representative example of his overall data, it is probably safe to assume that Bateman's original experimental methodology produced biased results not too dissimilar from the biased results of this repetition.

Previous reexamination (4) of the data in Bateman's paper also showed that despite the pattern in the one population for which he published all of the observations, overall in his original experiment more offspring had fathers than mothers, *prima facie* evidence of bias in his original data, not dissimilar from the biases that emerged when we repeated his methodology (Fig. 1A).

Did Bateman Know About the Problem of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ s? Bateman did realize that viability effects of the inherited marker alleles could

Table 1. Mutant *D. melanogaster* stocks used in the present repetition

Chromosome	Symbol	Name	Stock number
I	Hw	Hairy-wing	102024 (Kyoto)
	B	Bar	2969 (Bloomington)
II	Bw ^{V1*} (=Pm)	Plum	380 (Bloomington)
	Cy*	Curly	1430 (Bloomington)
	Bl*	Bristle	237 (Bloomington)
	ap ^{Xa*}	Apterous-Xasta	Extracted from Mc
III	Sb*	Stubble	2539 (Bloomington)
	Mé*	Moire	894 (Bloomington)
	H*	Hairless	515 (Bloomington)
	Mc	Microcephalous	101603 (Kyoto)
Wild-type	Oregon-RS		4269 (Bloomington)

Bateman used CyL⁴ in his experiments; we replaced CyL⁴ with ap^{Xa}.

*Homozygous lethal.

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We are left wondering why earlier readers failed to spot the inferential problems with Bateman’s original study. The main implication we take from the present study is one earlier critics (8, 9) made: The paradigmatic power of the world-view (16) captured in Bateman’s conclusions and the phrase “Bateman’s Principles” (5) may dazzle readers, obscuring from view methodological weaknesses and reasonable alternative hypotheses explaining V_{NM} and V_{RS} .

A comparison of our methods with Bateman's (1) is given in [Table S15](#).

To generate subjects we used stocks of female mutant *D. melanogaster* (Table 1). We backcrossed the female mutants to wild-type male Oregon-RS males to replicate Bateman's culturing scheme for his series 1, 2, and 3.

single mutants rather than double mutants. We were able to identify offspring with the Mc:Pm genotype/phenotype, but it was impossible to identify Mc:Me genotype/phenotype because most of offspring were eyeless. It is unknown how often this happened in Bateman's original study and we have no way to estimate his error rate.

Monogamy Trials. To study variation in the frequencies of offspring phenotypes in the absence of sexual selection, we also performed a monogamy experiment in which we placed males and females (each a dominant heterozygote at a unique marker locus but homozygous wild-type at their partner's marker locus) in pairs (Table S14). We crossed 3-d-old flies (one ♀ and one ♂) in a vial (five replicates per combination). We held the flies as pairs for 3 d, after which we discarded all of the males and transferred individual females into new vials daily for 8 d. We counted all flies hatching from individual vials for 5 d and scored the phenotype of each individual offspring. Offspring phenotypes could have included offspring with a mutation from each parent (in which case we would score the offspring as $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ and specifically with an indicator of the mutant from mother and the mutant from father; for example, HB), a mutation from only one parent (e.g., Hw or wB), or wild-type from both parents (ww). We then compared offspring mutant phenotypes in the 25 sets of monogamous pairs with those occurring in the subset of populations that included five females and five males with the same marker mutations as in the monogamous pairs.

Tests of Marker Neutrality. To test if the marker genes were unbiased and neutral with respect to our questions about the V_{NM} and the V_{RS} , we characterized all offspring as having a dominant marker gene from mother (M°),

a wild-type gene at mother's marker locus (w°), a dominant gene at father's marker locus (M°), or a wild-type gene at father's marker locus (w°). That is, we binned each offspring in general terms $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$. Neither stochastic nor sexually selected effects on number of mates can create deviations in the expected Mendelian frequencies of offspring characterized in terms of their inheritance of dominant or wild-type alleles from each parent (SI Text and Tables S6–S8). Assuming no viability effects on offspring who inherited both parents' marker mutations, offspring must occur in the following frequencies: 25% $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, 25% $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, 25% $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and 25% $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$. Data and tests for all populations in our series may be found in Table S13.

Tables S9–S12 show the frequency distributions of offspring genotypes and mutant combination phenotypes in the 48 populations we studied.

We used JMP to perform contingency analyses and produce figures. We set a priori significance at $\alpha \leq 0.05$.

What We Did Not Do. We did not provide tables of “observed” matings and reproductive success similar to Bateman's (1) or an analysis of the relationship between NM and RS or of sex differences in V_{RS} because we showed that the assumption of no viability effects of Bateman's methodology was violated, rendering the measurements of NM and RS unreliable.

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Prior Criticisms of Presentation and Interpretation of Results in Bateman (1948). An important prior methodological concern is that Bateman (1) did not observe behavior (2) and therefore was able to make only a minimum estimate of number of mates (NM) from those offspring that expressed marker mutations from each parent, the $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring. Dewsbury (2) pointed out that later authors misquoted Bateman when they said that he had observed behavior. Because Bateman did not observe behavior, he was unable to directly evaluate whether or how frequently females chose males or males chose females; or how frequently males fought or females fought. His conclusions that females were choosy but males indiscriminate and competitive were, in fact, speculations (2). Bateman showed two curves comparing sex differences in the effects of NM on reproductive success (RS) (see figures 1 a and b of ref. 1), one showing that multiple mates did not increase female RS above what females achieve with one mate (which is most frequently republished in textbooks) (3); and the other showing female RS increasing with NM. Graphing Bateman's data without arbitrary partitioning showed that male and female RS increased with NM (4). Bateman may have had the first evidence for an advantage for females of multiple insemination (4), but he apparently did not recognize it.

Long before more recent criticisms, Sutherland (5) and Hubbell and Johnson (6) challenged Bateman's study with models of random mating under stochastic demography. Despite assuming random mating and no sexual selection, the two models produced sex differences in variance in number of mates (V_{NM}) under assumptions of chance effects on individual survival and individual encounters with potential mates only because of stochastic effects on demography. These models resulted in V_{NM} that were not statistically different from Bateman's (4, 5) results, necessarily lessening the force of Bateman's arguments about the adaptive significance of V_{NM} (4) and emphasizing that more information than Bateman had is necessary to infer sexual selection. Therefore, two important explanations for Bateman's data have long existed: sexual selection and stochastic demography.

An even more fundamental criticism of Bateman's study lies in the possibility that despite its theoretical elegance, the methodology was flawed. Bateman's method assumes that there are no viability deficits for offspring inheriting marker alleles, either from one parent or both parents simultaneously (4). Examination of one of Bateman's tables (1), which listed the mutations he used for adult markers genes and their effects on the viability of carriers, indicates that most of the marker genes were "homozygous lethal" (4). Each of Bateman's adults was heterozygous at its "marker" locus (Table S1), so each subject carried only one mutant allele (i.e., was not homozygous and would have been expected to survive the period of the experiments). Importantly, because each adult carried markers at different loci (Table S1), none of the offspring in Bateman's experiment could be homozygous for any of the unique parental markers, and thus none could have been homozygous-lethal at any locus. However, as consideration of Tables S6–S8 demonstrate, one-quarter of the offspring, even under mating biases produced by sexual selection, should be "double-mutants, $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ " that inherited a marker mutation at each of its parents' marker loci.

If the frequency of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring was less than one-quarter, a critical assumption about the reliability of Bateman's method would be violated. Did double-mutant offspring suffer reduced viability or lethal effects from carrying two parental markers? For example, would an offspring survive who inherited the

dominant allele at the "microcephalus, Mc" locus from its mother and the dominant allele at "hairless, H" locus from its father, so that it had both "reduced or absent eyes" and "missing hairs from its head and other body parts"? If such double mutant, $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring died before eclosion, matings between Mc females and H males would be invisible using Bateman's method. This invisibility of some matings would have confounded mating success with offspring viability, producing inaccurate estimates of NM and V_{NM} , because it was only from double-mutant offspring, $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, that Bateman could have inferred who mated with whom.

Neither Stochastic Nor Sexually Selected Effects Can Explain Deficits in $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ Offspring. Consider the necessary frequencies if one male, carrying a unique marker mutation, failed to mate with any females: his mutation would be entirely absent from any offspring, and the number of cells in the matrix (Table S6) would be reduced from 36 to 24. Thus, the expected frequency of offspring in each cell would then be $100/24 = 4.1667$, equal to 25% $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, 25% $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, 25% $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and 25% $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$. Table S7 shows another scenario of differential mating (via sexual selection or demographic stochasticity) in which if one male, again with a unique marker unlike any other males', failed to mate and also one female, also carrying a unique marker unlike any other females' markers, failed to mate, the number of cells in the matrix would be reduced to 16 and the expected frequency of each cell would be $100/16 = 6.25\%$, equal to 25% $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, 25% $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, 25% $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and 25% $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$. Table S8 displays expectations when a male and a female mated with others but failed to mate with each other: still the frequency of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ would be 25%. Even if sexual selection (or demographic stochasticity) occurred, the frequency of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ offspring must remain 25%, unless there is differential offspring survival associated with inheriting double mutations or non-independent assortment of the marker mutations. If the frequencies of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ were each 25%, one would conclude that there were no viability effects on offspring of inheriting two marker mutations. If one wants to use the $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring to make unbiased estimates of who mated with whom, evaluation of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ frequencies is an essential preliminary exercise toward demonstrating the presence or absence of potential observation biases, as it is only from $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ offspring that NM and V_{NM} can be inferred.

The data from Bateman's table 4 (see table 4 in ref. 1) (Table S4) reported a single experimental population of three adult males and three adult females that produced 459 offspring in total, 86 (18.7%) of whom were $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$. For offspring for whom fathers could be identified, 77 had fathers heterozygous for the dominant mutation "hairless, H," 105 had fathers heterozygous for the dominant mutation "plum, Pm," and 29 had fathers heterozygous for the dominant mutation "Stubble, Sb," suggesting that Pm fathers had an advantage over the other two types of fathers. For offspring for whom mothers could be identified, 79 had mothers heterozygous for the mutation "Curly wing, Cy," 90 had mothers heterozygous for the mutation "Curly lobed, CyL," and 55 had mothers heterozygous for the mutation "Microcephalous, Mc." One-hundred and ten offspring were $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ for which it was impossible to identify either parent. One-hundred and twenty-five offspring were $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$; 138 offspring were Mw. Mothers were reliably assigned to 224 offspring (48.8%), fathers to 211 (46.6%) offspring. $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ s were significantly less frequent than required to avoid observation bias in NM and V_{NM} , at least from the only population for which Bateman published all observations. If all of

Bateman's populations had similar deficits in $M^{\varphi}M^{\sigma}$ offspring, his experiment would have produced unreliable results. Snyder and Gowaty (4) thus asked whether the other population trials in Bateman's experiment also had deficits in $M^{\varphi}M^{\sigma}$ s. This question might have occurred to other readers aware of the fact that off-

spring expressing double-mutant phenotypes are often less viable than heterozygous offspring with only one mutation. Thus, we also wondered whether or not a repetition of Bateman's experiment would show experiment-wide inviability effects on double mutant offspring.

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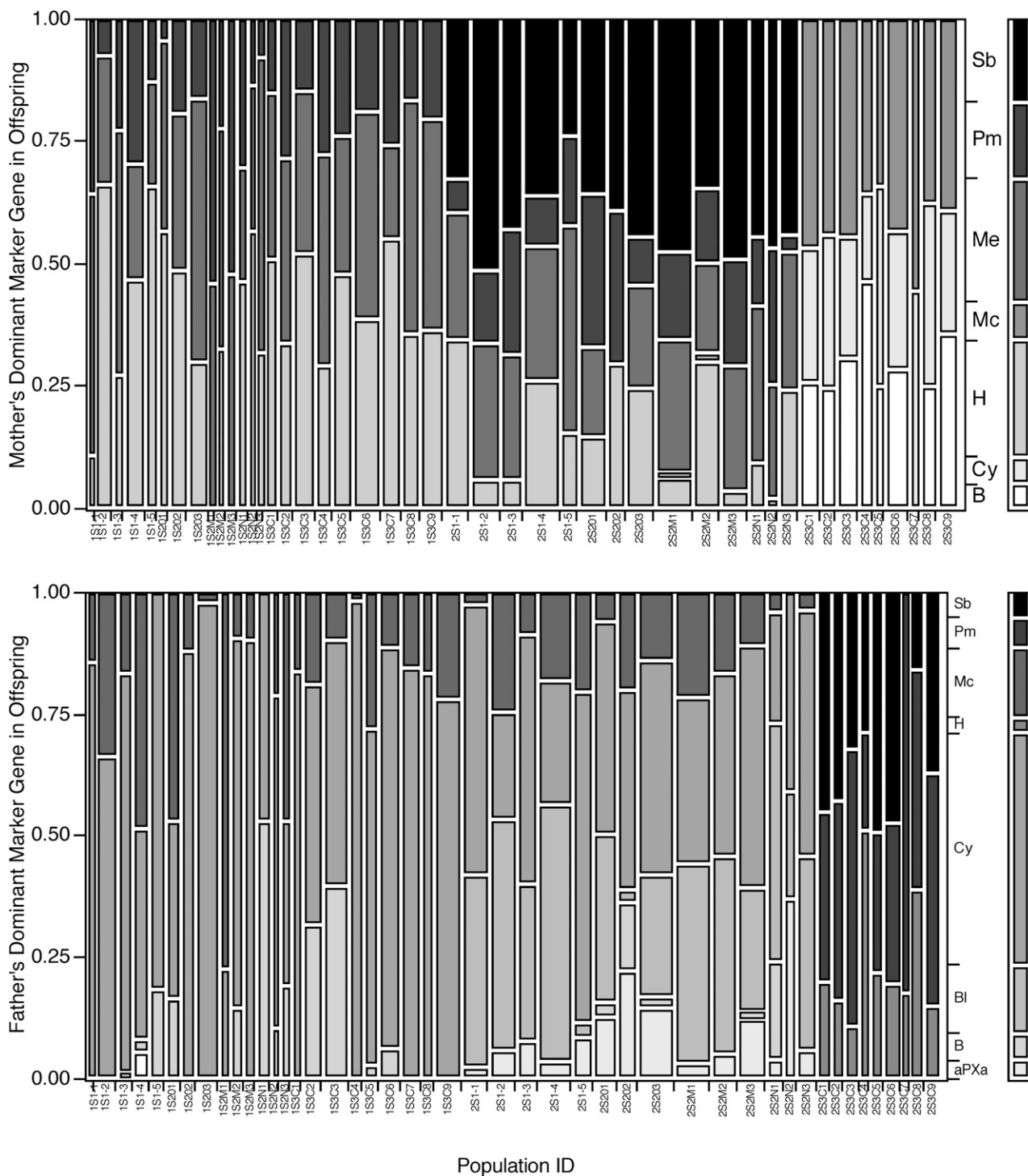


Table S1. Parental genotypes across all marker loci, showing that each subject adult was genetically and phenotypically distinct

Adults	Adult genotypes (two alleles) at each marker locus					
	Sb	Pm	H	CyL ⁴	Cy	Mc
♂ ₁	Sb+	++	++	++	++	++
♂ ₂	++	Pm+	++	++	++	++
♂ ₃	++	++	H+	++	++	++
♀ ₁	++	++	++	CyL ⁴ +	++	++
♀ ₂	++	++	++	++	Cy+	++
♀ ₃	++	++	++	++	++	Mc+

Observed offspring phenotypes from a single population trial in Bateman's original paper (see table 4 in ref. 1), illustrate his method of parental assignments. ++ indicates that the alleles were wild-type. Note that we used "w" for wild-type in tables showing generalizations associated with inheriting a parental marker or the wild-type allele.

Table S2. Expected offspring genotypes/phenotypes under the assumption that all adults mated with each other and there were no inviability effects of markers on offspring

Possible paternal alleles inherited by offspring	Possible maternal alleles inherited by offspring					
	CyL ⁴	Cy	Mc	+ from CyL ⁴	+ from Cy	+ from Mc
Sb	CyL ⁴ Sb	CySb	McSb	+Sb	+Sb	+Sb
Pm	CyL ⁴ Pm	CyPm	McPm	+Pm	+Pm	+Pm
H	CyL ⁴ H	CyH	McH	+H	+H	+H
+ from Sb	CyL ⁴ +	Cy+	Mc+	++	++	++
+ from Pm	CyL ⁴ +	Cy+	Mc+	++	++	++
+ from H	CyL ⁴ +	Cy+	Mc+	++	++	++

++ indicates wild-type genes. In later tables that generalize genetic details to marker presence or absence, we use "w" to indicate wild-type.

Table S3. Expected frequency of offspring in four general phenotypic classes

Paternal [♂] alleles	Maternal alleles [♀]					
	CyL ⁴ [♀]	Cy [♀]	Mc [♀]	w [♀] from CyL ⁴	w [♀] from Cy	w [♀] from Mc
Sb [♂]	M [♀] M [♂]	M [♀] M [♂]	M [♀] M [♂]	w [♀] M [♂]	w [♀] M [♂]	w [♀] M [♂]
Pm [♂]	M [♀] M [♂]	M [♀] M [♂]	M [♀] M [♂]	w [♀] M [♂]	w [♀] M [♂]	w [♀] M [♂]
H [♂]	M [♀] M [♂]	M [♀] M [♂]	M [♀] M [♂]	w [♀] M [♂]	w [♀] M [♂]	w [♀] M [♂]
w [♂] from Sb	M [♀] w [♂]	M [♀] w [♂]	M [♀] w [♂]	w [♀] w [♂]	w [♀] w [♂]	w [♀] w [♂]
w [♂] from Pm	M [♀] w [♂]	M [♀] w [♂]	M [♀] w [♂]	w [♀] w [♂]	w [♀] w [♂]	w [♀] w [♂]
w [♂] from H	M [♀] w [♂]	M [♀] w [♂]	M [♀] w [♂]	w [♀] w [♂]	w [♀] w [♂]	w [♀] w [♂]

Those inheriting two markers, one from each parent M[♀]M[♂], a marker (M) at one parent's marker locus and the wild-type (w) allele at the marker locus of the other parent (either M[♀]w[♂] or w[♀]M[♂]), or wild-type alleles at each parent's marker locus w[♀]w[♂]. Assuming no viability effects on offspring of inherited mutations, the expected frequency of offspring in each cell would be 100/36 = 2.7778%, giving 25% double mutants (M[♀]M[♂]); 25% single mutants with the mutant allele from mother and a wild-type allele from father (M[♀]w[♂]); 25% single mutants with a mutant allele from father and a wild-type allele from mother (w[♀]M[♂]); and 25% with a wild-type allele from father and a wild-type allele from mother (w[♀]w[♂]). Note that neither stochastic demography nor sexual selection can alter the expected frequencies of M[♀]M[♂], M[♀]w[♂], w[♀]M[♂], and w[♀]w[♂].

Table S4. Subject genotypes and observed offspring genotypes as reported in Bateman's (1) paper

Possible paternal alleles	Possible maternal alleles						No. of mates per ♂	Assigned RS for each ♂
	CyL ⁴	Cy	Mc	+ from CyL ⁴	+ from Cy	+ from Mc		
Sb	13	0	0		16		1	29
Pm	10	12	15		68		3	105
H	7	29	0		41		2	77
+ from Sb								
+ from Pm								
+ from H	60	38	40		110			
No. of mates per ♀	3	2	1					RS ♂♂ = 211
Assigned RS for each ♀♀	90	79	55					RS ♀♀ = 224

Table S5. Observed frequency of $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ calculated from Bateman's original paper (1) show a deficit in $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$ indicating inviability of offspring

Possible paternal alleles	Offspring in marker classes by presence or absence of maternal marker					
	CyL ⁴	Cy	Mc	w from CyL ⁴	w from Cy	w from Mc
Sb	M [♀] M [♂] = 86 (18.7%)			w [♀] M [♂] = 125 (27.2%)		
Pm						
H						
w from Sb	M [♀] w [♂] = 138 (30%)			w [♀] w [♂] = 110 (24%)		
w from Pm						
w from H						

Table S6. Expected offspring genotypes if one male, Pm, failed to mate

Possible paternal alleles	Possible maternal alleles					
	CyL ⁴	Cy	Mc	+ from CyL ⁴	+ from Cy	+ from Mc
Sb	CyL ⁴ Sb	Cy Sb	Mc Sb	+ Sb	+ Sb	+ Sb
Pm						
H	CyL ⁴ H	Cy H	Mc H	+ H	+ H	+ H
+ from Sb	CyL ⁴ +	Cy +	Mc +	+ +	+ +	+ +
+ from Pm						
+ from H	CyL ⁴ +	Cy +	Mc +	+ +	+ +	+ +

Expected frequencies of offspring genotypes from which the frequencies of offspring classes, $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ can be inferred (see also Tables S1–S5). ++ indicates a wild-type allele, generalized to “ww” when translating the absence of a parental marker allele into the generalized classes in which M indicates the presence of a parental marker mutation or “w” the absence of a parental marker. Table S6 should be compared with results from Tables S2, S7, and S8. In all cases, the frequencies of offspring inheriting marker mutations from each parent, or from only one parent, or from neither parent are the same.

Table S7. Expected offspring genotypes if one female, Cy, and one male, Pm, failed to mate

Possible paternal alleles	Possible maternal alleles					
	CyL ⁴	Cy	Mc	w from CyL ⁴	w from Cy	w from Mc
Sb	CyL ⁴ Sb		Mc Sb	+ Sb		+ Sb
Pm						
H	CyL ⁴ H		Mc H	+ H		+ H
w from Sb	CyL ⁴ +		Mc +	+ +		+ +
w from Pm						
w from H	CyL ⁴ +		Mc +	+ +		+ +

Expected frequencies of offspring genotypes from which the frequencies of offspring classes, $M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$, and $w^{\circ}w^{\circ}$ can be inferred (see also Tables S1–S5). ++ indicates a wild-type allele, generalized to “ww” when translating the absence of a parental marker allele into the generalized classes in which M indicates the presence of a parental marker mutation or “w” the absence of a parental marker. Table S7 should be compared with results from Table S2, S6, and S8. In all cases, the frequencies of offspring inheriting marker mutations from each parent, or from only one parent, or from neither parent are the same.

Table S8. Expected offspring genotypes if one male, H, failed to mate with one female, Mc

Possible paternal alleles	Possible maternal alleles					
	CyL ⁴	Cy	Mc	w from CyL ⁴	w from Cy	w from Mc
Sb	CyL ⁴ Sb	Cy Sb	Mc Sb	+ Sb	+Sb	+Sb
Pm	CyL ⁴ Pm	Cy Pm	Mc Pm	+ Pm	+Pm	+Pm
H	CyL ⁴ H	Cy H		+ H	+H	
w from Sb	CyL ⁴ +	Cy +	Mc +	+ +	+ +	+ +
w from Pm	CyL ⁴ +	Cy +	Mc +	+ +	+ +	+ +
w from H	CyL ⁴ +	Cy +		+ +	+ +	

Expected frequencies of offspring genotypes from which the frequencies of offspring classes, $M^{\circ}M^{\sigma}$, $M^{\circ}w^{\sigma}$, $w^{\circ}M^{\sigma}$, and $w^{\circ}w^{\sigma}$ can be inferred (see also Tables S1–S5). ++ indicates a wild-type allele, generalized to “ww” when translating the absence of a parental marker allele into the generalized classes in which M indicates the presence of a parental marker mutation or “w” the absence of a parental marker. Table S8 should be compared with results from Table S2, S6, and S7. In all cases, the frequencies of offspring inheriting marker mutations from each parent, or from only one parent, or from neither parent are the same.

Table S9. Characteristics of populations in the present replication

Experiment, series, replicates, population IDs	Mutants female × male	No. of adults by sex, each with a different marker mutation	Duration of mating opportunity (d)	Ages of adults	No. of offspring produced and phenotyped
1-S1-1	♀♀ Pm, H, Me ♂♂ B, Cy, Mc	3	3	Mixed age	72
1-S1-2					195
1-S1-3					118
1-S1-4					184
1-S1-5					129
	♀♀ Pm, H, Me ♂♂ B, Cy, Mc	3	3	♀♀ ♂♂	
				1 1	136
1-S2N1				1 1	155
1-S2N2				1 1	186
1-S2N3				3 3	90
1-S2M1				3 3	121
1-S2M2				3 3	99
1-S2M3				6 6	123
1-S2O1				6 6	102
1-S2O2				6 6	92
1-S2O3					
	♀♀ Pm, H, Me ♂♂ B, Cy, Mc	3	4	♀♀ ♂♂	
1-S3C1				1 1	121
1-S3C2				3 1	168
1-S3C3				6 1	236
1-S3C4				1 3	154
1-S3C5				3 3	158
1-S3C6				6 3	231
1-S3C7				1 6	197
1-S3C8				3 6	154
1-S3C9				6 6	239
	♀♀ Hw, Pm, Sb, H, Mé ♂♂ B, Cy, ap ^{xa} , Bl, Mc	5	3	Mixed age	
2-S1-1					227
2-S1-2					278
2-S1-3					192
2-S1-4					332
2-S1-5					185
	♀♀ Hw, Pm, Sb, H, Mé ♂♂ B, Cy, ap ^{xa} , Bl, Mc	5	3	♀♀ ♂♂	
2-S2N1				1 1	254
2-S2N2				1 1	190
2-S2N3				1 1	326
2-S2M1				3 3	372
2-S2M2				3 3	246
2-S2M3				3 3	255
2-S2O1				6 6	165
2-S2O2				6 6	103
2-S2O3				6 6	194
	♀♀ B, Cy, Mc ♂♂ Pm, H, Sb	3	4	♀♀ ♂♂	
2-S3C1				1 1	166
2-S3C2				3 1	123
2-S3C3				6 1	169
2-S3C4				1 3	126
2-S3C5				3 3	134
2-S3C6				6 3	190
2-S3C7				1 6	85
2-S3C8				3 6	138
2-S3C9				6 6	183

Count row %	++	+ ap ^{xa}	+B	+Cy	+Mc	H+ ap ^{xa}	H	HB	HBI	HCy	HMc	+ Hw	Mé+ ap ^{xa}	MéB	MéBI	MéCy	Pm+ ap ^{xa}	PmB	PmBI	PmCy	PmMc	Sb+ ap ^{xa}	Sb	SbBI	SbCy	SbMc	Sb total	Row		
25S1-1	55	2	0	31	35	3	19	0	0	6	10	0	0	16	0	0	7	3	5	0	0	1	1	0	18	1	0	14	0	227
25S1-2	24.23	0.88	0.00	13.66	15.42	1.32	8.37	0.00	0.00	2.64	4.41	0.00	0.00	7.05	0.00	0.00	3.08	1.32	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.44	0.00	7.93	0.44	0.00	6.17	0.00	278
25S1-3	90	4	0	32	9	22	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	21	1	0	0	12	11	2	0	0	5	0	38	0	0	23	0	1
25S1-4	32.37	1.44	0.00	11.51	3.24	7.91	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.00	2.16	0.00	0.00	7.55	0.36	0.00	0.00	4.32	3.96	0.72	0.00	0.00	1.80	0.00	13.67	0.00	0.00	8.27	0.00	0.36
25S1-5	48	6	0	14	32	6	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	16	0	0	4	2	12	0	0	10	0	0	20	1	0	2	12	2
25S1-6	25.00	3.13	0.00	7.29	16.67	3.13	2.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.00	0.00	8.33	0.00	0.00	2.08	1.04	6.25	0.00	0.00	5.21	0.00	0.00	10.42	0.52	0.00	1.04	6.25	1.04
25S1-7	93	2	0	58	23	14	22	0	0	0	4	11	0	25	0	0	10	4	7	2	0	3	2	1	40	1	0	6	4	0
25S1-8	28.01	0.60	0.00	17.47	6.93	4.22	6.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20	3.31	0.00	7.53	0.00	0.00	3.01	1.20	2.11	0.60	0.00	0.90	0.60	0.30	12.05	0.30	0.00	1.81	1.20	0.00
25S1-9	52	1	0	2	40	19	8	1	0	0	2	0	0	12	4	0	0	14	10	1	0	0	2	0	9	1	0	1	6	0
25S1-10	28.11	0.54	0.00	1.08	21.62	10.27	4.32	0.54	0.00	0.00	1.08	0.00	0.00	6.49	2.16	0.00	0.00	7.57	5.41	0.54	0.00	0.00	1.08	0.00	4.86	0.54	0.00	0.54	3.24	0.00
25S201	88	6	1	16	31	3	11	1	2	0	0	2	0	11	1	0	0	8	18	1	0	14	1	0	25	4	0	5	4	1
25S202	34.65	2.36	0.39	6.30	12.20	1.18	4.33	0.39	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.79	0.00	4.33	0.39	0.00	0.00	3.15	7.09	0.39	0.00	5.51	0.39	0.00	9.84	1.57	0.00	1.97	1.57	0.39
25S203	64	7	7	1	22	15	12	3	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	8	0	14	9	1	1	2	2
25S204	33.68	3.68	3.68	0.53	11.58	7.89	6.32	1.58	2.11	0.00	1.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.21	0.00	7.37	4.74	0.53	0.53	1.05	1.05
25S205	103	15	2	29	45	22	17	6	0	4	0	0	0	12	2	0	2	7	9	0	2	0	0	0	26	0	0	5		

Number and frequency of offspring in populations with mutant sets of subjects: Females = B, Cy, ap^{Xa}, Bl, Mc.

Table S13. Population ID by offspring marker phenotypes

Count row %	M [♀] M [♂]	M [♀] w [♂]	w [♀] M [♂]	w [♀] w [♂]	Row total
1S1-1	11 15.28	17 23.61	24 33.33	20 27.78	72
1S1-2	25 12.82	43 22.05	67 34.36	60 30.77	195
1S1-3	22 18.64	22 18.64	45 38.14	29 24.58	118
1S1-4	23 12.50	58 31.52	47 25.54	56 30.43	184
1S1-5	23 17.83	24 18.60	42 32.56	40 31.01	129
1S201	14 10.29	30 22.06	52 38.24	40 29.41	136
1S202	23 14.84	49 31.61	43 27.74	40 25.81	155
1S203	38 20.43	42 22.58	59 31.72	47 25.27	186
1S2M1	5 5.56	21 23.33	48 53.33	16 17.78	90
1S2M2	15 12.40	25 20.66	39 32.23	42 34.71	121
1S2M3	19 19.19	25 25.25	33 33.33	22 22.22	99
1S2N1	15 12.20	28 22.76	49 39.84	31 25.20	123
1S2N2	7 6.86	30 29.41	31 30.39	34 33.33	102
1S2N3	9 9.78	16 17.39	38 41.30	29 31.52	92
1S3C1	18 14.88	35 28.93	31 25.62	37 30.58	121
1S3C2	27 16.07	29 17.26	58 34.52	54 32.14	168
1S3C3	35 14.83	53 22.46	78 33.05	70 29.66	236
1S3C4	20 12.99	45 29.22	39 25.32	50 32.47	154
1S3C5	31 19.62	44 27.85	37 23.42	46 29.11	158
1S3C6	39 16.88	72 31.17	58 25.11	62 26.84	231
1S3C7	23 11.68	55 27.92	62 31.47	57 28.93	197
1S3C8	23 14.94	50 32.47	32 20.78	49 31.82	154
1S3C9	33 13.81	55 23.01	85 35.56	66 27.62	239
2S1-1	43 18.94	58 25.55	71 31.28	55 24.23	227
2S1-2	51 18.35	70 25.18	67 24.10	90 32.37	278
2S1-3	34 17.71	52 27.08	58 30.21	48 25.00	192
2S1-4	48 14.46	94 28.31	97 29.22	93 28.01	332
2S1-5	32 17.30	39 21.08	62 33.51	52 28.11	185
2S201	44 17.32	65 25.59	57 22.44	88 34.65	254
2S202	33 17.37	41 21.58	52 27.37	64 33.68	190

Table S14. Total number and percent of offspring from the monogamy trials

Count row %	M ^o M ^o	M ^o w ^o	w ^o M ^o	w ^o w ^o	Row total
H × ap ^{xa}	55 23.11	33 13.87	68 28.57	82 34.45	238
H × B	148 22.70	104 15.95	173 26.53	227 34.82	652
H × BI	169 20.97	197 24.44	223 27.67	217 26.92	806
H × Cy	79 19.95	88 22.22	102 25.76	127 32.07	396
H × Mc	98 20.99	101 21.63	115 24.63	153 32.76	467
Hw × ap ^{xa}	42 14.63	66 23.00	92 32.06	87 30.31	287
Hw × B	113 30.71	13 3.53	135 36.68	107 29.08	368
Hw × BI	50 17.42	47 16.38	75 26.13	115 40.07	287
Hw × Cy	91 16.46	104 18.81	171 30.92	187 33.82	553
Hw × Mc	96 19.43	86 17.41	165 33.40	147 29.76	494
Mé × ap ^{xa}	79 19.04	104 25.06	117 28.19	115 27.71	415
Mé × B	122 20.64	108 18.27	187 31.64	174 29.44	591
Mé × BI	166 28.52	122 20.96	146 25.09	148 25.43	582
Mé × Cy	111 20.94	146 27.55	149 28.11	124 23.40	530
Mé × Mc	0 0.00	128 23.75	266 49.35	145 26.90	539
Pm × ap ^{xa}	60 18.35	84 25.69	96 29.36	87 26.61	327
Pm × B	67 21.90	51 16.67	96 31.37	92 30.07	306
Pm × BI	59 20.85	73 25.80	70 24.73	81 28.62	283
Pm × Cy	56 20.44	66 24.09	71 25.91	81 29.56	274
Pm × Mc	30 11.67	64 24.90	85 33.07	78 30.35	257
Sb × B	130 22.49	135 23.36	170 29.41	143 24.74	578
Sb × ap ^{xa}	116 25.00	109 23.49	115 24.78	124 26.72	464
Sb × BI	181 25.35	190 26.61	158 22.13	185 25.91	714
Sb × Cy	171 20.80	243 29.56	209 25.43	199 24.21	822
Sb × Mc	151 19.48	214 27.61	199 25.68	211 27.23	775
Column Total	2440 20.32	2676 22.29	3453 28.76	3436 28.62	12,005

From the monogamy trials, the total number and percent of offspring inheriting each of their parents' marker alleles ($M^{\circ}M^{\circ}$), a marker gene from their mother and wild-type from father ($M^{\circ}w^{\circ}$), a wild-type allele from their mother and a marker gene from their father ($w^{\circ}M^{\circ}$), or a wild-type allele at each parental marker locus. We ran five replicates of each set (25×5) of monogamous parents.

Table S15. Methods of Bateman (1) compared with the present replication

Method	Bateman	Present replication
Culture of specific genotypic lines of <i>D. melanogaster</i> to produce subjects: dominant heterozygous individuals each bearing unique markers at different loci.	See Bateman (pp. 354 and 355 in ref. 1).	We obtained mutants from several <i>Drosophila</i> laboratories in February 2007 and allowed them to breed in our laboratory for at least four generations before extracting heterozygotes. See <i>Methods</i> . Began 4/1/07 and ended 9/30/07.
Duration of experiment.	Not indicated in Bateman's paper, but probably 2–3 y.	
Holding potential subjects in same-sex jars to guarantee that no copulations occurred before establishment of replicate populations.	See Bateman (p. 356 in ref. 1).	We held same-sex subjects bearing the same marker genes in small milk jars until establishing experimental populations of virgins.
Establishment of small replicate populations.	"Several flies of each sex were mated together in one bottle, each fly carrying a different dominant marker gene" (p. 355 in ref. 1). 64 populations from six series.	We placed virgins in small milk bottles in combinations of either 3 ♀♀ and 3 ♂♂ or 5 ♀♀ and 5 ♂♂, each constituting a replicate population. We replicated only series 1, 2, 3 of Bateman's original design. $n = 46$ populations.
Populations (replicated trials) were in "Series" in which (i) the sex of subjects bearing particular sets of marker mutations, (ii) number of subjects of each sex, (iii) number of days in which subjects could mate, and (iv) the age of subjects entering a population were held constant.	See Bateman (table 3, in ref. 1).	See Table S9.
Removal of subject adults from bottles, also called the "mating period" in Bateman (1).	Not mentioned in Bateman, but implied by his noted "duration of matings", i.e., the number of days in which adult subjects could mate.	After the 3- or 4-d duration of "opportunity to mate," we removed and disposed of all adult subjects.
Identification of parents when offspring were double mutants, so that they expressed two marker alleles.	"...not always possible" Bateman (see p. 355 in ref. 1)	When parental marker mutations affected the same character, say the eye, it was indeed sometimes impossible to tell if the offspring carried both parental markers. See <i>Methods</i> .
Number of days after first eclosion in which offspring were counted and phenotyped.	Not indicated in Bateman.	We collected all offspring eclosing in experimental bottles for 14 d beginning with the first day pupae eclosed
Recording of observations of offspring phenotypes.	Not described in Bateman.	We examined each offspring individually on the day it eclosed and recorded its phenotype on data sheets as well as a unique ID for each individual (in each population).
Data summaries from trial populations.	Not described in Bateman, but most likely by sorting all offspring per bottle by phenotype and tabulating results by hand	We used routines in JMP to summarize offspring phenotypes into categories of double mutants $M^Q M^Q$, single mutants $M^Q w^Q$, $w^Q w^Q$, and no mutants $w^Q w^Q$. These summaries are in Table S13.
Statistical analyses.	ANOVA to test effect of markers, marker combinations, age, population duration, and sex on number of mates and number of offspring. Bateman combined trials within series. Bateman only partially tested the assumption of offspring viability.	We began by testing for inviability effects in offspring. We analyzed each population separately because of our interest in within-population, within- and between-sex (i.e., individual) variation in NM, V_{NM} , RS, and V_{NM} . We used χ^2 to test for deviations for expected Mendelian frequencies of parental phenotypes in offspring, and t tests of difference scores to test if Bateman's methodology produced systematic biases in the number of offspring scored as having mothers versus those having fathers. See <i>Methods</i> .
Monogamous pairs.	Bateman did not perform monogamy trials.	