



# Circular code motifs in genomes of eukaryotes

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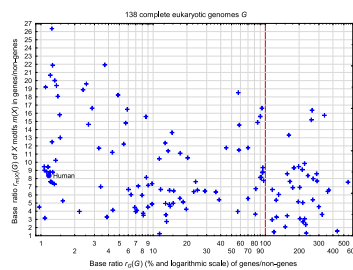
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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Large circular code motifs in genomes of eukaryotes.
- Ratio of circular code motifs in genes and non-gene regions about 8.
- Circular code information in non-gene regions for translation.

## GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



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## ABSTRACT

A set  $X$  of 20 trinucleotides was identified in genes of bacteria, eukaryotes, plasmids and viruses, which has in average the highest occurrence in reading frame compared to its two shifted frames (Michel, 2015; Arquès and Michel, 1996). This set  $X$  has an interesting mathematical property as  $X$  is a circular code (Arquès and Michel, 1996). Thus, the motifs from this circular code  $X$ , called  $X$  motifs, have the property to always retrieve, synchronize and maintain the reading frame in genes. In this paper, we develop several statistical analyzes of  $X$  motifs in 138 available complete genomes of eukaryotes in which genes as well as non-gene regions are examined. Large  $X$  motifs (with lengths of at least 15 consecutive trinucleotides of  $X$  and compositions of at least 10 different trinucleotides of  $X$  among 20) have the highest occurrence in genomes of eukaryotes compared to its 23 large bijective motifs, its two large permuted motifs and large random motifs. The largest  $X$  motifs identified in eukaryotic genomes are presented, e.g. an  $X$  motif in a non-gene region of the genome *Solanum pennellii* with a length of 155 trinucleotides (465 nucleotides) and an expectation  $E = 10^{-71}$ . In the human genome, the largest  $X$  motif occurs in a non-gene region of the chromosome 13 with a length of 36 trinucleotides and an expectation  $E = 10^{-11}$ .  $X$  motifs in non-gene regions of genomes could be evolutionary relics of primitive genes using the circular code for translation. However, the proportion of  $X$  motifs (with lengths of at least 10 consecutive trinucleotides of  $X$  and compositions of at least 5 different trinucleotides of  $X$  among 20) in genes/non-genes of the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes is about 8. Thus, the  $X$  motifs occur preferentially in genes, as expected from the previous works of 20 years.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1996, a statistical analysis of occurrence frequencies of the 64 trinucleotides  $\{AAA, \dots, TTT\}$  in the three frames of genes of

prokaryotes and eukaryotes showed that the trinucleotides are not uniformly distributed in these three frames (Arquès and Michel, 1996). By excluding the four periodic trinucleotides  $\{AAA, CCC, GGG, TTT\}$  and by assigning each trinucleotide to a preferential frame (frame of its highest occurrence frequency), three subsets  $X = X_0, X_1$  and  $X_2$  of 20 trinucleotides each are found in the frames 0 (reading frame), 1 (frame 0 shifted by one nucleotide in the 5' direction, i.e. to the right) and 2 (frame 0 shifted

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by two nucleotides in the 5' direction) in genes of both prokaryotes and eukaryotes. This set  $X$  contains the 20 following trinucleotides (Arquès and Michel, 1996):

$$X = \{AAC, AAT, ACC, ATC, ATT, CAG, CTC, CTG, GAA, GAC, GAG, GAT, GCC, GGC, GGT, GTA, GTC, GTT, TAC, TTC\}. \quad (1)$$

These 20 trinucleotides of  $X$  are overrepresented in the reading frame of genes, as compared to their frequencies in the two shifted frames (Arquès and Michel, 1996). The two sets  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  can be deduced from  $X$  by a circular permutation (see below). These three trinucleotide sets present several strong mathematical properties, particularly the fact that  $X$  is a maximal  $C^3$  self-complementary trinucleotide circular code (Arquès and Michel, 1996).

In 2012, in addition to the circular code  $X$  in genes (DNA and mRNA), a second major step of this circular code theory is revealed by the identification of  $X$  motifs, i.e. motifs from the circular code  $X$ , in tRNAs of prokaryotes and eukaryotes (Michel, 2012, 2013) and rRNAs of prokaryotes (16S) and eukaryotes (18S), in particular in the ribosome decoding center where the universally conserved nucleotides G530, A1492 and A1493 are included in  $X$  motifs (Michel, 2012; El Soufi and Michel, 2014, 2015). A 3D visualization of  $X$  motifs in the ribosome shows several spatial configurations involving mRNA  $X$  motifs, tRNA  $X$  motifs and rRNA  $X$  motifs (Michel, 2012; El Soufi and Michel, 2014, 2015). These results led to the concept of a possible translation (framing) code based on the circular code which was proposed in Michel (2012). The tRNAs and rRNAs are short non-gene regions, in average between 71 to 91 nucleotides for the tRNAs of prokaryotes and eukaryotes (Sections 2.4.1 and 2.4.2 in Michel, 2013), around 1500 nucleotides for the 16S rRNAs and around 1800 nucleotides for the 18S rRNAs (Table 1 in El Soufi and Michel, 2015). The  $X$  motifs in tRNAs and rRNAs have short lengths, up to 7 trinucleotides in 16S of prokaryotes (Table 2 in El Soufi and Michel, 2015), up to 5 trinucleotides in 18S of eukaryotes (Table 3 in El Soufi and Michel, 2015) and up to 7 trinucleotides in Ala-tRNA of *T. thermophilus* and Tyr-tRNA of *E. coli* (Tables 4a,t in El Soufi and Michel, 2015). These  $X$  motifs of short lengths retrieve the reading frame. Indeed, it was proved that  $X$  motifs of lengths greater than 4 trinucleotides always retrieve the reading frame, by definition of a circular code (Arquès and Michel, 1996).

In 2015, by quantifying the approach used in 1996 for identifying a preferential frame for each trinucleotide and by applying a massive statistical analysis of gene taxonomic groups, the circular code  $X$  is strengthened in genes of prokaryotes (7,851,762 genes, 2,481,566,882 trinucleotides) and eukaryotes (1,662,579 genes, 824,825,761 trinucleotides), and now also identified in genes of plasmids (237,486 genes, 68,244,356 trinucleotides) and viruses (184,344 genes, 45,688,798 trinucleotides) (Michel, 2015).

New properties of this circular code theory are identified here with several statistical analyzes of  $X$  motifs in 138 available complete eukaryotic genomes containing 91,421,182,030 bases with 3,133,622,680 bases for the genes (3.4%) and 88,287,559,350 bases for the non-gene regions (96.6%).

## 2. Method

### 2.1. Recall

We recall the basic definitions of complementary map  $C$ , permutation map  $\mathcal{P}$ , code, trinucleotide code, trinucleotide circular code and self-complementary trinucleotide circular code in order to understand the concept of  $X$  motifs, i.e. motifs from the circular code  $X$  (Eq. (1)). The "advanced" definitions of maximal trinucleotide circular code,  $C^3$  trinucleotide circular code and  $C^3$  self-

complementary trinucleotide circular code are given in Michel (2012, 2013) and El Soufi and Michel (2014, 2015).

**Notation 1.** The letters (or nucleotides or bases) define the genetic alphabet  $A_4 = \{A, C, G, T\}$ . The set of non-empty words (words, respectively) over  $A_4$  is denoted by  $A_4^+$  ( $A_4^*$ , respectively). The set of the 64 words of length 3 (trinucleotides or trileters) on  $A_4$  is denoted by  $A_4^3 = \{AAA, \dots, TTT\}$ . Let  $x_1 \dots x_n$  be the concatenation of the words  $x_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , the symbol " $\bullet$ " being the concatenation operator.

There are two important biological maps involved in codes in genes on  $A_4$ .

**Definition 1.** The nucleotide complementarity map  $C: A_4 \rightarrow A_4$  is defined by  $C(A) = T$ ,  $C(C) = G$ ,  $C(G) = C$ ,  $C(T) = A$ . According to the property of the complementary and antiparallel double helix, the trinucleotide complementarity map  $C: A_4^3 \rightarrow A_4^3$  is defined by  $C(l_0 \bullet l_1 \bullet l_2) = C(l_2) \bullet C(l_1) \bullet C(l_0)$  for all  $l_0, l_1, l_2 \in A_4$ , e.g.  $C(ACG) = CGT$ . By extension to a trinucleotide set  $S$ , the set complementarity map  $C: \mathcal{P}(A_4^3) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A_4^3)$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$  being the set of all subsets of  $A_4^3$ , is defined by  $C(S) = \{v : u, v \in A_4^3, u \in S, v = C(u)\}$ , i.e. a complementary trinucleotide set  $C(S)$  is obtained by applying the complementarity map  $C$  to all its trinucleotides, e.g.  $C(\{ACG, AGT\}) = \{ACT, CGT\}$ .

**Definition 2.** The trinucleotide circular permutation map  $\mathcal{P}: A_4^3 \rightarrow A_4^3$  is defined by  $\mathcal{P}(l_0 \bullet l_1 \bullet l_2) = l_1 \bullet l_2 \bullet l_0$  for all  $l_0, l_1, l_2 \in A_4$ , e.g.  $\mathcal{P}(ACG) = CGA$ . The 2nd iterate of  $\mathcal{P}$  is denoted  $\mathcal{P}^2$ , e.g.  $\mathcal{P}^2(ACG) = GAC$ . By extension to a trinucleotide set  $S$ , the set circular permutation map  $\mathcal{P}: \mathcal{P}(A_4^3) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A_4^3)$  is defined by  $\mathcal{P}(S) = \{v : u, v \in A_4^3, u \in S, v = \mathcal{P}(u)\}$ , i.e. a permuted trinucleotide set  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  is obtained by applying the circular permutation map  $\mathcal{P}$  to all its trinucleotides, e.g.  $\mathcal{P}(\{ACG, AGT\}) = \{CGA, GTA\}$  and  $\mathcal{P}^2(\{ACG, AGT\}) = \{GAC, TAG\}$ .

**Definition 3.** A set  $S \subset A_4^+$  of words is a code if, for each  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m \in S$ ,  $n, m \geq 1$ , the condition  $x_1 \dots x_n = y_1 \dots y_m$  implies  $n = m$  and  $x_i = y_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Definition 4.** As the set  $A_4^3 = \{AAA, \dots, TTT\}$  is a code, its non-empty subsets are codes and called trinucleotide codes  $X$ .

**Definition 5.** A trinucleotide code  $X \subset A_4^3$  is circular if, for each  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m \in X$ ,  $n, m \geq 1$ ,  $r \in A_4^*$ ,  $s \in A_4^+$ , the conditions  $s x_2 \dots x_n r = y_1 \dots y_m$  and  $x_1 = rs$  imply  $n = m$ ,  $r = \epsilon$  (empty word) and  $x_i = y_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

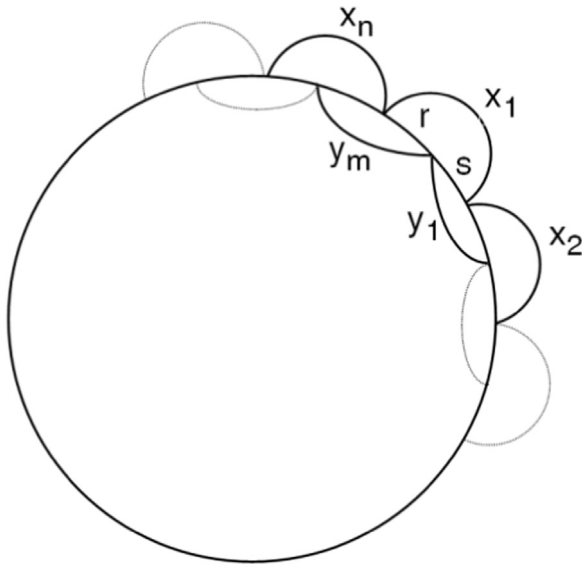
For simplification and without loss of generality, we present the properties of circular codes with the trinucleotide circular codes, i.e. circular codes constituted of trileters.

**Definition 6.** An  $X$  circular code motif ( $X$  motif in brief) of a trinucleotide circular code  $X$  is a word written on a circle (the next letter after the last letter of the  $X$  motif being the first letter) which has a unique decomposition (factorization) into trinucleotides of  $X$ .

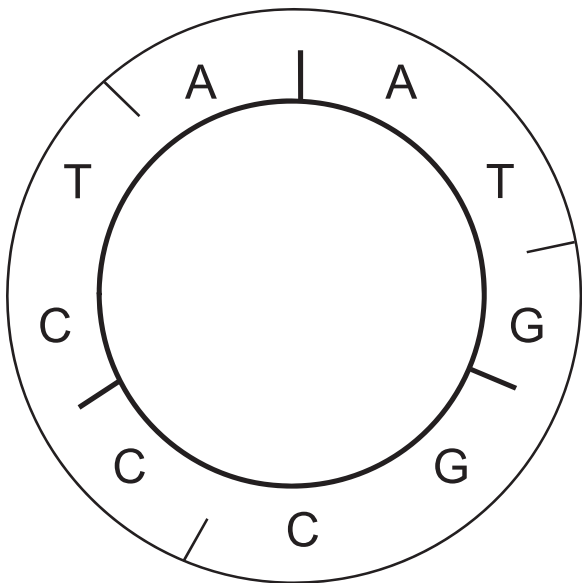
Fig. 1 gives a graphical representation of the trinucleotide circular code definition.

**Example 1.** The trinucleotide code  $Y = \{AAT, ATG, CCT, CTA, GCC, GGC\}$  is not circular. Indeed, the word  $w = ATGCCCTA$ , for example, written on a circle, can be factorized into trinucleotides of  $Y$  according to two different ways:  $ATG \bullet GCC \bullet CTA$  and  $AAT \bullet GGC \bullet CCT$  (Fig. 2).

**Example 2.** The trinucleotide code  $X = \{AAT, ATG, CCT, CTA, GCC, GTC\}$  obtained by replacing the trinucleotide  $GGC$  of  $Y$  by  $GTC$ , is



**Fig. 1.** A graphical representation of the trinucleotide circular code definition (Definition 5). A trinucleotide code  $X$  is circular if any word generated by a concatenation of trinucleotides of  $X$  and written on a circle has a unique decomposition into trinucleotides of  $X$ .



**Fig. 2.** The trinucleotide code  $Y = \{AAT, ATG, CCT, CTA, GCC, GGC\}$  is not circular as the word  $w = ATGGCCCTA$  written on a circle can be factorized into trinucleotides of  $Y$  according to two different ways:  $ATG \cdot GCC \cdot CTA$  and  $AAT \cdot GGC \cdot CCT$ .

circular as there never exists words written on a circle with two decompositions, such as  $w$  for  $Y$ .

The proofs to decide that a code is circular or not are based on the flower automaton (Arquès and Michel, 1996), the necklaces 5LDCN (Letter Diletter Continued Necklace) (Pirillo, 2003) and  $n$ LDCCN (Letter Diletter Continued Closed Necklace) with  $n \in \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$  (Michel and Pirillo, 2010), and the graph theory (Fimmel et al., 2016).

**Remark 1.** A trinucleotide code  $X$  containing either one periodic permuted trinucleotide  $P_4^3 = \{AAA, CCC, GGG, TTT\}$  or two non-periodic permuted trinucleotides  $\{t, \mathcal{P}(t)\}$  for a trinucleotide  $t \in A_4^3 \setminus P_4^3$  cannot be circular. In both cases, there are words written on a circle without unique decomposition. Thus, the two



**Fig. 3.** Retrieval of the reading frame of the word  $w = \dots AGGTAATTACCAG \dots$  of the trinucleotide circular code  $X$  (Eq. (1)). Among the three possible factorizations  $w_0$ ,  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ , only one factorization  $w_1$  into trinucleotides of  $X$  is possible leading to  $\dots A \cdot GGT \cdot AAT \cdot TAC \cdot CAG \cdot \dots$ . Thus, the first letter  $A$  of  $w$  is the 3rd letter of a trinucleotide of  $X$ .

trinucleotide codes  $A_4^3$  and  $A_4^3 \setminus P_4^3$  are not circular.

**Definition 7.** A trinucleotide circular code  $X \subset A_4^3$  is self-complementary if, for each  $t \in X$ ,  $C(t) \in X$ .

The fundamental property of a trinucleotide circular code  $X$  is the ability to always retrieve the reading (original or constructed) frame of any word generated with  $X$ . The reading frame in a word is retrieved after the reading of a certain number of letters (nucleotides), called the window of  $X$ . The length of this window for retrieving the reading frame is the letter length of the longest ambiguous words which can be read in at least two frames, plus one letter.

**Example 3.** Suppose that the word  $w = \dots AGGTAATTACCAG \dots$  has been constructed with the trinucleotide circular code  $X$  (Eq. (1)) (Fig. 3). By definition of a circular code, the construction of this word  $w$  is unique. Thus, we can decide unambiguously if the first nucleotide of  $w$ , i.e.  $A$ , is the 1st, the 2nd or the 3rd nucleotide of a trinucleotide of  $X$ ? By trying the three possible factorizations (frames)  $w_0$ ,  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  ( $w_1$  and  $w_2$  being  $w_0$  shifted by one and two nucleotides, respectively) into trinucleotides of  $X$ , only one factorization, i.e.  $w_1$ , is possible. Thus, the first nucleotide  $A$  of  $w$  is the 3rd nucleotide of a trinucleotide of  $X$ . Indeed, the factorization  $w_1$  leads to the trinucleotides  $NNA$ ,  $GGT$ ,  $AAT$ ,  $TAC$  and  $CAG$  ( $N$  being any appropriate letter of  $X$ ) which belong to  $X$  (Eq. (1)). The factorizations  $w_0$  and  $w_2$  are impossible as no trinucleotide of  $X$  starts with the prefix  $AG$  (Eq. (1)). This case occurs immediately for  $w_0$  and after 11 letters for  $w_2$  (Fig. 3). Thus, the unique factorization of  $w$  is  $w_1 = \dots A \cdot GGT \cdot AAT \cdot TAC \cdot CAG \cdot \dots$ . This word  $w$  can be located anywhere in a sequence of  $X$ , i.e. the sequence of  $X$  does not require a start codon, a stop codon or any frame signal to retrieve the reading frame. The word  $w' = AGGTAATTACCA$  ( $w$  without the last  $G$ ) with a length of 12 nucleotides is ambiguous as it has two factorizations  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  into trinucleotides of  $X$  (Fig. 3). This word  $w'$  is called an ambiguous word of  $X$ . By definition of a circular code, all the ambiguous words are finite words. The word  $w'$ , taken as an illustration example here, is one of the four longest ambiguous words of  $X$  (Fimmel et al., 2016). Thus, the window length  $l$  to retrieve the construction frame of a word of a circular code  $X$  is the letter length of the longest ambiguous words  $w'$ , plus one letter. With the trinucleotide circular code  $X$  (Eq. (1)),  $l = 12 + 1 = 13$  nucleotides (Arquès and Michel, 1996).

The trinucleotide set  $X$  (Eq. (1)) coding the reading frame in genes is a maximal (20 trinucleotides)  $C^3$  self-complementary (property  $X = C(X)$ ) trinucleotide circular code. The set  $X_1 = \mathcal{P}(X)$  containing the 20 following trinucleotides

$$X_1 = \{AAG, ACA, ACG, ACT, AGC, AGG, ATA, ATG, CCA, CCG, GCG, GTG, TAG, TCA, TCC, TCG, TCT, TGC, TTA, TTG\} \quad (2)$$

and the set  $X_2 = \mathcal{P}^2(X)$  containing the 20 following trinucleotides

$$X_2 = \{AGA, AGT, CAA, CAC, CAT, CCT, CGA, CGC, CGG, CGT, CTA, CTT, GCA, GCT, GGA, TAA, TAT, TGA, TGG, TGT\} \quad (3)$$

are also maximal trinucleotide circular codes (property  $C^3$ ).

For the first time, we study here  $X$  circular code motifs ( $X$  motifs in brief) of the trinucleotide circular code  $X$  (Eq. (1)) in eukaryotic genomes. It is important to remind the reader of these two concepts: (i) the circular code  $X$ , which is a set of 20 trinucleotides (Eq. (1)); and (ii)  $X$  motifs which are words obtained (constructed, generated) with the circular code  $X$ . For example,  $AAC \cdot AAT$  (a concatenation of the 1st and 2nd trinucleotides of  $X$ ) and  $TTC \cdot TAC \cdot AAC$  (a concatenation of the 20th, 19th and 1st trinucleotides of  $X$ ) are  $X$  motifs while  $TTC \cdot TAC \cdot AAG$  is not an  $X$  motif.

### 2.2. Definition of $X$ motifs $m(X)$

The  $X$  motifs  $m(X) = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$  with  $w_i \in X$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , studied in eukaryotic genomes are defined by two parameters: their trinucleotide length and their trinucleotide cardinality (composition)

$$\begin{cases} n = l(m(X)) \\ \text{Card}(\{w_1\} \cup \{w_2\} \cup \dots \cup \{w_n\}) = \text{Card}(\{w(m(X))\}) \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

The particular class of large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  studied is defined by the two conditions on their trinucleotide length and their trinucleotide cardinality

$$\begin{cases} l(m(X)) \geq 15 \text{ trinucleotides} \\ \text{Card}(\{w(m(X))\}) \geq 10 \text{ trinucleotides} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Thus, the large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  with lengths of at least 15 consecutive trinucleotides of  $X$  and compositions of at least 10 different trinucleotides of  $X$  differ from trinucleotide repeats. The latter is a particular case of tandem repeats where one trinucleo-

tide or a very few number of different trinucleotides are concatenated in a series.

### 2.3. Definition of 23 bijective motifs

#### 2.3.1. Bijective transformation circular codes

There are 23 bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi(X) = \{\pi_1(X), \dots, \pi_{23}(X)\}$  of the maximal  $C^3$  self-complementary trinucleotide circular code  $X = \pi_0(X)$  (Table 1). The notation of bijective transformations used here is based on the notation of Michel and Seligmann (2014) which relies on (i) the transcript data identified from the human mitochondrial genome by Seligmann (2013a, 2013b); and (ii) the biological function of the polymerase. These biological observations suggest that bijective transformations of RNA transcripts using only two bases are simpler than bijective transformations of three bases which are also simpler than bijective transformations of four bases. Another notation of bijective transformations of circular codes is also proposed by Fimmel et al. (2013, page 225–226) in a study of circular codes based on group theory.

2.3.1.1. Partition into symmetric and asymmetric bijective transformation circular codes. The 23 bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi(X)$  of  $X$  can be partitioned into nine symmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_S(X) = \{\pi_1(X), \dots, \pi_9(X)\}$  and 14 asymmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_A(X) = \{\pi_{10}(X), \dots, \pi_{23}(X)\}$  (Table 1). The number  $N(n, p)$  of bijective transformation circular codes at  $p$  letters among  $n$  letters is (obviously) equal to

$$N(n, p) = \frac{n!}{(n-p)!p}$$

**Table 1**

The maximal  $C^3$  self-complementary trinucleotide circular code  $X = \pi_0(X)$  and its 23 bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi(X) = \{\pi_1(X), \dots, \pi_{23}(X)\}$ : the six symmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_{S,2}(X) = \{\pi_1(X), \pi_2(X), \pi_3(X), \pi_4(X), \pi_5(X), \pi_6(X)\}$  at 2 letters, the three symmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_{S,2,2}(X) = \{\pi_7(X), \pi_8(X), \pi_9(X)\}$  of two disjoint transformations at 2 letters, the eight asymmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_{A,3}(X) = \{\pi_{10}(X), \pi_{11}(X), \pi_{12}(X), \pi_{13}(X), \pi_{14}(X), \pi_{15}(X), \pi_{16}(X), \pi_{17}(X)\}$  at 3 letters and the six asymmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_{A,4}(X) = \{\pi_{18}(X), \pi_{19}(X), \pi_{20}(X), \pi_{21}(X), \pi_{22}(X), \pi_{23}(X)\}$  at 4 letters. The seven bijective transformations  $\{\pi_3(X), \pi_4(X), \pi_7(X), \pi_8(X), \pi_9(X), \pi_{19}(X), \pi_{21}(X)\}$ , in bold, are maximal  $C^3$  self-complementary trinucleotide circular codes.

$X = \pi_0(X)$	AAC	AAT	ACC	ATC	ATT	CAG	CTC	CTG	GAA	GAC	GAG	GAT	GCC	GGC	GGT	GTA	GTC	GTT	TAC	TTC
$\pi_1(X):(A, C)$	CCA	CCT	CAA	CTA	CTT	ACG	ATA	ATG	GCC	GCA	GCG	GCT	GAA	GGA	GGT	GTC	GTA	GTT	TCA	TTA
$\pi_2(X):(A, G)$	GGC	GGT	GCC	GTC	GTT	CGA	CTC	CTA	AGG	AGC	AGA	AGT	ACC	AAC	AAT	ATG	ATC	ATT	TGC	TTC
$\pi_3(X):(A, T)$	<b>TTC</b>	<b>TTA</b>	<b>TCC</b>	<b>TAC</b>	<b>TAA</b>	<b>CTG</b>	<b>CAC</b>	<b>CAG</b>	<b>GTT</b>	<b>GTC</b>	<b>GTG</b>	<b>GTA</b>	<b>GCC</b>	<b>GGC</b>	<b>GGA</b>	<b>GAT</b>	<b>GAC</b>	<b>GAA</b>	<b>ATC</b>	<b>AAC</b>
$\pi_4(X):(C, G)$	<b>AAG</b>	<b>AAT</b>	<b>AGG</b>	<b>ATG</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>GAC</b>	<b>GTG</b>	<b>GTC</b>	<b>CAA</b>	<b>CAG</b>	<b>CAC</b>	<b>CAT</b>	<b>CGG</b>	<b>CCG</b>	<b>CCT</b>	<b>CTA</b>	<b>CTG</b>	<b>CTT</b>	<b>TAG</b>	<b>TTG</b>
$\pi_5(X):(C, T)$	AAT	AAC	ATT	ACT	ACC	TAG	TCT	TCG	GAA	GAT	GAG	GAC	GTT	GGT	GGC	GCA	GCT	GCC	CAT	CCT
$\pi_6(X):(G, T)$	AAC	AAG	ACC	AGC	AGG	ACT	CGC	CGT	TAA	TAC	TAT	TAG	TCC	TTC	TTG	TGA	TGC	TGG	GAC	GGC
$\pi_7(X):(A, C)(G, T)$	<b>CCA</b>	<b>CCG</b>	<b>CAA</b>	<b>CGA</b>	<b>CGG</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>AGA</b>	<b>AGT</b>	<b>TCC</b>	<b>TCA</b>	<b>TCT</b>	<b>TCG</b>	<b>TAA</b>	<b>TTA</b>	<b>TTG</b>	<b>TGC</b>	<b>TGA</b>	<b>TGG</b>	<b>GCA</b>	<b>GGA</b>
$\pi_8(X):(A, G)(C, T)$	<b>GGT</b>	<b>GGC</b>	<b>GTT</b>	<b>GCT</b>	<b>GCC</b>	<b>TGA</b>	<b>TCT</b>	<b>TCA</b>	<b>AGG</b>	<b>AGT</b>	<b>AGA</b>	<b>AGC</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>AAT</b>	<b>AAC</b>	<b>ACG</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>CGT</b>	<b>CCT</b>
$\pi_9(X):(A, T)(C, G)$	<b>TTG</b>	<b>TTA</b>	<b>TGG</b>	<b>TAG</b>	<b>TAA</b>	<b>GTG</b>	<b>GAG</b>	<b>GAC</b>	<b>CTT</b>	<b>CTG</b>	<b>CTC</b>	<b>CTA</b>	<b>CGG</b>	<b>CCG</b>	<b>CCA</b>	<b>CAT</b>	<b>CAG</b>	<b>CAA</b>	<b>ATG</b>	<b>AAG</b>
$\pi_{10}(X):(A, C, G)$	CCG	CCT	CGG	CTG	CTT	GCA	GTG	GTA	ACC	ACG	ACA	ACT	AGG	AAG	AAT	ATC	ATG	ATA	TCG	TTG
$\pi_{11}(X):(A, C, T)$	CCT	CCA	CTT	CAT	CAA	TCG	TAT	TAG	GCC	GCT	GCG	GCA	GTT	GGT	GGA	GAC	GAT	GAA	ACT	AAT
$\pi_{12}(X):(A, G, C)$	GGA	GGT	GAA	GTA	GTT	AGC	ATA	ATC	CGG	CGA	CGC	CGT	CAA	CCA	CCT	CTG	CTA	CTT	TGA	TTA
$\pi_{13}(X):(A, G, T)$	GGC	GGA	GCC	GAC	GAA	CGT	CAC	CAT	TGG	TGC	TGT	TGA	TCC	TTC	TTA	TAG	TAC	TAA	AGC	AAC
$\pi_{14}(X):(A, T, C)$	TTA	TTT	TAA	TCA	TCC	ATG	ACA	ACG	GTT	GTA	GTG	GTC	GAA	GGA	GGC	GCT	GCA	GCC	CTA	CCA
$\pi_{15}(X):(A, T, G)$	TTT	TTG	TCC	TGC	TGG	TCA	CGC	CGA	ATT	ATC	ATA	ATG	ACC	AAC	AAG	AGT	AGC	AGG	GTC	GGC
$\pi_{16}(X):(C, G, T)$	AAG	AAC	AGG	ACG	ACC	GAT	GCG	GCT	TAA	TAG	TAT	TAC	TGG	TTG	TTT	TCA	TCG	TCC	CAG	CCG
$\pi_{17}(X):(C, T, G)$	AAT	AAG	ATT	AGT	AGG	TAC	TGT	TGC	CAA	CAT	CAC	CAG	CTT	CCT	CCG	CGA	CGT	CGG	GAT	GGT
$\pi_{18}(X):(A, C, G, T)$	CCG	CCA	CCG	CAG	CAA	GCT	GAG	GAT	TCC	TCG	TCT	TCA	TGG	TTG	TTA	TAC	TAG	TAA	ACG	AAG
$\pi_{19}(X):(A, C, T, G)$	<b>CCT</b>	<b>CCG</b>	<b>CTT</b>	<b>CGT</b>	<b>CGG</b>	<b>TCA</b>	<b>TGT</b>	<b>TGA</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>ACA</b>	<b>ACG</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>AAT</b>	<b>AAG</b>	<b>AGC</b>	<b>AGT</b>	<b>AGG</b>	<b>GCT</b>	<b>GGT</b>
$\pi_{20}(X):(A, G, C, T)$	GGT	GGA	GTT	GAT	GAA	TGC	TAT	TAC	CGG	CGT	CGC	CGA	CTT	CCT	CCA	CAG	CAT	CAA	AGT	AAT
$\pi_{21}(X):(A, G, T, C)$	<b>GGA</b>	<b>GGC</b>	<b>GAA</b>	<b>GCA</b>	<b>GCC</b>	<b>AGT</b>	<b>ACA</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>TGG</b>	<b>TGA</b>	<b>TGT</b>	<b>TGC</b>	<b>TAA</b>	<b>TTA</b>	<b>TTC</b>	<b>TCG</b>	<b>TCA</b>	<b>TCC</b>	<b>CGA</b>	<b>CCA</b>
$\pi_{22}(X):(A, T, C, G)$	TTG	TTC	TGG	TCG	TCC	GTA	GCG	GCA	ATT	ATG	ATA	ATC	AGG	AAG	AAC	ACT	ACG	ACC	CTG	CCG
$\pi_{23}(X):(A, T, G, C)$	TTA	TTG	TAA	TGA	TGG	ATC	AGA	AGC	CIT	CTA	CTC	CTG	CAA	CCA	CCG	CGT	CGA	CCG	GTA	GGA



Note: If  $p = n$  then  $N(n, n) = (n - 1)!$ .

The nine symmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_S(X)$  can again be partitioned into:

- (1)  $N(4,2) = 6$  symmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_{S,2}(X)$  at 2 letters

$$\Pi_{S,2}(X) = \{ \pi_1(X):(A, C), \pi_2(X):(A, G), \pi_3(X):(A, T), \\ \pi_4(X):(C, G), \pi_5(X):(C, T), \pi_6(X):(G, T) \}$$

where  $\pi_i(X):(l_1, l_2)$  is the  $i$ th bijective transformation in the lexicographical order of the letter  $l_1 \in A_4$  into the letter  $l_2 \in A_4$ ,  $l_2 \neq l_1$ , and reciprocally;

- (2)  $N(4,2)/2 = 3$  symmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_{S,2,2}(X)$  of two disjoint transformations at 2 letters

$$\Pi_{S,2,2}(X) \\ = \{ \pi_7(X):(A, C)(G, T), \pi_8(X):(A, G)(C, T), \pi_9(X):(A, T)(C, G) \}$$

where  $\pi_i(X):(l_1, l_2)(l_3, l_4)$  is the  $i$ th bijective transformation in the lexicographical order of the letter  $l_1 \in A_4$  into the letter  $l_2 \in A_4$ ,  $l_2 \neq l_1$ , and reciprocally, and of the letter  $l_3 \in A_4$ ,  $l_3 \neq l_2 \neq l_1$ , into the letter  $l_4 \in A_4$ ,  $l_4 \neq l_3 \neq l_2 \neq l_1$ , and reciprocally.

The 14 asymmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_A(X)$  can also be partitioned into:

- (1)  $N(4,3) = 8$  asymmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_{A,3}(X)$  at 3 letters

$$\Pi_{A,3}(X) \\ = \{ \pi_{10}(X):(A, C, G), \pi_{11}(X):(A, C, T), \pi_{12}(X):(A, G, C), \\ \pi_{13}(X):(A, G, T), \pi_{14}(X):(A, T, C), \pi_{15}(X):(A, T, G), \\ \pi_{16}(X):(C, G, T), \pi_{17}(X):(C, T, G) \}$$

where  $\pi_i(X):(l_1, l_2, l_3)$  is the  $i$ th bijective transformation in the lexicographical order of the letter  $l_1 \in A_4$  into the letter  $l_2 \in A_4$ ,  $l_2 \neq l_1$ , the letter  $l_2$  into the letter  $l_3 \in A_4$ ,  $l_3 \neq l_2 \neq l_1$ , and the letter  $l_3$  into the letter  $l_1$ ;

- (2)  $N(4,4) = 6$  asymmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_{A,4}(X)$  at 4 letters

$$\Pi_{A,4}(X) \\ = \{ \pi_{18}(X):(A, C, G, T), \pi_{19}(X):(A, C, T, G), \pi_{20}(X):(A, G, C, T), \\ \pi_{21}(X):(A, G, T, C), \pi_{22}(X):(A, T, C, G), \pi_{23}(X):(A, T, G, C) \}$$

where  $\pi_i(X):(l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4)$  is the  $i$ th bijective transformation in the lexicographical order of the letter  $l_1 \in A_4$  into the letter  $l_2 \in A_4$ ,  $l_2 \neq l_1$ , the letter  $l_2$  into the letter  $l_3 \in A_4$ ,  $l_3 \neq l_2 \neq l_1$ , the letter  $l_3$  into the letter  $l_4 \in A_4$ ,  $l_4 \neq l_3 \neq l_2 \neq l_1$ , and the letter  $l_4$  into the letter  $l_1$ .

Note that the transformations at 1 ( $X = \pi_0(X)$ ), 2, 3 and 4 letters are the transformations of order 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively, according to the notation in Fimmel et al. (2013, page 225–226).

**2.3.1.2. Partition into complementary and non-complementary bijective transformation circular codes.** The 23 bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi(X)$  of  $X$  can also be partitioned into seven self-complementary bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_C(X) = \{ \pi_3(X), \pi_4(X), \pi_7(X), \pi_8(X), \pi_9(X), \pi_{19}(X), \pi_{21}(X) \}$  and 16 non self-complementary bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_{\bar{C}}(X) = \Pi(X) \setminus \Pi_C(X)$  of  $X$  (Table 1).

**2.3.1.3. Recall of the main properties of the 23 bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi(X)$**

**Proposition 1.** The 23 bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi(X)$  of  $X$  are  $C^3$ .

**Proof.** By letter invariance,  $\Pi(X)$  belongs to the set of the 221,328  $C^3$  trinucleotide circular codes (Michel, unpublished) or by Proposition 3 in Michel and Pirillo (2010) or by Theorem 1 in Fimmel et al. (2014).

**Proposition 2.** The seven bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_C(X) = \{ \pi_3(X), \pi_4(X), \pi_7(X), \pi_8(X), \pi_9(X), \pi_{19}(X), \pi_{21}(X) \}$  are  $C^3$  self-complementary.

**Proof.** By letter invariance for the complementarity map  $C$ ,  $\Pi_C(X)$  belongs to the set of the 216  $C^3$  self-complementary trinucleotide circular codes (Arquès and Michel, 1996) or by Proposition 3 in Michel and Pirillo (2010) or by Theorem 2 in Fimmel et al. (2014).

**Proposition 3.** The probability PrRFC (Definition 2.2.1 in Michel, 2014) of reading frame coding (RFC) of the 23 bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi(X)$  of  $X$  are obviously all equal to the probability PrRFC = 81.3% of  $X$  (Section 2.2.2.(vi) in Michel (2014)).

**2.3.2. Definition of 23 bijective motifs  $m(\Pi(X))$**

The 23 bijective motifs  $m(\Pi(X))$  are obtained from the 23 bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi(X)$  of the maximal  $C^3$  self-complementary trinucleotide circular code  $X$ . For comparison with the large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$ , the large bijective motifs  $m(\Pi(X))$  must also satisfy the two conditions of Eq. (5), i.e. the length  $l(m(\Pi(X))) \geq 15$  trinucleotides (at least 15 consecutive trinucleotides of  $\Pi(X)$ ) and the cardinality  $\text{Card}(\{w(m(\Pi(X)))\}) \geq 10$  trinucleotides (composition of at least 10 different trinucleotides of  $\Pi(X)$ ).

**2.4. Definition of two permuted motifs  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$**

The two permuted motifs  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$  are obtained from the permuted circular codes  $X_1 = \mathcal{P}(X)$  (Eq. (2)) and  $X_2 = \mathcal{P}^2(X)$  (Eq. (3)), respectively, by applying the permutation map  $\mathcal{P}$  to the maximal  $C^3$  self-complementary trinucleotide circular code  $X$ . For comparison with the large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$ , the large permuted motifs  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$  must also satisfy the two conditions of Eq. (5), i.e. the lengths  $l(m(X_1)), l(m(X_2)) \geq 15$  trinucleotides and the cardinalities  $\text{Card}(\{w(m(X_1))\}), \text{Card}(\{w(m(X_2))\}) \geq 10$  trinucleotides.

**2.5. Definition of random motifs  $m(R)$**

The  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$ ,  $m(\Pi(X))$ ,  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$  are generated from the maximal circular codes  $X$ ,  $\Pi(X)$ ,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , respectively. All these circular codes have 20 trinucleotides with the same total numbers of nucleotides, i.e. 15 A, 15 C, 15 G, 15 T. Furthermore, by definition of a circular code, they have neither a periodic trinucleotide  $P_4^3 = \{AAA, CCC, GGG, TTT\}$  nor two non-periodic permuted trinucleotides  $\{t, \mathcal{P}(t)\}$  (Remark 1).

In order to have an evaluation of the statistical significance of occurrence numbers of the large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$ ,  $m(\Pi(X))$ ,  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$ , 30 random codes  $R$  are generated with respect to the four necessary conditions of maximal circular codes: (i) a random code  $R$  with a number of trinucleotides equal to 20; (ii) a random code  $R$  without a periodic trinucleotide  $P_4^3$ ; (iii) a random code  $R$  without two non-periodic permuted trinucleotides  $\{t, \mathcal{P}(t)\}$ ;

and (iv) a random code  $R$  containing the same total numbers of nucleotides (15 A, 15 C, 15 G, 15 T). Then, a random code  $R$  of trinucleotides randomly chosen in  $A_4^3$  is generated satisfying the four previous conditions (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv). The large random motifs  $m(R)$  of a random trinucleotide code  $R$  must also satisfy the two conditions of Eq. (5), i.e. the length  $l(m(R)) \geq 15$  trinucleotides and the cardinality  $\text{Card}(\{w(m(R))\}) \geq 10$  trinucleotides.

2.6. Occurrence number of large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$ ,  $m(\Pi(X))$ ,  $m(X_i)$ ,  $m(X_2)$  and  $m(R)$  in the genomes of eukaryotes

The occurrence numbers  $N(m(X))$  of large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$ ,  $N(m(\Pi(X)))$  of large bijective motifs  $m(\Pi(X))$ ,  $N(m(X_i))$  of large permuted motifs  $m(X_i)$ ,  $N(m(X_2))$  of large permuted motifs  $m(X_2)$  and  $N(m(R))$  of large random motifs  $m(R)$  are computed in the eukaryotic genomes according to the following algorithm.

The algorithm searches for motifs in a DNA sequence with lengths greater than or equal to the parameter minsize and returns a list containing all motifs found in the sequence. Each motif has a start, an end and a frame according to the sequence, a length in trinucleotides and a cardinality in trinucleotides. This algorithm allows the retrieval of the maximum number of motifs in a sequence because it eliminates the issue of overlapping motifs in different frames. It is also suitable for multi-threading which greatly accelerate the search procedure.

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1. Read sequence
  2. INIT X AS a trinucleotide circular code
  3. INIT minsize AS the minimum size of motifs
  4. INIT shift
  5. FOR EACH frame
  6. CASE frame OF
  7. 0: set shift to 0
  8. 1: set shift to 2
  9. 2: set shift to 1
  10. ENDCASE
  11. INIT motif AS empty
  12. FOR EACH trinucleotide in sequence starting from shift AS tri
  13. IF X contains tri THEN
  14. IF motif is empty THEN Set motif to tri
  15. ELSE Concatenate tri to motif
  16. ELSE
  17. IF motif length is larger than minsize THEN
  18. Add motif to list of motifs
  19. Set motif to empty
  20. ENDIF
  21. ENDFOR
  22. ENDFOR
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2.7. Expectation of the occurrence number of an  $X$  motif  $m(X)$  in a DNA sequence

The expectation  $\mathbb{E}[N(m_{\mathcal{G}_{Chr}}(X))]$  of the occurrence number  $N(m_{\mathcal{G}_{Chr}}(X))$  of an  $X$  motif  $m_{\mathcal{G}_{Chr}}(X)$  in a chromosome  $Chr$  of a genome  $\mathcal{G}$  can easily be calculated with the Bernoulli model thank to equation:

$$\mathbb{E}[N(m_{\mathcal{G}_{Chr}}(X))] = (N(\mathcal{G}_{Chr}) - 3l + 1) \left(\frac{20}{64}\right)^l \quad (6)$$

where  $N(\mathcal{G}_{Chr})$  is the total base number (size) of the chromosome

$Chr$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $l = l(m_{\mathcal{G}_{Chr}}(X))$  is the trinucleotide length of  $m_{\mathcal{G}_{Chr}}(X)$  and the term  $\frac{20}{64}$  is the occurrence probability of a trinucleotide  $X$  ( $X$  has 20 trinucleotides among 64). Remember that any  $X$  motif  $m(X)$  of length greater than four trinucleotides cannot overlap by definition of a circular code. Thus, the large  $X$  motifs  $m_{\mathcal{G}_{Chr}}(X)$  with lengths  $l \geq 15$  trinucleotides (Eq. (5)) cannot overlap.

2.8. Proportion of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in genes and non-gene regions of the eukaryotic genomes

The statistical analysis of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in a genome is based on two simple ratios: a base ratio of genes/non-genes for characterizing the base proportion of genes in a genome and a base ratio of  $X$  motifs in genes/non-genes for analyzing the base proportion of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in genes and non-gene regions of a genome.

The base ratio  $r_G(\mathcal{G})$  of genes/non-genes in a genome  $\mathcal{G}$  is defined as follows

$$r_G(\mathcal{G}) = \frac{N(\mathcal{G}_G)}{N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}})} \quad (7)$$

where  $N(\mathcal{G}_G)$  is the total base number of genes  $\mathcal{G}_G$  in a given genome  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}})$  is the total base number of non-gene regions  $\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  with  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_G \cup \mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}$ . The numbers  $N(\mathcal{G}_G)$  and  $N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}})$  for the 138 studied complete eukaryotic genomes  $\mathcal{G}$  are given in Appendix A.

**Remark 2.**  $N(\mathcal{G}_G) + N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}) = N(\mathcal{G})$  where  $N(\mathcal{G})$  is the total base number (size) of a genome  $\mathcal{G}$  (also given in Appendix A).

**Remark 3.** When  $r_G(\mathcal{G}) < 1$ , the total base number  $N(\mathcal{G}_G)$  of all genes  $\mathcal{G}_G$  in a genome  $\mathcal{G}$  is less than the total base number  $N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}})$  of all non-gene regions  $\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ , and conversely when  $r_G(\mathcal{G}) > 1$ .

**Example 4.** With the genome  $\mathcal{G} = Anolis carolinensis$ ,  $N(\mathcal{G}_G) = 16670366$  and  $N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}) = 1064974225$  (see Appendix A), then  $r_G(\mathcal{G}) = 1.6\%$ .

In order to study a greater variety of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$ , i.e. not necessary large, the two length and cardinality (composition) conditions defined in Eq. (5) are relaxed. Thus, the  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  studied in this genome analysis are based on the two conditions

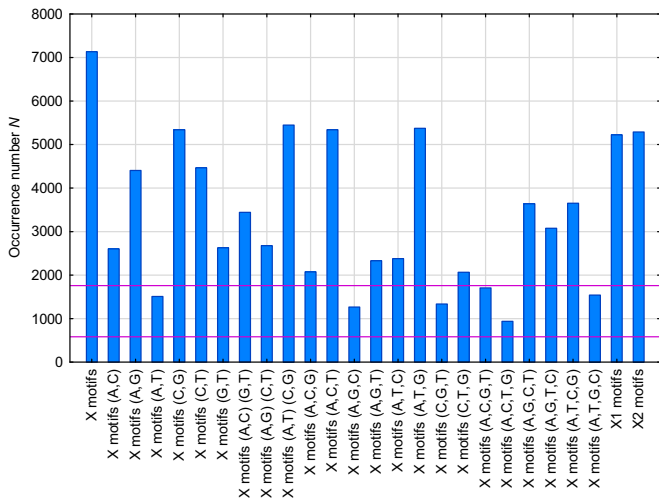
$$\begin{cases} l(m(X)) \geq 10 \text{ trinucleotides} \\ \text{Card}(\{w(m(X))\}) \geq 5 \text{ trinucleotides.} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

The base ratio  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$  of  $X$  motifs in genes/non-genes in a genome  $\mathcal{G}$  is defined as follows

$$r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = \frac{P(m_{\mathcal{G}_G}(X))}{P(m_{\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}}(X))} \quad (9)$$

where the probability  $P(m_{\mathcal{G}_G}(X)) = \frac{N(m_{\mathcal{G}_G}(X))}{N(\mathcal{G}_G)}$  is the total base number  $N(m_{\mathcal{G}_G}(X))$  of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in the genes  $\mathcal{G}_G$  of a genome  $\mathcal{G}$  divided by the total base number  $N(\mathcal{G}_G)$  of genes  $\mathcal{G}_G$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  (see Eq. (7)), and the probability  $P(m_{\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}}(X)) = \frac{N(m_{\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}}(X))}{N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}})}$  is the total base number  $N(m_{\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}}(X))$  of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in the non-gene regions  $\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  divided by the total base number  $N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}})$  of non-gene regions  $\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  (see Eq. (7)).

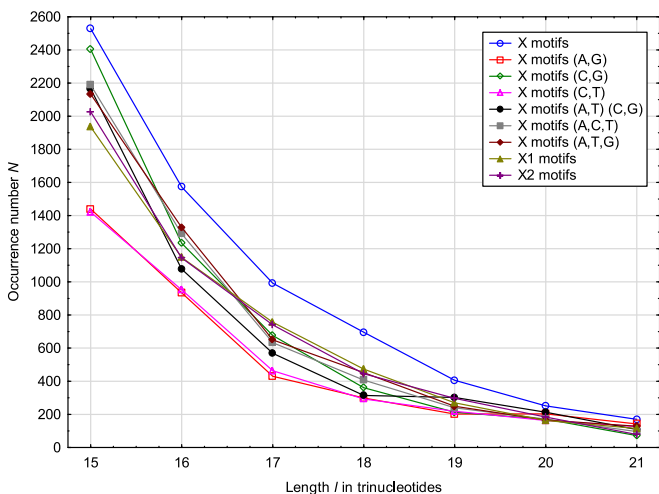
**Remark 4.** A ratio  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 1$  means that the proportion of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in genes  $\mathcal{G}_G$  and non-genes  $\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}$  is identical in the genome  $\mathcal{G}$ . A ratio  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) < 1$  means that there is a preferential occurrence of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in non-genes  $\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Conversely, a



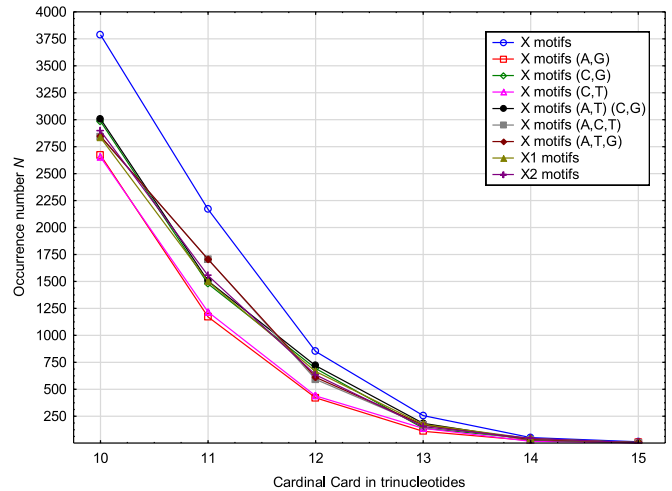
**Fig. 4.** Occurrence numbers  $N(m(X))$  of large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$ ,  $N(m(\Pi(X)))$  of its 23 large bijective motifs  $m(\Pi(X))$ ,  $N(m(X_1))$  and  $N(m(X_2))$  of its two large permuted motifs  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$ , respectively, in the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes (see Appendix A). All these 26 classes of large motifs have lengths  $l \geq 15$  trinucleotides and cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 10$  trinucleotides (Eq. (5)). The top horizontal line (1760) and the bottom horizontal line (582) represent the confidence interval at 99% (student  $t$  test by assuming a normal distribution of the population) of the mean occurrence number  $\bar{N}(m(R)) = 1171$  (standard deviation  $\sigma(m(R)) = 1170$ ) of large random motifs  $m(R)$  from  $\text{Card}(R) = 30$  random codes in the 138 eukaryotic genomes. The large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  have the highest occurrence. The six large bijective motifs  $m(\pi_2(X):(A, G))$ ,  $m(\pi_4(X):(C, G))$ ,  $m(\pi_5(X):(C, T))$ ,  $m(\pi_9(X):(A, T)(C, G))$ ,  $m(\pi_{11}(X):(A, C, T))$  and  $m(\pi_{15}(X):(A, T, G))$ , and the two large permuted motifs  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$  have occurrence numbers greater than  $\bar{N}(m(R)) + 2.75\sigma(m(R)) \approx 4400$ .

ratio  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) > 1$  means that there is a preferential occurrence of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in genes  $\mathcal{G}_G$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

The numbers  $N(m_{\mathcal{G}_G}(X))$  and  $N(m_{\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}}(X))$  of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in genes  $\mathcal{G}_G$  and non-gene regions  $\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}$ , respectively, of a genome  $\mathcal{G}$  are computed according to the following simple algorithm. We laid markers on the genomic sequence  $\mathcal{G}$ . The first marker labels the nucleotide in  $\mathcal{G}$  that belongs to an  $X$  motif  $m(X)$  and the



**Fig. 5.** Occurrence numbers  $N(m(X))$  of large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$ ,  $N(m(\Pi(X)))$  of its six large bijective motifs  $m(\pi_2(X):(A, G))$ ,  $m(\pi_4(X):(C, G))$ ,  $m(\pi_5(X):(C, T))$ ,  $m(\pi_9(X):(A, T)(C, G))$ ,  $m(\pi_{11}(X):(A, C, T))$  and  $m(\pi_{15}(X):(A, T, G))$ ,  $N(m(X_1))$  and  $N(m(X_2))$  of its two large permuted motifs  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$  (greater than  $\bar{N}(m(R)) + 2.75\sigma(m(R)) \approx 4400$ , see Fig. 4) as a function of their lengths  $l$  varying from 15 to 21 trinucleotides in the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes (see Appendix A). All these classes of large motifs have cardinalities (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 10$  trinucleotides (Eq. (5)). The large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  have the highest occurrence for all trinucleotide lengths.



**Fig. 6.** Occurrence numbers  $N(m(X))$  of large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$ ,  $N(m(\Pi(X)))$  of its six large bijective motifs  $m(\pi_2(X):(A, G))$ ,  $m(\pi_4(X):(C, G))$ ,  $m(\pi_5(X):(C, T))$ ,  $m(\pi_9(X):(A, T)(C, G))$ ,  $m(\pi_{11}(X):(A, C, T))$  and  $m(\pi_{15}(X):(A, T, G))$ ,  $N(m(X_1))$  and  $N(m(X_2))$  of its two large permuted motifs  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$  (greater than  $\bar{N}(m(R)) + 2.75\sigma(m(R)) \approx 4400$ , see Fig. 4) as a function of their cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card}$  varying from 10 to 15 trinucleotides in the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes (see Appendix A). All these classes of large motifs have lengths  $l \geq 15$  trinucleotides (Eq. (5)). The large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  have the highest occurrence for all trinucleotide cardinalities.

second marker notes if this nucleotide belongs to a gene  $\mathcal{G}_G$  (GenBank keyword CDS). The number  $N(m_{\mathcal{G}_G}(X))$  of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in genes  $\mathcal{G}_G$  is obtained by counting the number of nucleotides that have two markers. The number  $N(m_{\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}}(X))$  of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in non-genes  $\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}$  is the number of nucleotides that have one marker. Note that if an  $X$  motif  $m(X)$  overlaps a non-gene region  $\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}$  (5' region) and a gene  $\mathcal{G}_G$ , or a gene  $\mathcal{G}_G$  and a non-gene region  $\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}$  (3' region), its nucleotides are split accordingly.

### 2.9. Genomic data

Using bioperl, we were able to retrieve all the eukaryotic chromosome sequences from the RefSeq database (GenBank keyword Reference Sequence). The RefSeq is a curated non-redundant sequence database of genomes. We took one species from each genus and only complete genomic molecules (GenBank keyword NC), excluding alternate assembly. One strain from each species is considered. Complete genomes  $\mathcal{G}$  with total numbers  $N(\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}) < 400000$  bases of non-gene regions  $\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}$  are eliminated (in order to avoid several data with null values). Six such genomes are eliminated: *Cryptomonas paramecium* ( $N(\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}) = 82348$  bases), *Encephalitozoon cuniculi* ( $N(\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}) = 357485$  bases), *Encephalitozoon hellem* ( $N(\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}) = 245811$  bases), *Encephalitozoon intestinalis* ( $N(\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}) = 230782$  bases), *Encephalitozoon romaleae* ( $N(\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}) = 215619$  bases) and *Nitzschia* ( $N(\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}) = 14661$  bases). This led to 138 eukaryotic genomes. After filtering the database, we retrieved the Genbank file for each chromosome which allowed us to extract the coordinates of its genes (GenBank keyword CDS).

Thus, 138 complete genomes of eukaryotes are extracted from GenBank (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/>, April 2016). The genome list and the total base numbers  $N(\mathcal{G}_G)$  of genes  $\mathcal{G}_G$  and  $N(\mathcal{G}_\bar{C})$  of non-gene regions  $\mathcal{G}_\bar{C}$ , and their sum  $N(\mathcal{G}) = N(\mathcal{G}_G) + N(\mathcal{G}_\bar{C})$  for the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes  $\mathcal{G}$  are given in Appendix A. This genome information represents a total of 91,421,182,030 bases with 3,133,622,680 bases for the genes (3.4%) and 88,287,559,350 bases for the non-gene regions (96.6%). The human chromosome list and the total base numbers

**Table 2**

The top 20 largest  $X$  motifs  $m_{\mathcal{G}_{Chr}}(X)$  with cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 10$  trinucleotides (Eq. (5)) in the chromosomes  $\mathcal{G}_{Chr}$  of the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes  $\mathcal{G}$  (see Appendix A) in descending order of trinucleotide lengths  $l \geq 45$ . The 1st and 2nd columns give the genome  $\mathcal{G}$  and its chromosome number  $\mathcal{G}_{Chr}$ , respectively, the 3rd column gives its base size  $N(\mathcal{G}_{Chr})$ , the 4th and 5th columns indicate the start and end positions of the largest  $X$  motif  $m_{\mathcal{G}_{Chr}}(X)$  in the chromosome  $\mathcal{G}_{Chr}$ , the 6th column gives the trinucleotide length  $l$  of the largest  $X$  motif  $m_{\mathcal{G}_{Chr}}(X)$ , the 7th column indicates its expectation  $E$  (Eq. (6)), and the last column mentions if the largest  $X$  motif  $m_{\mathcal{G}_{Chr}}(X)$  belongs (Yes) or not (No) to a gene.

Genome $\mathcal{G}$	$\mathcal{G}_{Chr}$	Size $N(\mathcal{G}_{Chr})$ (in bases)	Start position	End position	Length $l$ of $X$ motifs (in trinucleotides)	Expectation $E$ (Eq. (6))	In gene
<i>Solanum pennellii</i>	3	75414019	36982714	36983178	155	$10^{-71}$	No
<i>Salmo salar</i>	15	103963436	16024777	16025130	118	$10^{-52}$	No
<i>Salmo salar</i>	15	103963436	17850373	17850726	118	$10^{-52}$	No
<i>Monodelphis domestica</i>	2	541556283	513328228	513328533	102	$10^{-43}$	No
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	8	65866657	30359989	30360276	96	$10^{-41}$	No
<i>Monodelphis domestica</i>	4	435153693	290107123	290107407	95	$10^{-40}$	No
<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>	11	2038337	872956	873216	87	$10^{-38}$	Yes
<i>Equus caballus</i>	28	46177339	35484817	35485047	77	$10^{-32}$	No
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	14	11649563	11165956	11166153	66	$10^{-27}$	Yes
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	4	68034345	38474677	38474856	60	$10^{-23}$	No
<i>Felis catus</i>	3	140925898	2211844	2212020	59	$10^{-22}$	No
<i>Cynoglossus semilaevis</i>	9	19616557	14919031	14919192	54	$10^{-20}$	No
<i>Plasmodium knowlesi</i>	13	2200295	1265167	1265322	52	$10^{-20}$	Yes
<i>Mus musculus</i>	1	195471971	74368813	74368968	52	$10^{-18}$	Yes
<i>Micromonas sp.</i>	12	1084119	530353	530496	48	$10^{-19}$	Yes
<i>Dictyostelium discoideum</i>	2	8484197	1796161	1796304	48	$10^{-18}$	Yes
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	4	12718334	12440101	12440241	47	$10^{-17}$	No
<i>Salmo salar</i>	19	82978132	46877047	46877184	46	$10^{-16}$	No
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	15	11467329	3286219	3286353	45	$10^{-16}$	No
<i>Camelina sativa</i>	10	25316904	13177546	13177680	45	$10^{-16}$	No

$N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr_C})$  of genes  $Chr_C$  and  $N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr_{\bar{C}}})$  of non-gene regions  $Chr_{\bar{C}}$ , and their sum  $N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr_C}) + N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr_{\bar{C}}})$  for the 24 chromosomes  $\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$  of the complete human genome  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} = Homo sapiens$  are given in Appendix B.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Occurrence of large random motifs $m(R)$ in the genomes of eukaryotes

The mean number  $\bar{N}(m(R)) = \frac{1}{\text{Card}(R)} \sum_{j=1}^{\text{Card}(R)} N(m(R_j))$  and its standard deviation  $\sigma(m(R))$  of large random motifs  $m(R)$  from  $\text{Card}(R) = 30$  random codes are determined in the 138 eukaryotic genomes. The computation leads to  $\bar{N}(m(R)) = 1171$  and  $\sigma(m(R)) = 1170$ . By assuming a normal distribution of the population, a student  $t$  test gives a confidence interval at 99% for the mean  $\bar{N}(m(R))$  equal to  $[582, 1760]$  (represented in Fig. 4). Note that the number of random codes  $R$  generated was limited to 30 as their statistical analysis in the 138 eukaryotic genomes (91,421,182,030 bases) takes several days.

#### 3.2. Highest occurrence of large $X$ motifs $m(X)$ in the genomes of eukaryotes compared to its 23 large bijective motifs $m(\Pi(X))$ and its two large permuted motifs $m(X_1)$ and $m(X_2)$

Fig. 4 shows the occurrence numbers  $N(m(X))$  of large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$ ,  $N(m(\Pi(X)))$  of its 23 large bijective motifs  $m(\Pi(X))$ ,  $N(m(X_1))$  and  $N(m(X_2))$  of its two large permuted motifs  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$ , respectively, in the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes. All these 26 classes of large motifs have lengths  $l \geq 15$  trinucleotides and cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 10$

trinucleotides (Eq. (5)). The large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  have the highest occurrence with  $N(m(X)) = 7133$  compared to all the 25 other classes of large motifs  $m(\Pi(X))$ ,  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$  in genomes of eukaryotes. Eight large motifs also occur significantly with numbers greater than  $\bar{N}(m(R)) + 2.75\sigma(m(R)) \approx 4400$  (where  $\bar{N}(m(R))$  and  $\sigma(m(R))$  are given in Section 3.1). They are in descending fashion:  $m(\pi_9(X):(A, T)(C, G))$  with  $N(m(\pi_9(X))) = 5447$ ,  $m(\pi_{15}(X):(A, T, G))$  with  $N(m(\pi_{15}(X))) = 5374$ ,  $m(\pi_4(X):(C, G))$  with  $N(m(\pi_4(X))) = 5341$ ,  $m(\pi_{11}(X):(A, C, T))$  with  $N(m(\pi_{11}(X))) = 5341$ ,  $m(X_2)$  with  $N(m(X_2)) = 5289$ ,  $m(X_1)$  with  $N(m(X_1)) = 5223$ ,  $m(\pi_5(X):(C, T))$  with  $N(m(\pi_5(X))) = 4466$  and  $m(\pi_2(X):(A, G))$  with  $N(m(\pi_2(X))) = 4404$  (Fig. 4). Note that  $\pi_2(X)$ ,  $\pi_4(X)$  and  $\pi_5(X)$  are symmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_{S,2}(X)$  at 2 letters,  $\pi_9(X)$  is a symmetric bijective transformation circular code  $\Pi_{S,2,2}(X)$  of two disjoint transformations at 2 letters, and  $\pi_{11}(X)$  and  $\pi_{15}(X)$  are asymmetric bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi_{\pi,3}(X)$  at 3 letters (Section 2.3.1.1). Note also that  $\pi_4(X)$  and  $\pi_9(X)$  are  $C^3$  self-complementary trinucleotide circular codes (Section 2.3.1.2 and Proposition 2).

The six motifs  $m(\pi_3(X):(A, T))$ ,  $m(\pi_{12}(X):(A, G, C))$ ,  $m(\pi_{16}(X):(C, G, T))$ ,  $m(\pi_{18}(X):(A, C, G, T))$ ,  $m(\pi_{19}(X):(A, C, T, G))$  and  $m(\pi_{23}(X):(A, T, G, C))$  occur randomly ( $N(m(\pi_i(X))) \in [582, 1760]$ ,  $i = 3, 12, 16, 18, 19, 23$ , see Section 3.1) and the four motifs  $m(\pi_{10}(X):(A, C, G))$ ,  $m(\pi_{13}(X):(A, G, T))$ ,  $m(\pi_{14}(X):(A, T, C))$  and  $m(\pi_{17}(X):(C, T, G))$  have low occurrences ( $2000 < N(m(\pi_i(X))) < 2400$ ,  $i = 10, 13, 14, 17$ ) (Fig. 4).

Figs. 5 and 6 strengthen the previous results. Indeed, Fig. 5 shows that the large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  with cardinality  $\text{Card} \geq 10$  trinucleotides (Eq. (5)) have the highest occurrence compared to all the 25 other classes of large motifs  $m(\Pi(X))$ ,  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$  (with cardinalities  $\text{Card} \geq 10$  trinucleotides) for all lengths  $l$  from



**Table 3**

Largest  $X$  motifs  $m_{\mathcal{H}_{Chr}}(X)$  with cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 10$  trinucleotides (Eq. (5)) and expectation  $E < 1$  (Eq. (6)) in the chromosomes  $\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$  of the human genome  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} = \text{Homo sapien}$ . The 1st and 2nd columns give the human chromosome number  $\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$  and its base size  $N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$ , respectively, the 3rd column shows the largest  $X$  motifs  $m_{\mathcal{H}_{Chr}}(X)$  with cardinality  $\text{Card} \geq 10$  trinucleotides and expectation  $E < 1$ , the 4th and 5th columns indicate the start and end positions of the largest  $X$  motif  $m_{\mathcal{H}_{Chr}}(X)$  in the chromosome  $\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$ , the 6th column gives the trinucleotide length  $l$  of the largest  $X$  motif  $m_{\mathcal{H}_{Chr}}(X)$ , the 7th column indicates its expectation  $E$ , and the last column mentions if the largest  $X$  motif  $m_{\mathcal{H}_{Chr}}(X)$  belongs (Yes) or not (No) to a gene.

$\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$	Size $N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$ (in bases)	Largest $X$ motifs $m_{\mathcal{H}_{Chr}}(X)$ in the human chromosomes $\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$	Start position	End position	Length $l$ of $X$ motifs (in trinucleotides)	Expectation $E$ (Eq. (6))	In gene
1	248956422	GAG,GAG,GAG,CTG,CTG,GCC,CAG,CTG,GAG,GAG,TAC,GAG,CAG,GTC,ATC,CTG,GAC,TTC, CAG,TTC,AAC,CTG,GAG,GCC,ACC	3763375	3763449	25	$5.9 \times 10^{-5}$	Yes
2	242193529	GTC,GAT,GAG,CAG,AAT,GCC,CAG,ACC,CAG,GAG,CAG,GAG,GGC,TTC,GTC,CTG,GGC,CTC	233449984	233450037	18	$2.0 \times 10^{-1}$	Yes
4	190214555	GCC,ATC,ATT,ATC,ATT,ATC,ATC,CTC,ACC,TTC,ATC,ATT,AAT,AAC,CTG,GGC,CAG,GGT	42018853	42018906	18	$1.5 \times 10^{-1}$	No
5	181538259	GAA,ATC,TTC,ATC,ATT,ACC,CTC,ACC,GCC,GCC,ATC,ATT,GAC,CTG,GTT,AAT,GTT	133306903	133306953	17	$4.7 \times 10^{-1}$	No
7	159345973	ATC,ACC,CAG,GAT,GAA,GAT,GGT,CTC,ACC,CTG,CTC,ATT,GAG,GAT,GCC,GGT,GGT	30452806	30452856	17	$4.1 \times 10^{-1}$	Yes
8	145138636	ACC,GTC,ACC,AAC,CTG,TTC,ATC,CTC,AAC,CTG,GCC,ATC,GCC,GAC,GAG,CTC,TTC	52940113	52940163	17	$3.8 \times 10^{-1}$	Yes
9	138394717	GGT,CTC,CAG,GCC,AAT,GTC,ATT,GAC,GTC,ACC,ATC,ATC,GCC,ATC,ACC,ATC,ATT,ACC	95705686	95705739	18	$1.1 \times 10^{-1}$	No
11	135086622	GAT,GAT,GCC,ACC,ACC,CTC,TAC,CTG,CAG,AAC,AAC,CAG,ATC,AAC,AAC,GCC,GGC,ATC	64116508	64116561	18	$1.1 \times 10^{-1}$	Yes
13	114364328	AAT,GAG,GAC,ACC,ACC,CAG,GGC,ATC,GCC,AAC,GAG,GAA,GCC,GCC,CAG,GGC,ATC,GCC, GAG,GAC,GCC,ATC,CAG,GGC,ATC, GCC,AAC,GAG,GAG,GTT,GCC,CAG,GGC,ATC,GCC,AAT	18235684	18235791	36	$7.5 \times 10^{-11}$	No
14	107043718	GCC,CAG,GAC,GAC,GAG,GGT,CTG,CTG,GAC,AAC,TTC,GTC,ACC,TTC,TTC,ATT	99716146	99716193	16	$8.9 \times 10^{-1}$	Yes
15	101991189	GGC,GAA,GAA,GGT,GAA,GAT,GAA,GAG,GAT,GAA,GAT,CTG,GCC,CTC,GGT,GAC,CAG,GTA	68208355	68208408	18	$8.2 \times 10^{-2}$	Yes
17	83257441	CTG,CTG,GTT,GAA,GTT,GTC,AAT,GAT,GAC,GCC,AAT,GAA,GAG,GTT,GAG,GGT,GAA,GAA	63944680	63944733	18	$6.7 \times 10^{-2}$	Yes
18	80373285	ATC,GAG,CAG,AAT,GCC,ACC,AAC,ACC,TTC,CTG,GTC,TAC,ACC,GAG,GAG,GAC	49583566	49583613	16	$6.6 \times 10^{-1}$	Yes
19	58617616	GAA,ACC,AAC,CAG,GTC,CTC,ATC,AAC,ATT,GGC,CTG,CTG,CTC,CTG,GCC,TTC	13959991	13960038	16	$4.8 \times 10^{-1}$	Yes
20	64444167	TAC,CTG,GCC,CAG,GTC,CAG,GGT,GAC,GTT,GAC,CTC,GTT,GTA,CTC,CAG,GCC	62362396	62362443	16	$5.3 \times 10^{-1}$	No
22	50818468	CAG,GTT,GAA,GAA,GTT,GTA,GTT,GCC,GGT,GAT,GAT,AAT,CAG,GAC,CTG,CAG,CAG	50505760	50505810	17	$1.3 \times 10^{-1}$	Yes
X	156040895	CTC,CAG,GTA,GAG,GGC,ATT,GAG,CAG,CTC,AAT,GAT,GTC,AAC,GAG,GAC,CTG,GTT,GTC	39981361	39981414	18	$1.3 \times 10^{-1}$	No

**Table 4**

Base ratio  $r_G(\mathcal{G})$  (Eq. (7)) in % of genes/non-genes and base ratio  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$  (Eq. (9)) of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  of length  $l \geq 10$  trinucleotides and cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 5$  trinucleotides (Eq. (8)) in genes/non-genes of the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes  $\mathcal{G}$  (see Appendix A).

Genome $\mathcal{G}$	$r_G(\mathcal{G})$ (%)	$r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$	Genome $\mathcal{G}$	$r_G(\mathcal{G})$ (%)	$r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$	Genome $\mathcal{G}$	$r_G(\mathcal{G})$ (%)	$r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$
<i>Anolis carolinensis</i>	1.6	5.3	<i>Esox lucius</i>	5.5	12.2	<i>Ovis aries</i>	1.3	20.0
<i>Anopheles gambiae</i>	8.6	15.6	<i>Felis catus</i>	1.4	19.4	<i>Pan paniscus</i>	1.1	9.4
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	8.2	3.5	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	2.5	19.6	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	1.1	8.8
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	38.6	5.4	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	18.5	5.1	<i>Papio anubis</i>	1.3	7.5
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	93.7	8.7	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	2.9	16.6	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	114.7	3.0
<i>Babesia bigemina</i>	196.0	5.2	<i>Glycine max</i>	6.9	4.5	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	7.2	4.1
<i>Babesia bovis</i>	213.3	9.1	<i>Gorilla gorilla</i>	1.2	9.4	<i>Plasmodium cynomolgi</i>	69.9	5.6
<i>Babesia microti</i>	263.9	5.4	<i>Gossypium raimondii</i>	6.3	6.0	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>	111.1	79.3
<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	7.0	4.0	<i>Homo sapiens</i>	1.2	8.4	<i>Plasmodium knowlesi</i>	90.1	15.6
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	8.1	3.8	<i>Kazachstania africana</i>	239.2	8.4	<i>Plasmodium vivax</i>	93.1	16.6
<i>Bos taurus</i>	1.3	21.9	<i>Kluyveromyces lactis</i>	223.9	9.8	<i>Poecilia reticulata</i>	5.9	16.5
<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	14.0	6.6	<i>Komagataella phaffii</i>	358.7	6.4	<i>Pongo abelii</i>	1.1	9.0
<i>Brassica napus</i>	13.9	4.8	<i>Lachancea thermotolerans</i>	260.5	16.4	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	13.2	2.8
<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	12.9	5.0	<i>Leishmania braziliensis</i>	94.8	9.3	<i>Prunus mume</i>	17.3	5.6
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	23.1	6.4	<i>Leishmania donovani</i>	82.2	6.8	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	1.4	10.2
<i>Caenorhabditis briggsae</i>	28.9	6.5	<i>Leishmania infantum</i>	95.0	8.8	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	257.2	15.2
<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i>	36.1	6.4	<i>Leishmania major</i>	91.6	8.2	<i>Salmo salar</i>	3.3	11.7
<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	1.2	8.8	<i>Leishmania mexicana</i>	96.5	7.8	<i>Scheffersomyces stipitis</i>	125.3	3.3
<i>Camelina sativa</i>	19.7	4.3	<i>Leishmania panamensis</i>	90.1	8.1	<i>Schizosaccharomyces pombe</i>	131.4	6.0
<i>Candida dubliniensis</i>	156.4	3.4	<i>Lepisosteus oculatus</i>	3.7	21.9	<i>Sesamum indicum</i>	15.1	5.0
<i>Candida glabrata</i>	179.8	9.3	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	1.2	7.6	<i>Setaria italica</i>	9.8	7.4
<i>Candida orthopsilosis</i>	202.1	6.9	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	1.2	7.6	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	4.4	4.1
<i>Canis lupus</i>	1.5	13.0	<i>Magnaporthe oryzae</i>	70.0	11.8	<i>Solanum pennellii</i>	3.9	3.3
<i>Capra hircus</i>	1.2	20.7	<i>Malus domestica</i>	7.4	7.1	<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	6.0	6.7
<i>Chlorocebus sabaeus</i>	1.3	7.3	<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	14.2	4.6	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	1.2	26.4
<i>Chrysemys picta</i>	1.3	8.8	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	2.7	14.6	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	2.4	18.9
<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	9.0	4.5	<i>Micromonas sp.</i>	228.4	2.4	<i>Takifugu rubripes</i>	11.3	10.4
<i>Ciona intestinalis</i>	24.8	6.6	<i>Microtus ochrogaster</i>	1.5	15.8	<i>Tetrapispora blattae</i>	165.4	7.7
<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	13.0	3.6	<i>Monodelphis domestica</i>	1.0	4.5	<i>Tetrapispora phaffii</i>	197.6	9.5
<i>Cryptococcus gattii</i>	124.6	5.4	<i>Mus musculus</i>	1.3	12.5	<i>Thalassiosira pseudonana</i>	119.0	1.5
<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	115.2	6.6	<i>Myceliophthora thermophila</i>	57.4	18.5	<i>Theileria annulata</i>	266.6	8.0
<i>Cryptosporidium parvum</i>	298.9	4.6	<i>Nasonia vitripennis</i>	13.6	11.4	<i>Theileria equi</i>	223.3	3.1
<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	15.2	6.5	<i>Naumovozyma castellii</i>	286.4	8.6	<i>Theileria orientalis</i>	216.1	2.7
<i>Cyanidioschyzon merolae</i>	81.5	3.7	<i>Naumovozyma dairenensis</i>	175.6	6.9	<i>Theileria parva</i>	215.3	5.1
<i>Cynoglossus semilaevis</i>	9.0	7.2	<i>Neospora caninum</i>	44.8	11.8	<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	11.6	6.7
<i>Danio rerio</i>	3.4	7.0	<i>Neurospora crassa</i>	58.1	11.5	<i>Thielavia terrestris</i>	58.4	14.6
<i>Debaryomyces hansenii</i>	288.2	7.7	<i>Nomascus leucogenys</i>	1.2	8.5	<i>Torulasporea delbrueckii</i>	367.6	6.6
<i>Dictyostelium discoideum</i>	161.8	13.3	<i>Ogataea parapolyomorpha</i>	545.6	7.6	<i>Tribolium castaneum</i>	11.4	1.2
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	17.4	11.1	<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>	5.7	14.8	<i>Trypanosoma brucei</i>	150.1	2.1
<i>Drosophila pseudoobscura</i>	23.9	7.6	<i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i>	1.1	3.2	<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	156.3	8.6
<i>Drosophila simulans</i>	14.7	13.6	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	1.1	19.2	<i>Vigna radiata</i>	9.8	4.9
<i>Drosophila yakuba</i>	20.3	10.5	<i>Oryza brachyantha</i>	12.8	12.4	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	8.0	6.0
<i>Elaeis guineensis</i>	4.3	11.2	<i>Oryza sativa</i>	8.7	8.1	<i>Yarrowia lipolytica</i>	85.2	14.9
<i>Equus caballus</i>	1.4	18.1	<i>Oryzias latipes</i>	4.9	18.2	<i>Zea mays</i>	2.2	4.0
<i>Eremothecium cymbalariae</i>	202.6	3.1	<i>Ostreococcus lucimarinus</i>	231.1	1.3	<i>Zygosaccharomyces rouxii</i>	319.5	3.6
<i>Eremothecium gossypii</i>	335.6	15.8	<i>Ostreococcus tauri</i>	437.3	1.6	<i>Zymoseptoria tritici</i>	56.8	4.0
						Mean	79.2	9.3
						Median	15.2	7.6

15 to 21 trinucleotides. Fig. 6 shows that the large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  with lengths  $l \geq 15$  trinucleotides (Eq. (5)) have the highest occurrence compared to all the 25 other classes of large motifs  $m(\Pi(X))$ ,  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$  (with lengths  $l \geq 15$  trinucleotides) for all cardinalities  $\text{Card}$  from 10 to 15 trinucleotides.

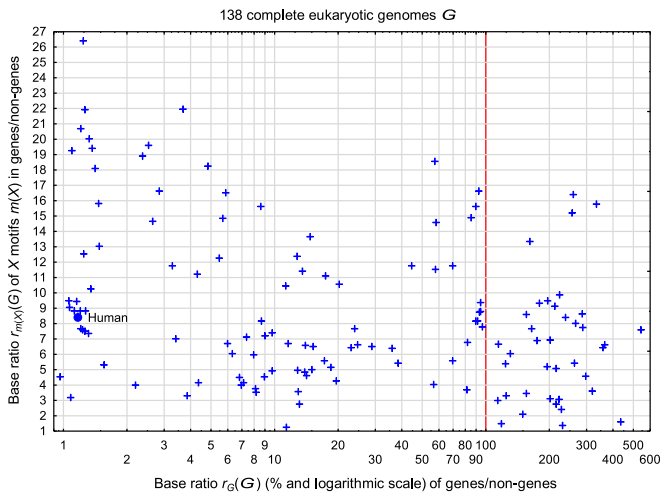
### 3.3. Largest $X$ motifs $m(X)$ in the genomes of eukaryotes

Table 2 gives the top 20 largest  $X$  motifs  $m_{\mathcal{G}_{\text{Chr}}}(X)$  with cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 10$  trinucleotides (Eq. (5)) in the chromosomes  $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Chr}}$  of the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes  $\mathcal{G}$  in decreasing order of their trinucleotide lengths  $l \geq 45$ . The 1st largest  $X$  motif  $m_{\text{Solanum}_3}(X)$  is observed in a non-gene region of the chromosome  $\text{Chr} = 3$  in the genome  $\mathcal{G} = \text{Solanum pennellii}$ . It has a length of  $l = 155$  trinucleotides (465 nucleotides) and an expectation  $\mathbb{E}[N(m_{\text{Solanum}_3}(X))] = 10^{-71}$  (Eq. (6)). The 2nd and 3rd largest  $X$  motifs  $m_{\text{Salmo}_{15}}(X)$  are observed in non-gene regions of the

chromosome  $\text{Chr} = 15$  in the genome  $\mathcal{G} = \text{Salmo salar}$ . They have a different composition but the same length  $l = 118$  trinucleotides (354 nucleotides) and an expectation  $\mathbb{E}[N(m_{\text{Salmo}_{15}}(X))] = 10^{-52}$ . The biological function and evolution of these unexpected large  $X$  motifs in the eukaryotic genomes are unknown.

### 3.4. Largest $X$ motifs $m(X)$ in the chromosomes of the human genome

Table 3 shows the largest  $X$  motifs  $m_{\mathcal{H}_{\text{Chr}}}(X)$  with cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 10$  trinucleotides (Eq. (5)) and expectation  $\mathbb{E} < 1$  (Eq. (6)) in the chromosomes  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{Chr}}$  of the human genome  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} = \text{Homo sapiens}$ . The largest  $X$  motif  $m_{\mathcal{H}_{13}}(X)$  is found in a non-gene region of the human chromosome  $\text{Chr} = 13$ . It has a length of  $l = 36$  trinucleotides and an expectation  $\mathbb{E}[N(m_{\mathcal{H}_{13}}(X))] = 7.5 \times 10^{-11}$  (Eq. (6)).



**Fig. 7.** Base ratio  $r_G(\mathcal{G})$  (Eq. (7) in %) of genes/non-genes and base ratio  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$  (Eq. (9)) of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  of length  $l \geq 10$  trinucleotides and cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 5$  trinucleotides (Eq. (8)) in genes/non-genes of the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes  $\mathcal{G}$  (see Appendix A). The vertical red line  $r_G(\mathcal{G}) = 100\%$  makes a partition of genomes  $\mathcal{G}$  according to their base content in genes. When  $r_G(\mathcal{G}) < 100\%$ , the total base number  $N(\mathcal{G}_G)$  of all genes  $\mathcal{G}_G$  in the genome  $\mathcal{G}$  is less than the total base number  $N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}})$  of all non-gene regions  $\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ , and conversely when  $r_G(\mathcal{G}) > 100\%$  (see Remark 3). The genome  $\mathcal{G} = \textit{Plasmodium falciparum}$  with  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 79.3$  is not represented in the figure (see Table 4). There is no correlation between  $r_G(\mathcal{G})$  and  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$  ( $r = -0.12$ ).

**Table 5**

Base ratio  $r_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  (Eq. (7) in %) of genes/non-genes and base ratio  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  (Eq. (9)) of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  of length  $l \geq 10$  trinucleotides and cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 5$  trinucleotides (Eq. (8)) in genes/non-genes of the 24 chromosomes  $\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$  in the human genome  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} = \textit{Homo sapiens}$  (see Appendix B).

$\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$	$r_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$ (%)	$r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$
1	1.5	8.6
2	1.1	8.0
3	1.0	8.7
4	0.8	5.2
5	0.9	7.8
6	1.1	8.3
7	1.1	6.9
8	0.8	7.3
9	1.1	7.9
10	1.1	5.8
11	1.6	8.2
12	1.4	6.5
13	0.6	7.7
14	1.1	9.1
15	1.2	7.4
16	1.7	6.6
17	2.5	7.2
18	0.7	7.1
19	4.1	6.5
20	1.3	9.2
21	0.8	10.4
22	1.6	12.0
X	0.9	9.7
Y	0.2	11.9
Mean	1.3	8.1
Median	1.1	7.8

### 3.5. $X$ motifs $m(X)$ in genes and non-gene regions of eukaryotic genomes

The maximal  $C^3$  self-complementary trinucleotide circular code  $X$  is a well-known coding property of genes. Indeed, it is observed in genes of bacteria, eukaryotes, plasmids and viruses (Michel, 2015; Arquès and Michel, 1996).

Table 4 gives the base ratio  $r_G(\mathcal{G})$  (Eq. (7) in %) of genes/non-genes and the base ratio  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$  (Eq. (9)) of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  of length  $l \geq 10$  trinucleotides and cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 5$  trinucleotides (Eq. (8)) in genes/non-genes of the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes  $\mathcal{G}$ .

The lowest value  $r_G(\mathcal{G})$  of genes/non-genes is observed with the genome  $\mathcal{G} = \textit{Monodelphis domestica}$  with  $r_G(\mathcal{G}) = 1.0\%$  ( $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 4.5$ ). The highest value  $r_G(\mathcal{G})$  of genes/non-genes is observed with the genome  $\mathcal{G} = \textit{Ogataea parapolyomorpha}$  with  $r_G(\mathcal{G}) = 545.6\%$  ( $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 7.6$ ). The mean value is  $\bar{r}_G(\mathcal{G}) = 79.2\%$  and the median value  $\tilde{r}_G(\mathcal{G}) = 15.2\%$ .

The lowest value  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$  of  $X$  motifs in genes/non-genes is observed with the genome  $\mathcal{G} = \textit{Tribolium castaneum}$  with  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 1.2$  ( $r_G(\mathcal{G}) = 11.4\%$ ). The highest value  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$  of  $X$  motifs in genes/non-genes is observed with the genome  $\mathcal{G} = \textit{Plasmodium falciparum}$  with  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 79.3$  ( $r_G(\mathcal{G}) = 111.1\%$ ). The mean value is  $\bar{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 9.3$  and the median value  $\tilde{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 7.6$ .

Fig. 7 gives a graphical representation of Table 4. There is no correlation between  $r_G(\mathcal{G})$  and  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$  ( $r = -0.12$ ).

Thus, as expected according to previous works, the  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  occur preferentially in genes of genomes with a factor of about 8 ( $\tilde{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 7.6 < 8 < \bar{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 9.3$ ). Furthermore, this circular code property is verified whatever the base content of genes in the genomes ( $r = -0.12$ ).

### 3.6. $X$ motifs $m(X)$ in genes and non-gene regions of the 24 chromosomes in the human genome

Table 5 gives the base ratio  $r_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  (Eq. (7) in %) of genes/non-genes and the base ratio  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  (Eq. (9)) of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  of length  $l \geq 10$  trinucleotides and cardinality (composition)  $\text{Card} \geq 5$  trinucleotides (Eq. (8)) in genes/non-genes of the 24 chromosomes  $\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$  in the human genome  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} = \textit{Homo sapiens}$ .

The lowest value  $r_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  of genes/non-genes is observed with the chromosome  $Chr = Y$  with  $r_G(\mathcal{H}_Y) = 0.2\%$  ( $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_Y) = 11.9$ ). The highest value  $r_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  of genes/non-genes is observed with the chromosome  $Chr = 19$  with  $r_G(\mathcal{H}_{19}) = 4.1\%$  ( $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{19}) = 6.5$ ). The mean value is  $\bar{r}_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 1.3\%$  and the median value  $\tilde{r}_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 1.1\%$ .

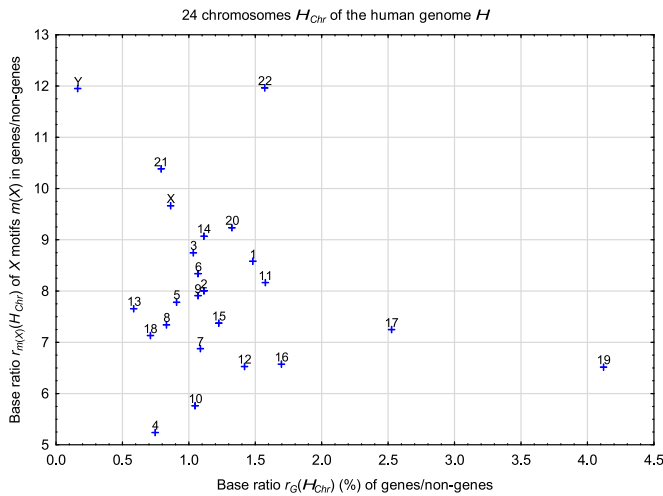
**Remark 5.** These two values  $\bar{r}_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 1.3\%$  and  $\tilde{r}_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 1.1\%$  are very close from  $r_G(\mathcal{H}) = 1.2\%$  (Table 4).

The lowest value  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  of  $X$  motifs in genes/non-genes is observed with the chromosome  $Chr = 4$  with  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_4) = 5.2$  ( $r_G(\mathcal{H}_4) = 0.8\%$ ). The highest value  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  of  $X$  motifs in genes/non-genes is observed with the chromosome  $Chr = 22$  with  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{22}) = 12.0$  ( $r_G(\mathcal{H}_{22}) = 1.6\%$ ). The mean value is  $\bar{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 8.1$  and the median value  $\tilde{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 7.8$ .

**Remark 6.** These two values  $\bar{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 8.1$  and  $\tilde{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 7.8$  are also very close from  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}) = 8.4$  (Table 4).

Fig. 8 gives a graphical representation of Table 5. There is no correlation between  $r_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  and  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  ( $r = -0.26$ ).

As in the general case, the  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  occur preferentially in genes of human chromosomes with a factor of about 8 ( $\tilde{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 7.8 < 8 < \bar{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 8.1$ ). Furthermore, this circular code property is also verified whatever the base content of genes in human chromosomes ( $r = -0.26$ ).



**Fig. 8.** Base ratio  $r_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  (Eq. (7) in %) of genes/non-genes and base ratio  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  (Eq. (9)) of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  of length  $l \geq 10$  trinucleotides and cardinality (composition)  $Card \geq 5$  trinucleotides (Eq. (8)) in genes/non-genes of the 24 chromosomes  $\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$  in the human genome  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} = Homo sapiens$  (see Appendix B). There is no correlation between  $r_G(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  and  $r_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$  ( $r = -0.26$ ).

#### 4. Discussion

$X$  circular code motifs are found in genes of bacteria, eukaryotes, plasmids and viruses (Michel, 2015; Arquès and Michel, 1996), tRNAs of prokaryotes and eukaryotes, and rRNAs of prokaryotes (16S) and eukaryotes (18S), in particular in the ribosome decoding center (Michel, 2012, 2013; El Soufi and Michel, 2014, 2015). The universally conserved nucleotides G530, A1492 and A1493 are included in  $X$  motifs (Michel, 2012; El Soufi and Michel, 2014, 2015). These short  $X$  motifs in tRNAs and rRNAs (see Introduction and Tables 2, 3, 4a,t in El Soufi and Michel, 2015) have the circular code property for retrieving, synchronizing and maintaining the reading frame in genes, the  $C^3$  property for retrieving the two shifted frames in genes and the complementary property for pairing, in particular between DNAs-DNAs, DNAs-mRNAs, mRNAs-rRNAs, mRNAs-tRNAs and rRNAs-tRNAs, as shown with a 3D visualization of  $X$  motifs in the ribosome (Michel, 2012; El Soufi and Michel, 2014, 2015). All these properties suggest a possible translation (framing) code in genes based on the circular code (Michel, 2012).

New properties of this circular code theory are identified here with robust statistical studies of  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  in genomes of

eukaryotes. This study shines light on non-gene regions, that were not examined previously, as well as gene regions. It has also been proposed that the circular code  $X$ , which is associated with the regular RNA transcription, may use its bijective transformation codes  $\Pi(X)$  for coding nucleotide exchanging RNA transcription (Michel and Seligmann, 2014). The large  $X$  motifs  $m(X)$  (having lengths  $l \geq 15$  trinucleotides and cardinalities (composition)  $Card \geq 10$  trinucleotides, Eq. (5)) have the highest occurrence in genomes of eukaryotes compared to (i) its 23 large bijective motifs  $m(\Pi(X))$  from the bijective transformation circular codes  $\Pi(X)$ , (ii) its two large permuted motifs  $m(X_1)$  and  $m(X_2)$  from the permuted circular codes  $X_1 = \mathcal{P}(X)$  and  $X_2 = \mathcal{P}^2(X)$ , and (iii) large random motifs  $m(R)$  from random codes  $R$  (Section 3.2 and Figs. 1–3). The largest  $X$  motifs identified in genomes are presented (Section 3.3 and Table 2), e.g. an  $X$  motif in a non-gene region of the genome *Solanum pennellii* with a length of 155 trinucleotides (465 nucleotides) and an expectation  $\mathbb{E} = 10^{-71}$  (Eq. (6)), two  $X$  motifs in non-gene regions of the genome *Salmo salar* with lengths of 118 trinucleotides (354 nucleotides) and an expectation  $\mathbb{E} = 10^{-52}$ , etc. Large  $X$  motifs are also found in the human genome (Section 3.4 and Table 3). The largest  $X$  motif occurs in a non-gene region of the human chromosome 13 with a length of 36 trinucleotides and an expectation  $\mathbb{E} = 10^{-11}$ .  $X$  motifs in non-gene regions of genomes are possibly evolutionary relics of primitive genes using the circular code for translation. However, the mean value  $\bar{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$  and the median value  $\tilde{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G})$  giving the proportion of  $X$  motifs (having lengths  $l \geq 10$  trinucleotides and cardinalities  $Card \geq 5$  trinucleotides, Eq. (8)) in genes/non-genes of the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes  $\mathcal{G}$  are close to 8 ( $\bar{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 9.3 \approx \tilde{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{G}) = 7.6 \approx 8$ , Section 3.5 and Table 4). This factor of 8 is retrieved for the  $X$  motifs in genes/non-genes of the 24 human chromosomes  $\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$  ( $\bar{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 8.1 \approx \tilde{r}_{m(X)}(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = 7.8 \approx 8$ , Section 3.6 and Table 5). Thus, the  $X$  motifs occur preferentially in genes. This property is true whatever the base content of genes in the genomes as there is no correlation between the base proportion of genes/non-genes in genomes and the base proportion of  $X$  motifs in genes/non-genes of genomes (Figs. 4, 5). From a biological point of view, this property may be explained by the fact that mutations (substitution, insertion and deletion of nucleotides) are more frequent in non-gene regions compared to genes. Finally, the statistical analysis developed here is based on the search of exact  $X$  motifs.  $X$  motifs with a few mutations in genomes of eukaryotes should also be investigated in future.

#### Appendix A. Data of eukaryotic genomes

List and total base numbers  $N(\mathcal{G}_G)$  of genes  $\mathcal{G}_G$  and  $N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}})$  of non-gene regions  $\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}}$ , and their sum  $N(\mathcal{G}) = N(\mathcal{G}_G) + N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}})$  for the 138 complete eukaryotic genomes  $\mathcal{G}$  extracted from the GenBank (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/>, April 2016):

Genomes $\mathcal{G}$	Gene bases $N(\mathcal{G}_G)$	Non-gene bases $N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}})$	Total bases $N(\mathcal{G})$	Genomes $\mathcal{G}$	Gene bases $N(\mathcal{G}_G)$	Non-gene bases $N(\mathcal{G}_{\bar{G}})$	Total bases $N(\mathcal{G})$
<i>Anolis carolinensis</i>	16670366	1064974225	1081644591	<i>Malus domestica</i>	36138315	490059574	526197889
<i>Anopheles gambiae</i>	1935976	22457132	24393108	<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	47725325	336741668	384466993
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	16592730	203036882	219629612	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	25172179	947030988	972203167
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	33175579	85970769	119146348	<i>Micromonas sp.</i>	14597320	6392006	20989326
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	14214225	15170733	29384958	<i>Microtus ochrogaster</i>	23979075	1631404432	1655383507
<i>Babesia bigemina</i>	6801553	3469771	10271324	<i>Monodelphis</i>	26405867	2727912010	2754317877



<i>Babesia bovis</i>	2942868	1379871	4322739	<i>domestica</i>	14915903	1190656585	1205572488
<i>Babesia microti</i>	4627831	1753458	6381289	<i>Mus musculus</i>	5976840	10408460	16385300
<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	24577029	352006668	376583697	<i>Myceliophthora thermophila</i>	13849880	102179764	116029644
<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	16328176	200521166	216849342	<i>Nasonia vitripennis</i>	8316040	2903499	11219539
<i>Bos taurus</i>	34037257	2681728647	2715765904	<i>Naumovozyma castelli</i>	8618630	4908950	13527580
<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	33348761	238427717	271776478	<i>Naumovozyma dairenensis</i>	17793122	39754298	57547420
<i>Brassica napus</i>	94788198	680325795	775113993	<i>Neospora caninum</i>	14868399	25594673	40463072
<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	51062958	395822924	446885882	<i>Neurospora crassa</i>	32421857	2762838188	2795260045
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	48059517	208363946	256423463	<i>Nomascus leucogenys</i>	7499949	1374640	8874589
<i>Caenorhabditis briggsae</i>	20457533	70777254	91234787	<i>Ogataea parapolyomorpha</i>	35450942	621900030	657350972
<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i>	26613936	73658671	100272607	<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>	4691381	432388643	437080024
<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	32941100	2737278115	2770219215	<i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i>	24420043	2223332061	2247752104
<i>Camelina sativa</i>	95232658	483211609	578444267	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	28480058	222443280	250923338
<i>Candida dubliniensis</i>	8917936	5700486	14618422	<i>Oryza brachyantha</i>	30547069	351603876	382150945
<i>Candida glabrata</i>	7914961	4403284	12318245	<i>Oryza sativa</i>	33534282	689907207	723441489
<i>Candida orthopsilosis</i>	8468943	4190458	12659401	<i>Oryzias latipes</i>	9216998	3987890	13204888
<i>Canis lupus</i>	34021609	2293612375	2327633984	<i>Ostreococcus lucimarinus</i>	10138133	2318218	12456351
<i>Capra hircus</i>	30265609	2494397111	2524662720	<i>Ostreococcus tauri</i>	33794145	2551021749	2584815894
<i>Chlorocebus sabaeus</i>	35692308	2708423003	2744115311	<i>Ovis aries</i>	33289497	3118617730	3151907227
<i>Chrysemys picta</i>	5803852	455943505	461747357	<i>Pan paniscus</i>	34403316	3056708897	3091112213
<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	28623811	318623566	347247377	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	34126862	2690200812	2724327674
<i>Ciona intestinalis</i>	15550846	62745309	78296155	<i>Papio anubis</i>	13966979	12171777	26138756
<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	27421823	211577885	238999708	<i>Phaeodactylum tricorutum</i>	34393133	480427395	514820528
<i>Cryptococcus gattii</i>	10193549	8181211	18374760	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	9350600	13377735	22728335
<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	10546316	9153466	19699782	<i>Plasmodium cynomolgi</i>	12245290	11019048	23264338
<i>Cryptosporidium parvum</i>	6820333	2281991	9102324	<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>	11118740	12343447	23462187
<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	25366500	166492524	191859024	<i>Plasmodium knowlesi</i>	10906305	11714766	22621071
<i>Cyanidioschyzon merolae</i>	7429255	9117492	16546747	<i>Plasmodium vivax</i>	38655401	658045552	696700953
<i>Cynoglossus semilaevis</i>	36786472	408352885	445139357	<i>Poecilia reticulata</i>	32110815	2997380214	3029491029
<i>Danio rerio</i>	44231259	1296199332	1340430591	<i>Pongo abelii</i>	44068914	334476651	378545565
<i>Debaryomyces hansenii</i>	9022180	3130306	12152486	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	29298313	169554093	198852406
<i>Dictyostelium discoideum</i>	20979100	12963972	33943072	<i>Prunus mume</i>	37109116	2744903486	2782012602
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	4239527	24318227	28557754	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	8691722	3379604	12071326
<i>Drosophila pseudoobscura</i>	9775205	40832070	50607275	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	71170520	2169034471	2240204991
<i>Drosophila simulans</i>	2308887	15683400	17992287	<i>Salmo salar</i>	8587907	6853272	15441179
<i>Drosophila yakuba</i>	3900892	19244445	23145337	<i>Scheffersomyces stipitis</i>	7138394	5433426	12571820
<i>Elaeis guineensis</i>	27281976	630686860	657968836	<i>Schizosaccharomyces pombe</i>	30558151	202664230	233222381
<i>Equus caballus</i>	32994722	2334058725	2367053447	<i>Sesamum indicum</i>	35711158	365585260	401296418
<i>Eremothecium cymbalariae</i>	6473618	3195806	9669424	<i>Setaria italica</i>	33641774	768496446	802138220
<i>Eremothecium gossypii</i>	7007631	2088117	9095748	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	34535865	891890599	926426464
<i>Esox lucius</i>	36362423	664661728	701024151	<i>Solanum pennellii</i>	37431478	621797889	659229367

<i>Felis catus</i>	32750934	2386461976	2419212910	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	32005814	2564633642	2596639456
<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	25797019	1018268272	1044065291	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	23660215	997802725	1021462940
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	30904815	167212294	198117109	<i>Takifugu rubripes</i>	28676957	252895405	281572362
<i>Gallus gallus</i>	28351491	993087537	1021439028	<i>Tetrapispora blattae</i>	8755400	5293193	14048593
<i>Glycine max</i>	60862926	888313116	949176042	<i>Tetrapispora phaffii</i>	8034104	4066086	12100190
<i>Gorilla gorilla</i>	33405815	2884281198	2917687013	<i>Thalassiosira pseudonana</i>	15615332	13118203	28733535
<i>Gossypium raimondii</i>	44683789	704544301	749228090	<i>Theileria annulata</i>	6074113	2278407	8352520
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	35915410	3052354422	3088269832	<i>Theileria equi</i>	4155315	1860488	6015803
<i>Kazachstania africana</i>	7848851	3281289	11130140	<i>Theileria orientalis</i>	6141721	2841875	8983596
<i>Kluyveromyces lactis</i>	7388969	3300187	10689156	<i>Theileria parva</i>	3080757	1431157	4511914
<i>Komagataella phaffii</i>	7207175	2009203	9216378	<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	34445261	296010936	330456197
<i>Lachancea thermotolerans</i>	7509690	2883172	10392862	<i>Thielavia terrestris</i>	13614268	23297988	36912256
<i>Leishmania braziliensis</i>	15200552	16037552	31238104	<i>Torulaspora delbrueckii</i>	7248844	1971834	9220678
<i>Leishmania donovani</i>	14635818	17809150	32444968	<i>Tribolium castaneum</i>	19166507	168328462	187494969
<i>Leishmania infantum</i>	15556104	16368749	31924853	<i>Trypanosoma brucei</i>	13292454	8855634	22148088
<i>Leishmania major</i>	15710352	17144737	32855089	<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	11979357	7664534	19643891
<i>Leishmania mexicana</i>	15190689	15747000	30937689	<i>Vigna radiata</i>	29662798	303645666	333308464
<i>Leishmania panamensis</i>	14542185	16146609	30688794	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	31432213	394743796	426176009
<i>Lepisosteus oculatus</i>	31820297	859323780	891144077	<i>Yarrowia lipolytica</i>	9430576	11072405	20502981
<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	34465017	2837360992	2871826009	<i>Zea mays</i>	44366789	2015334939	2059701728
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	34674220	2801289170	2835963390	<i>Zygosaccharomyces rouxii</i>	7436797	2327838	9764635
<i>Magnaporthe oryzae</i>	16673311	23818662	40491973	<i>Zymoseptoria tritici</i>	14379863	25306388	39686251
			Total		3133622680	88287559350	91421182030

## Appendix B. Data of human genome

List and total base numbers  $N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr_C})$  of genes  $Chr_C$  and  $N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr_C^c})$  of non-gene regions  $Chr_C^c$ , and their sum  $N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr}) = N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr_C}) + N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr_C^c})$  for the 24 chromosomes  $\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$  of the complete human genome  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H} = Homo\ sapiens$  extracted from the GenBank (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/>, April 2016):

Human chromosome $\mathcal{H}_{Chr}$	Gene bases $N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr_C})$	Non-gene bases $N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr_C^c})$	Total bases $N(\mathcal{H}_{Chr})$
1	3640059	245316363	248956422
2	2669855	239523674	242193529
3	2035080	196260479	198295559
4	1416419	188798136	190214555
5	1637897	179900362	181538259
6	1814234	168991745	170805979
7	1715132	157630841	159345973
8	1202323	143936313	145138636
9	1464139	136930578	138394717
10	1390981	132406441	133797422
11	2097637	132988985	135086622
12	1864798	131410511	133275309
13	669656	113694672	114364328
14	1179821	105863897	107043718

15	1236353	100754836	101991189
16	1508869	88829476	90338345
17	2051840	81205601	83257441
18	567889	79805396	80373285
19	2320757	56296859	58617616
20	844705	63599462	64444167
21	366968	46343015	46709983
22	787490	50030978	50818468
X	1337251	154703644	156040895
Y	95257	57132158	57227415
Total	35915410	3052354422	3088269832

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