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The recent extraction of mitochondrial DNA sequences from three European Neandertal fossils has led many to conclude that ancient DNA analysis supports the African replacement model of modern human origins and rejects multiregional evolution that propose some Neandertal ancestry in living humans. This conclusion is based on the regional affinity of Neandertal DNA to that from living Europeans. Consideration of migration matrix models leads to the conclusion that this conclusion is premature, since under a model of interregional gene flow we expect to see similar levels of Neandertal DNA in all contemporary regions, and living Europeans should not necessarily show closer affinity. The absence of Neandertal DNA does not distinguish between replacement and multiregional models.

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