

Re: Evolutionist withholds evidence on Haldane's Dilemma

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On Apr 17, 1:58 pm, "jessica.lover...@xxxxxxxxxx" <jessica.lover...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In addition, if you re-create the simulation and get different results, you should be very well be able to publish those results in a peer-reviewed journal, provided your method is robust and without flaw.

The robust requirement is a little biased against ReMine. After all, Nunney's model may not be robust. Nunney could have run it under very specific initial conditions that support Nunney's general conclusions. ReMine's issue appears to be that he doesn't think that Nunney's general conclusions are correct. If that is true, ReMine and supporters have several options that would probably be acceptable to the mainstream science community. For me as a peer reviewing scientist (different field), the following would be the best option.

What ReMine should do is write his own program (or get someone else to do so), based fully on the assumptions stated in Nunney's model. Then, the program should be run for different conditions to show that Nunney's model was not robust. ReMine should show the conditions under which Nunney's model doesn't support Nunney's general conclusions. He can then write a paper showing that the Hamilton Dilemma is a real problem, at least for some of the conditions that ReMine tested.

The paper doesn't even have to target Nunney specifically. I suggest that the paper has a better chance of getting through the peer process if it doesn't. Most peer reviewers would be biased against a direct statement that Nunney didn't know how to program a computer. I as a reviewer would pass sneaky little criticisms on Nunney's methodology, as long as the emphasis they were phrased as a criticism on the methodology. I have a secret admiration for catty that most of my fellow scientists don't share. However, if he ReMine did the job correctly no such direct criticisms would be necessary. Nunney's calculations would no longer be relevant to ReMine's position, and ReMine would have the professional right to say that.

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