

EBI web resources II: Ensembl and InterPro

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<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/online/course/>

Homework 3

- Go to <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/interpro/training.html> and finish the second online training course “Introduction to protein classification at the EBI” and then answer the following questions:
 - What is the difference between a protein family and a protein domain?
 - Can a protein belong to multiple families or contain multiple domains?
 - What are protein sequence features? Examples?
 - What is a protein signature? What is it used for?
 - What are the major signature types?
 - Is PROSITE a sequence pattern database or a profile database? What about Pfam?
 - What is the definition of “annotation”?
- In your report, answer these questions and also include the screen shot of the page(s) that support your answer.

Due on 10/3 (send by email, if there are 2+ files, put them in a zip file; include your last name in the file name)

Outline

- Intro to genome annotation
- Protein family/domain databases
 - InterPro, Pfam, Superfamily etc.
- Genome browser
 - Ensembl
- Hands on Practice

Genome annotation

- Predict genes (where are the genes?)
 - protein coding
 - RNA coding

 - Function annotation (What are these genes?)
 - Search against UniProt or NCBI-nr (GenPept)
 - Search against protein family/domain databases
 - Search against Pathway databases
- } Function vocabularies defined in Gene Ontology

Proteins can be classified into groups according to sequence or structural similarity. These groups often contain well characterized proteins whose function is known. Thus, when a novel protein is identified, its functional properties can be proposed based on the group to which it is predicted to belong.

Hidden Markov Models



PIRSF

TIGR
tigr fams



SMART

Finger-Prints



Profiles



Patterns



Structural domains

Functional annotation of families/domains

Protein features (sites)

Superfamily
Gene3D

SCOP
CATH

PDB

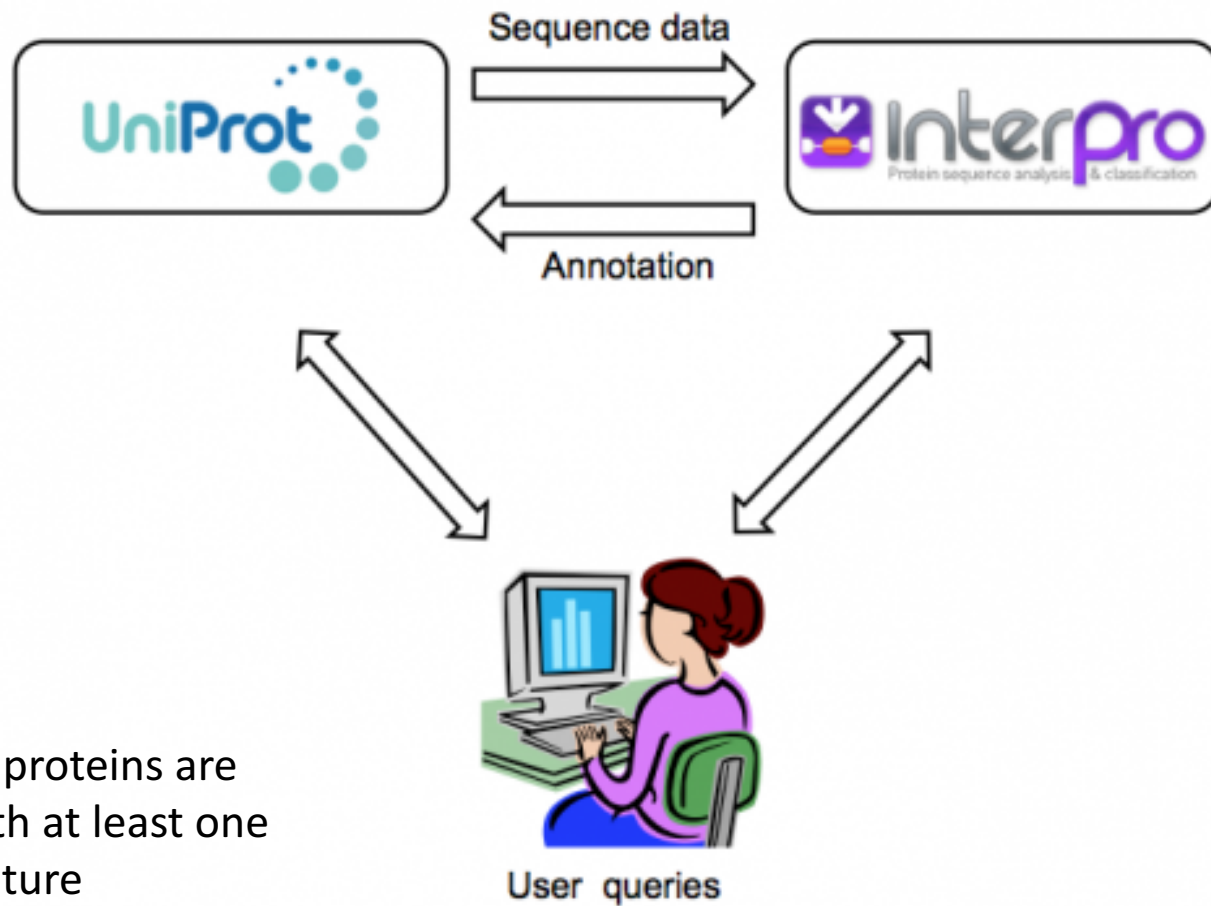


InterPro components

1. CATH/Gene3D University College, London, UK
2. PANTHER University of Southern California, CA, USA
3. PIRSF Protein Information Resource, Georgetown University, USA
- ★ 4. **Pfam** Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Hinxton, UK
5. PRINTS University of Manchester, UK
6. ProDom PRABI Villeurbanne, France
7. **PROSITE** Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics (SIB), Geneva, Switzerland
- ★ 8. SMART EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany
9. **SUPERFAMILY** University of Bristol, UK
- ★ 10. TIGRFAMs J. Craig Venter Institute, Rockville, MD, US
11. HAMAP Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics (SIB), Geneva, Switzerland

CDD components

Pfam, SMART, TIGRFAM,
COG, KOG, PRK, CD, LOAD



Most UniProt proteins are annotated with at least one InterPro signature

Sequence database	Version	Count	Count of proteins matching	
			any signature	integrated signatures
UniProtKB	2014_07	80370243	71766615 (89.3%)	67116794 (83.5%)
UniProtKB/TrEMBL	2014_07	79824243	71234772 (89.2%)	66591418 (83.4%)
UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot	2014_07	546000	531843 (97.4%)	525376 (96.2%)

Each InterPro entry is assigned one of a number of types which tell you what you can infer when a protein matches the entry.

The entry types are:



Family

A protein family is a group of proteins that share a common evolutionary origin reflected by their related functions, similarities in sequence, or similar primary, secondary or tertiary structure. A match to an InterPro entry of this type indicates membership of a protein family.



Domain

Domains are distinct functional, structural or sequence units that may exist in a variety of biological contexts. A match to an InterPro entry of this type indicates the presence of a domain.



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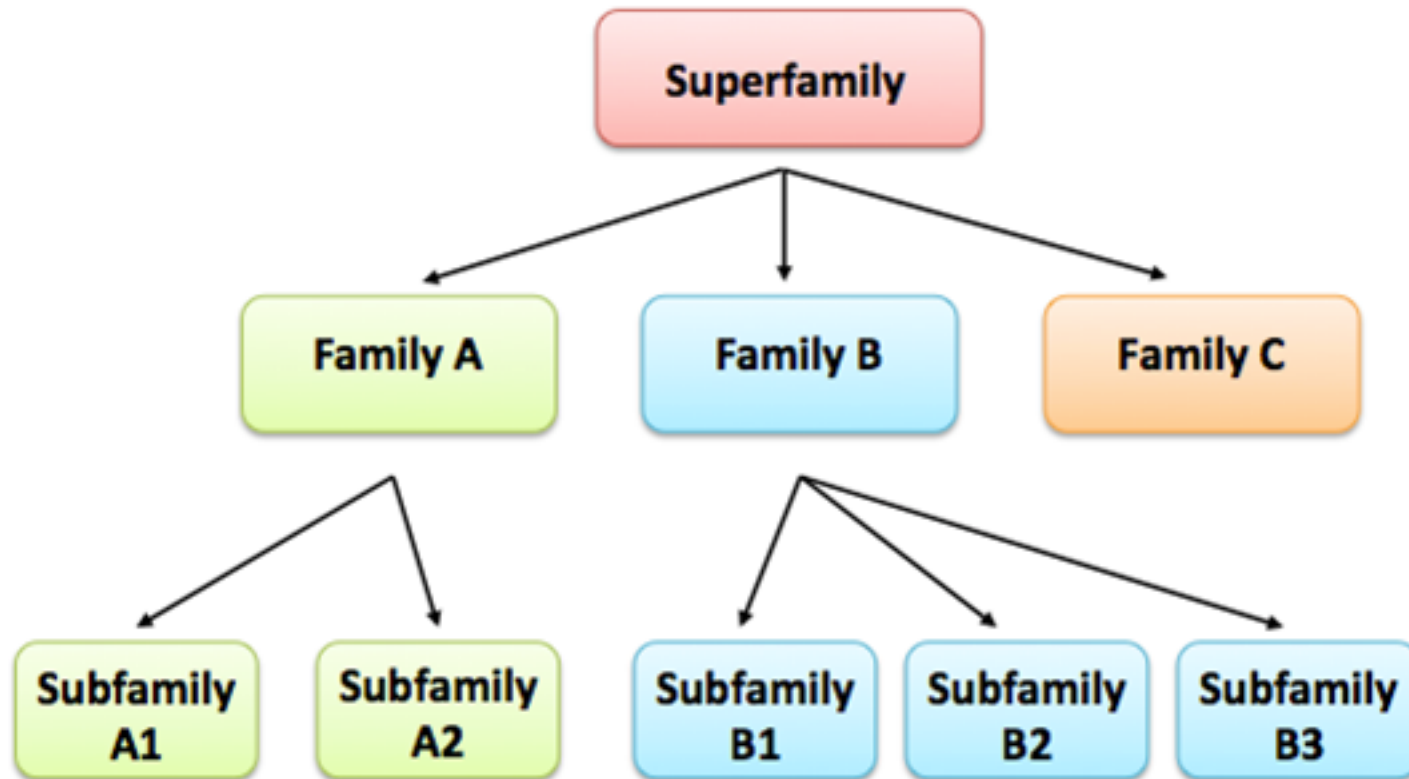
A match to an InterPro entry of this type identifies a short sequence that is typically repeated within a protein.



Site

A match to an InterPro entry of this type indicates a short sequence that contains one or more conserved residues. The type of sites covered by InterPro are active sites, binding sites, post-translational modification sites and conserved sites.

Protein families are often arranged into hierarchies, with proteins that share a common ancestor subdivided into smaller, more closely related groups. The terms superfamily (describing a large group of distantly related proteins) and subfamily (describing a small group of closely related proteins) are sometimes used in this context



Protein Classification

Nearly all proteins have structural similarities with other proteins and, in some of these cases, share a common evolutionary origin. Proteins are classified to reflect both structural and evolutionary relatedness. Many levels exist in the hierarchy, but the principal levels are family, superfamily and fold, described below.

Family: Clear evolutionarily relationship

Proteins clustered together into families are clearly evolutionarily related. Generally, this means that pairwise residue identities between the proteins are 30% and greater.

Superfamily: Probable common evolutionary origin

Proteins that have low sequence identities, but whose structural and functional features suggest that a common evolutionary origin is probable are placed together in superfamilies.

Fold: Major structural similarity

Proteins are defined as having a common fold if they have the same major secondary structures in the same arrangement and with the same topological connections. Different proteins with the same fold often have peripheral elements of secondary structure and turn regions that differ in size and conformation. Proteins placed together in the same fold category may not have a common evolutionary origin: the structural similarities could arise just from the physics and chemistry of proteins favoring certain packing arrangements and chain topologies.



Welcome to **SCOP**: Structural Classification of Proteins.

1.75 release (June 2009)

38221 PDB Entries. 1 Literature Reference. 110800 Domains. (excluding nucleic acids and theoretical models).

Folds, superfamilies, and families [statistics here](#).

[New folds](#) [superfamilies](#) [families](#).

[List of obsolete entries and their replacements](#).

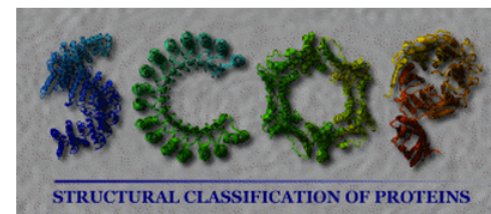
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Reference: Murzin A. G., Brenner S. E., Hubbard T., Chothia C. (1995). SCOP: a structural classification of proteins database for the investigation of sequences and structures. *J. Mol. Biol.* 247, 536-540. [\[PDF\]](#)

Recent changes are described in: Lo Conte L., Brenner S. E., Hubbard T.J.P., Chothia C., Murzin A. (2002). SCOP database in 2002: refinements accommodate structural genomics. *Nucl. Acid Res.* 30(1), 264-267. [\[PDF\]](#),

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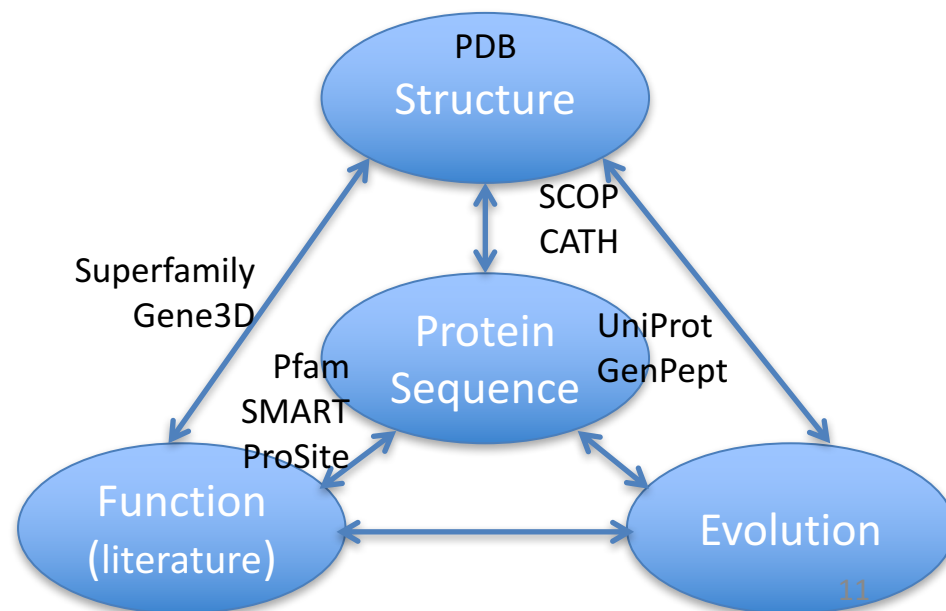


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Access methods

- Enter scop at the [top of the hierarchy](#)
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- [pre-SCOP - preview of the next release](#)
- SCOP domain sequences and pdb-style coordinate files ([ASTRAL](#))
- Hidden Markov Model library for SCOP superfamilies ([SUPERFAMILY](#))
- Structural alignments for proteins with non-trivial relationships ([SISYPHUS](#))



CATH / Gene3D

26 million protein domains classified into 2,738 superfamilies

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What is CATH?

CATH is a classification of protein structures downloaded from the Protein Data Bank.

We group protein domains into superfamilies when there is sufficient evidence they have diverged from a common ancestor.

- [Search CATH by text, ID or keyword](#)
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Example pages

- [PDB "2bop"](#)
- [Domain "1cukA01"](#)
- [Relatives of "1cukA01"](#)
- [Superfamily "HUPs"](#)
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Citing CATH

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Latest Release Statistics

CATH v4.0 based on PDB dated March 26, 2013

235,858	CATH Domains
2,738	CATH Superfamilies
69,058	Annotated PDBs

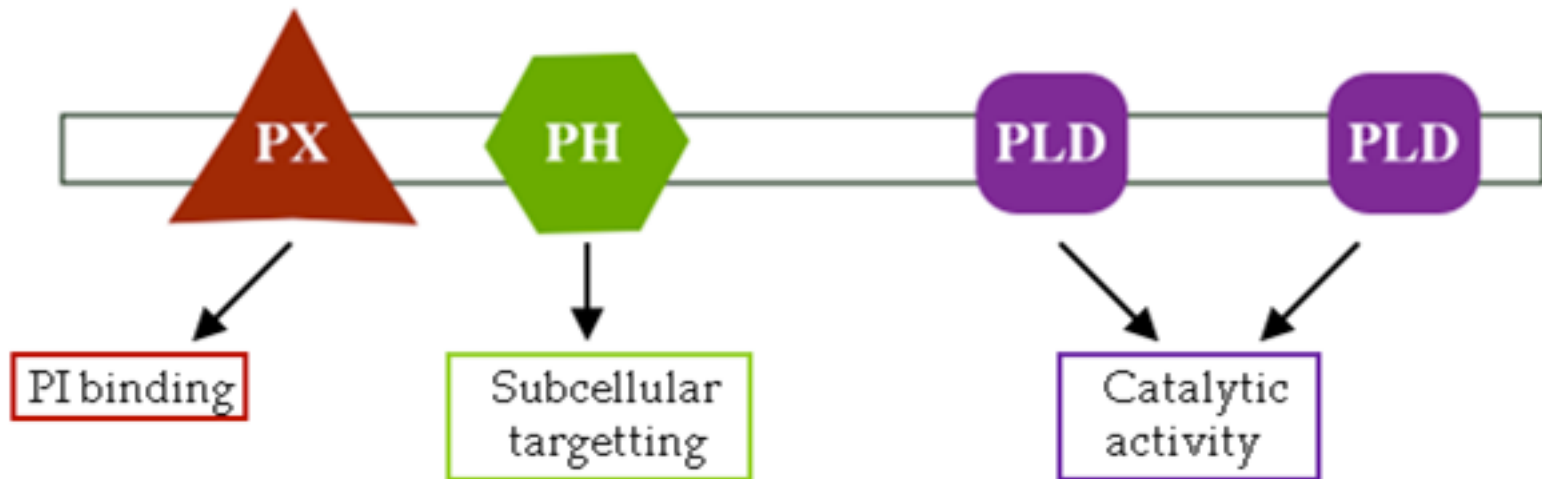
Gene3D v12 released March 18, 2012

6,131	Cellular Genomes
21,662,155	Protein Sequences
25,615,754	CATH Domain Predictions

Depth	Letter	Name	Clustering criteria
1		Class	Secondary structure content
2		Architecture	General spatial arrangement of secondary structures
3		Topology	Spatial arrangement and connectivity of secondary structures (fold)
4		Homologous Superfamily	Manual curation of evidence of evolutionary relationship (at least two criteria)
5		Sequence Family (S35)	>= 35% sequence similarity
6		Orthologous Family (S60) *	>= 60% sequence similarity
7		âLikeâ domain (S95) *	>= 95% sequence similarity
8		Identical domain (S100)	100% sequence similarity
9		Domain counter	Unique domains

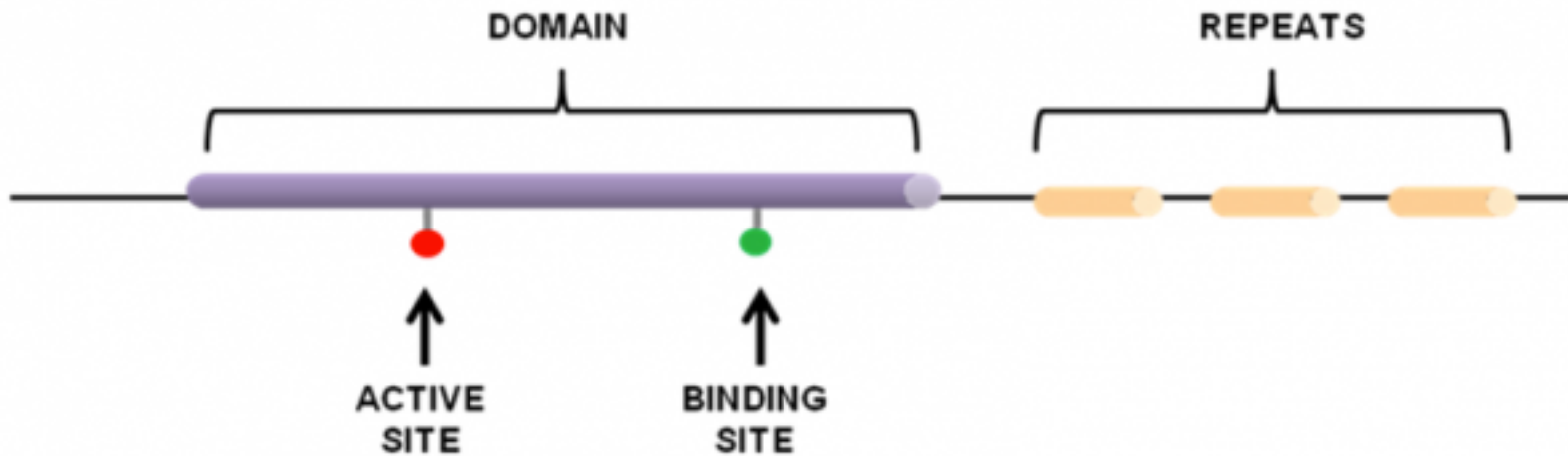
fold ~ class – superfamily ~ clan – family – subfamily – domain sequence

Family- and domain-based classifications are not always straightforward and can overlap, since proteins are sometimes assigned to families by virtue of the domain(s) they contain. An example of this kind of complexity is outlined below



Domain composition of phospholipase D1, which is an enzyme that breaks down phosphatidylcholine. The protein contains a PX (phox) domain that is involved in binding phosphatidylinositol, a PH (pleckstrin homology) domain that has a role in targeting the enzyme to particular locations within the cell, and two PLD (phospholipase D) domains responsible for the protein's catalytic activity

Sequence features differ from domains in that they are usually quite small (often only a few amino acids long), whereas domains represent entire structural or functional units of the protein (see Figure). Sequence features are often nested within domains – a protein kinase domain, for example, usually contains a protein kinase active site



Sequence features are groups of amino acids that confer certain characteristics upon a protein, and may be important for its overall function. Such features include:

active sites, which contain amino acids involved in catalytic activity.

binding sites, containing amino acids that are directly involved in binding molecules or ions.

post-translational modification (PTM) sites, which contain residues known to be chemically modified (phosphorylated, palmitoylated, acetylated, etc) after the process of protein translation.

repeats, which are typically short amino acid sequences that are repeated within a protein, and may confer binding or structural properties upon it.

Hands on exercise 1: search against protein family databases

http://www.ebi.ac.uk/interpro/

<http://cys.bios.niu.edu/yyin/teach/PBB/csl-pr.fa>, put the first sequence in the search box

Hit Search; take about 1 min

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Protein sequence analysis & classification

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Examples: IPR020405, kinase, P51587, PF02932, GO:000716

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InterPro: protein sequence analysis & classification

InterPro provides functional analysis of proteins by classifying them into families and predicting domains and important sites. We combine protein signatures from a number of member databases into a single searchable resource, capitalising on their individual strengths to produce a powerful integrated database and diagnostic tool. [Read more about InterPro](#)

Analyse your protein sequence

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InterPro v48.0
17th July 2014

Features include:

- Integration of 294 new methods from the CATH-Gene3D, PANTHER, Pfam, ProDom and SUPERFAMILY databases.

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Documentation

About InterPro: core concepts, update frequency, how to cite, team and consortium members.

FAQs: what are entry types and why are they important, interpreting results, downloading InterPro?

[Web services documentation](#)

Protein focus

Dionysian mysteries - the aldehyde dehydrogenase (ALDH) family

Do you have friends that cannot handle alcoholic drinks? Just half a pint of beer or a few sips of wine, and their faces turn red, possibly with some hangover symptoms? In this article, we will learn more about the mystery behind this condition.

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Publications

InterProScan 5: genome-scale protein function classification

A recently published paper describing new developments with the freely available InterProScan tool (*Bioinformatics*, Jan 2014).

[HTML](#) | [PDF \(324Kb\)](#)

Tweets

InterPro @InterProDB 18 Aug

InterProScan 5 (version 5.7-48.0) is now available. For more details please visit: code.google.com/p/interproscan...

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Release notes

Latest release note

http://www.ebi.ac.uk/interpro/release_notes.html



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Contents and coverage of InterPro 48.0

InterPro protein matches are now calculated for all UniProtKB and UniParc proteins. The following statistics are for all UniProtKB proteins. InterPro release 48.0 contains 26238 entries (last entry: [IPR029787](#)), representing:

F Family (17620)

D Domain (7497)

R Repeat (277)

S Sites

 i. Active site (108)

 i. Binding site (73)

 i. Conserved site (647)

 i. PTM (16)

InterPro cites 41206 publications in PubMed.

Member database information

Signature database	Version	Signatures*	Integrated signatures**
CATH-Gene3D	3.5.0	<u>2626</u>	<u>1718</u>
HAMAP	201311.27	<u>1916</u>	<u>1912</u>
PANTHER	9.0	<u>59948</u>	<u>3673</u>

Click to link to InterPro page of this domain

Click to link to individual database website

Overview

Similar proteins

Structures

Filter view on

Entry type

- Family
- Domains
- Repeats
- Site

Status

- Unintegrated

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- domain relationship
- source database

P Protein

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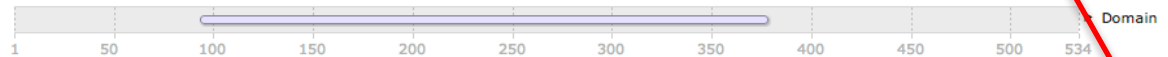
Length 534 amino acids

Export Select format

Protein family membership

None predicted.

Domains and repeats



Detailed signature matches

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		▶ SSF53448 (Nucleotid...)
		▶ G3DSA:3.90.55...
<input type="checkbox"/> no IPR	Unintegrated signatures	
		▶ CYTOPLASMIC_D... (C...)
		▶ NON_CYTOPLASM... (N...)
		▶ PF13641 (Glyco_tran...)
		▶ PTHR32044 (FAMILY N...)
		▶ PTHR32044:SF6 (GLUC...)
		▶ TMhelix
		▶ TRANSMEMBRANE (Tran...)

GO term prediction

These are individual family/domain matches not integrated in InterPro

This is linked from the previous page: the InterPro page to describe IPR029044

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Overview

- Proteins matched (427828)
- Domain organisations (2216)
- Pathways & Interactions
- Species
- Structures
- Literature (1)
- Cross-references (1)





D Domain

Nucleotide-diphospho-sugar transferases (IPR029044)

Short name: *Nucleotide-diphossugar_trans*

Domain relationships


Nucleotide-diphospho-sugar transferases (IPR029044)

-  **2-C-methyl-D-erythritol 4-phosphate cytidyltransferase (IPR001228)**
-  **Glycosyltransferase 2-like (IPR001173)**
-  **MobA-like NTP transferase domain (IPR025877)**
-  **Nucleotidyl transferase (IPR005835)**

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
This entry represents a domain with a Rossmann like fold and can be found in diverse glycosyltransferases.

The biosynthesis of disaccharides, oligosaccharides and polysaccharides involves the action of hundreds of different glycosyltransferases. These enzymes catalyse the transfer of sugar moieties from activated donor molecules to specific acceptor molecules, forming glycosidic bonds. A classification of glycosyltransferases using nucleotide diphospho-sugar, nucleotide monophospho-sugar and sugar phosphates ([EC:2.4.1.-](#)) and related proteins into distinct sequence based families has been described ([PMID: 9334165](#)). This classification is available on the CAZY (CARbohydrate-Active EnZymes) web site. The same three-dimensional fold is expected to occur within each of the families. Because 3-D structures are better conserved than sequences, several of the families defined on the basis of sequence similarities may have similar 3-D structures and therefore form 'clans'.

 Add your annotation

Contributing signatures

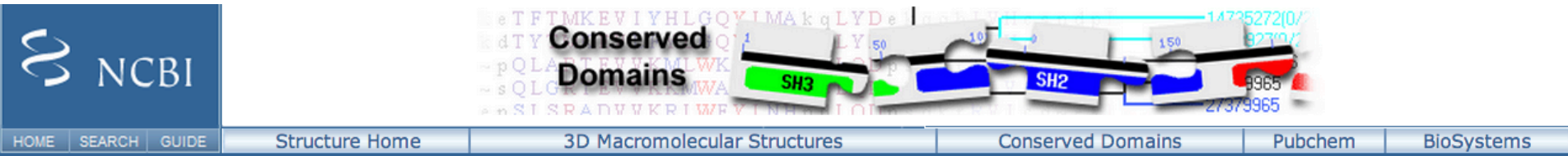
Signatures from InterPro member databases are used to construct an entry.

-  **GENE3D** ⓘ
[G3DSA:3.90.550.10](#)
(G3DSA:3.90.550.10)
-  **SUPERFAMILY** ⓘ
[SSF53448](#) (SSF53448)

Scientific literature for this IPR family

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Structure/cdd/wrpsb.cgi>

NCBI's Conserved Domain Database (CDD): equivalent to InterPro of EBI, much faster, but integrate less member databases



Search for Conserved Domains within a protein or coding nucleotide sequence

NEW! Use **Batch CD-search** to submit multiple query proteins at once!

Enter **protein** or **nucleotide** query as accession, gi, or sequence in [FASTA format](#) [?](#)

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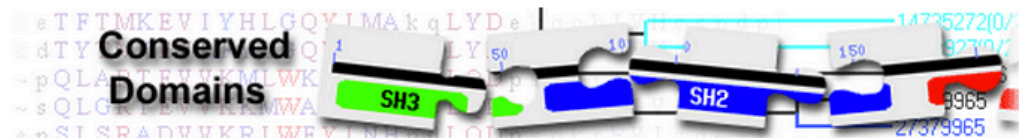
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 Pfam v27.0 - 14831 PSSMs
 SMART v6.0 - 1013 PSSMs
 KOG v1.0 - 4825 PSSMs
 COG v1.0 - 4873 PSSMs
 PRK v6.9 - 10885 PSSMs
 TIGR v13.0 - 4284 PSSMs
- Expect Value [?](#) threshold:
- Apply low-complexity filter
- Composition based statistic
- Force live search [?](#)
- Maximum number of hits [?](#)
- Result mode Concise [?](#) Standard [?](#) Full [?](#)

Retrieve previous CD-search result

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References:

- [?](#) Marchler-Bauer A et al. (2011), "CDD: a Conserved Domain Database for the functional annotation of proteins.", **Nucleic Acids Res.**39(D)225-9.
- [?](#) Marchler-Bauer A et al. (2009), "CDD: specific functional annotation with the Conserved Domain Database.", **Nucleic Acids Res.**37(D)205-10.
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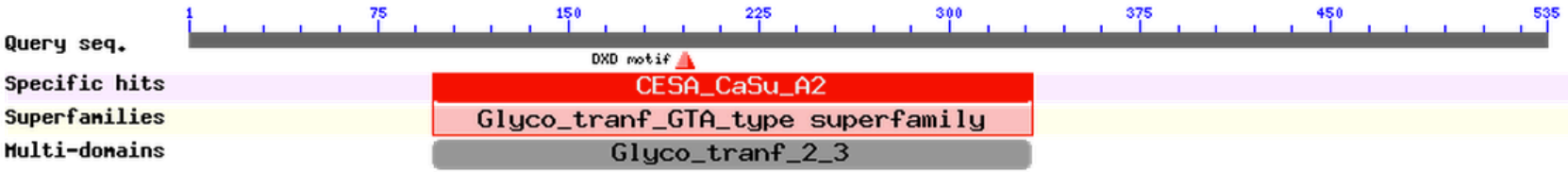


Conserved domains on [AT5G22740.1|AT5G22740.1]

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List of domain hits ?

	Description	PssmId	Multi-dom	E-value
[+]CESA_CaSu_A2[cd06437]	Cellulose synthase catalytic subunit A2 (CESA2) is a catalytic subunit or a catalytic subunit substitute of the cellulose synt	133059	yes	2.38e-142
[+]Glyco_tranf_2_3[pfam13641]	Glycosyltransferase like family 2; Members of this family of prokaryotic proteins include putative glucosyltransferase, ...	205818	yes	1.53e-25

References:

- Marchler-Bauer A et al. (2013), "CDD: conserved domains and protein three-dimensional structure.", **Nucleic Acids Res.**41(D1)348-52.
- Marchler-Bauer A et al. (2011), "CDD: a Conserved Domain Database for the functional annotation of proteins.", **Nucleic Acids Res.**39(D)225-9.
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Genome browser: ENSEMBL

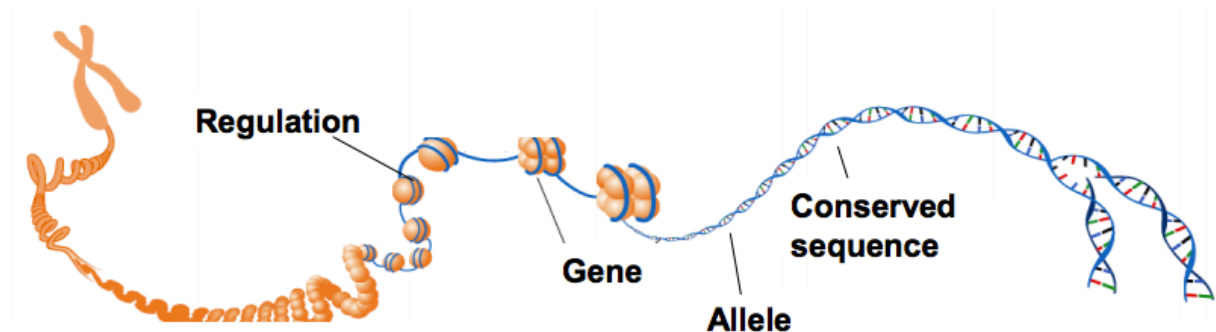
The Ensembl project aims to automatically *annotate* genome sequences, *integrate* these data with other biological information and to make the results freely available to geneticists, molecular biologists, bioinformaticians and the wider research community. Ensembl is jointly headed by Dr Stephen Searle at the Wellcome Trust *Sanger Institute* and Dr Paul Flicek at the European Bioinformatics Institute (*EBI*).

The screenshot shows the Ensembl website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Ensembl logo, links for BLAST/BLAT, BioMart, Tools, Downloads, Help & Documentation, Blog, and Mirrors, and a search bar for species. Below the navigation bar is a search box with a dropdown menu for species and a 'Go' button. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Browse a Genome' with a description of the project and a list of popular genomes (Human, Mouse, Zebrafish); 'What's New in Release 76 (August 2014)' with a list of updates; 'Latest blog posts' with a list of recent posts; and a 'Did you know...?' section with a question about uploading data. There are also several feature tiles for ENCODE data, Variant Effect Predictor, Gene expression, Find SNPs, Retrieve gene sequence, Compare genes, Use my own data, and Learn about a disease.

What do we need in genome browsers?

To make the bare DNA **sequence**, its properties, and the associated **annotations** more accessible through graphical interface.

Genome browsers provide access to large amounts of sequence data via a graphical user interface. They use a **visual, high-level overview of complex data** in a form that can be grasped at a glance and provide the means to **explore the data in increasing resolution** from megabase scales down to the level of individual elements of the DNA sequence.

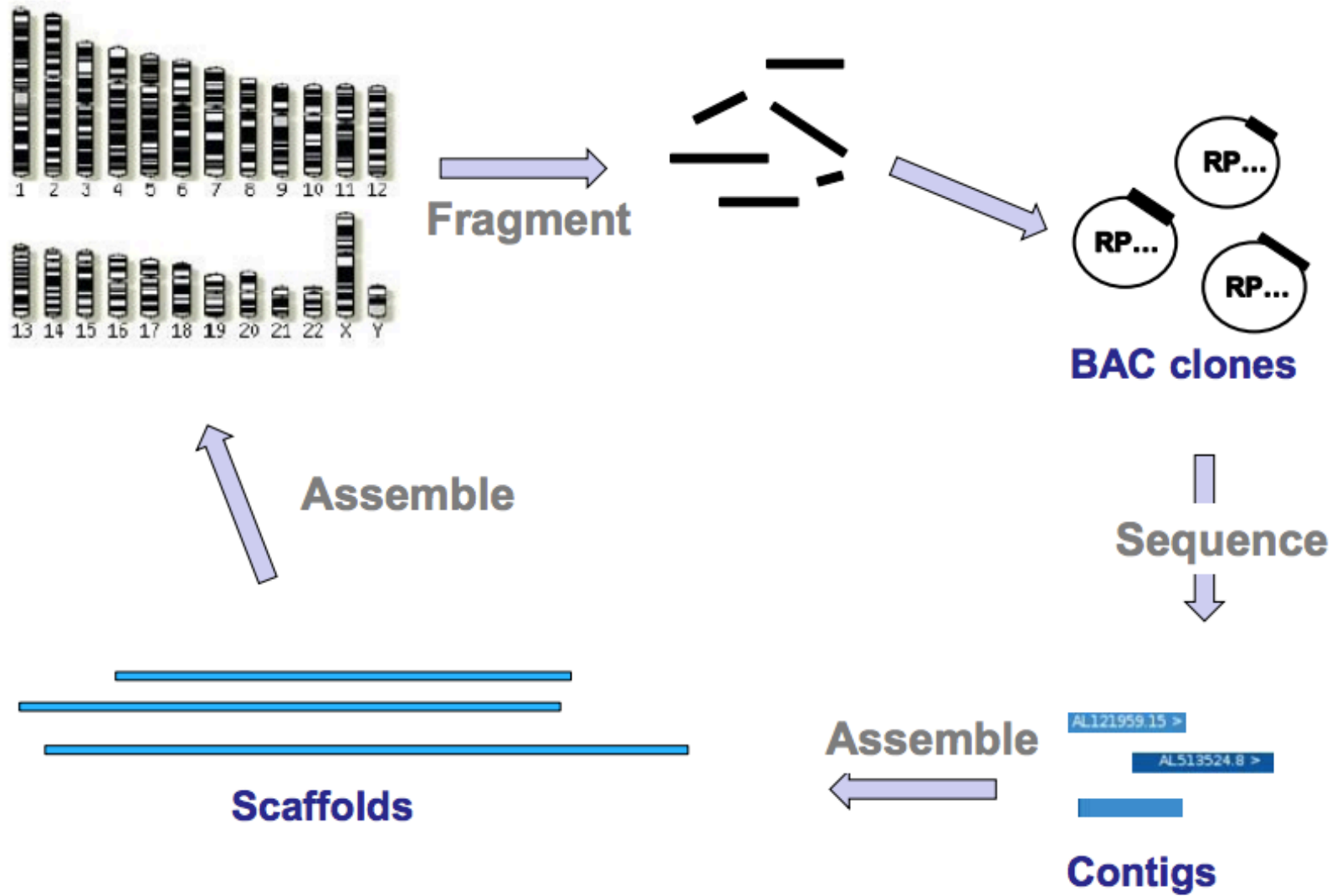


- **Splice variants, proteins, non-coding RNA**
- **Small and large scale sequence variation, phenotype associations**
- **Whole genome alignments, protein trees**
- **Potential promoters and enhancers, DNA methylation**
- **User upload, custom data**

Short tutorial videos introducing ENSEMBL

<http://useast.ensembl.org/info/website/tutorials/index.html>

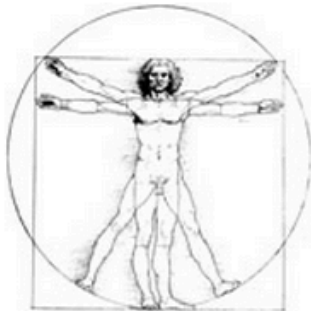
Genome Sequencing



<http://useast.ensembl.org/info/website/tutorials/index.html>

Genome Assemblies

The GRC has built tools to facilitate the curation of genome assemblies based on the sequence overlaps of long, high quality sequences (Clones and PCR products, not currently supports production of assemblies for human, mouse or zebrafish. If your assembly data fits this model and you are interested in using these tools please contact [Subscribe](#) to the grc-announce email list to receive email notification for all GRC assembly updates.



Human

The human genome assembly was produced as part of the [Human Genome Project \(HGP\)](#). The previous assembly (NCBI36) was the last one produced by the HGP and was described in 2004 ([PMID: 15496913](#)); this was the starting point for the GRC. The assembly is based largely on assembling overlapping clone sequences.

Human assembly information

Current Major Assembly	GRCh38
Regions with Alternate Loci	178
Assembly N50	67,794,873 bp
Remaining Gaps	875

[More human assembly statistics...](#)

The Genome Reference Consortium consists of:



1000 Genomes

A Deep Catalog of Human Genetic Variation

Nature 491, 56-65 (01 November 2012)

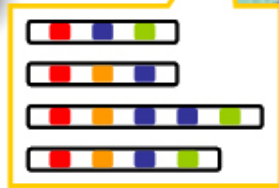
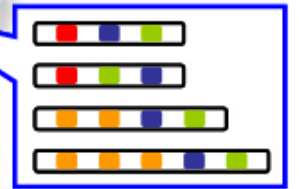
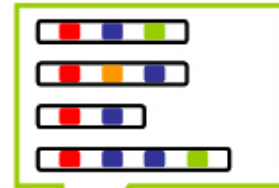
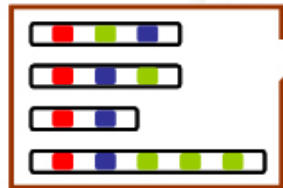
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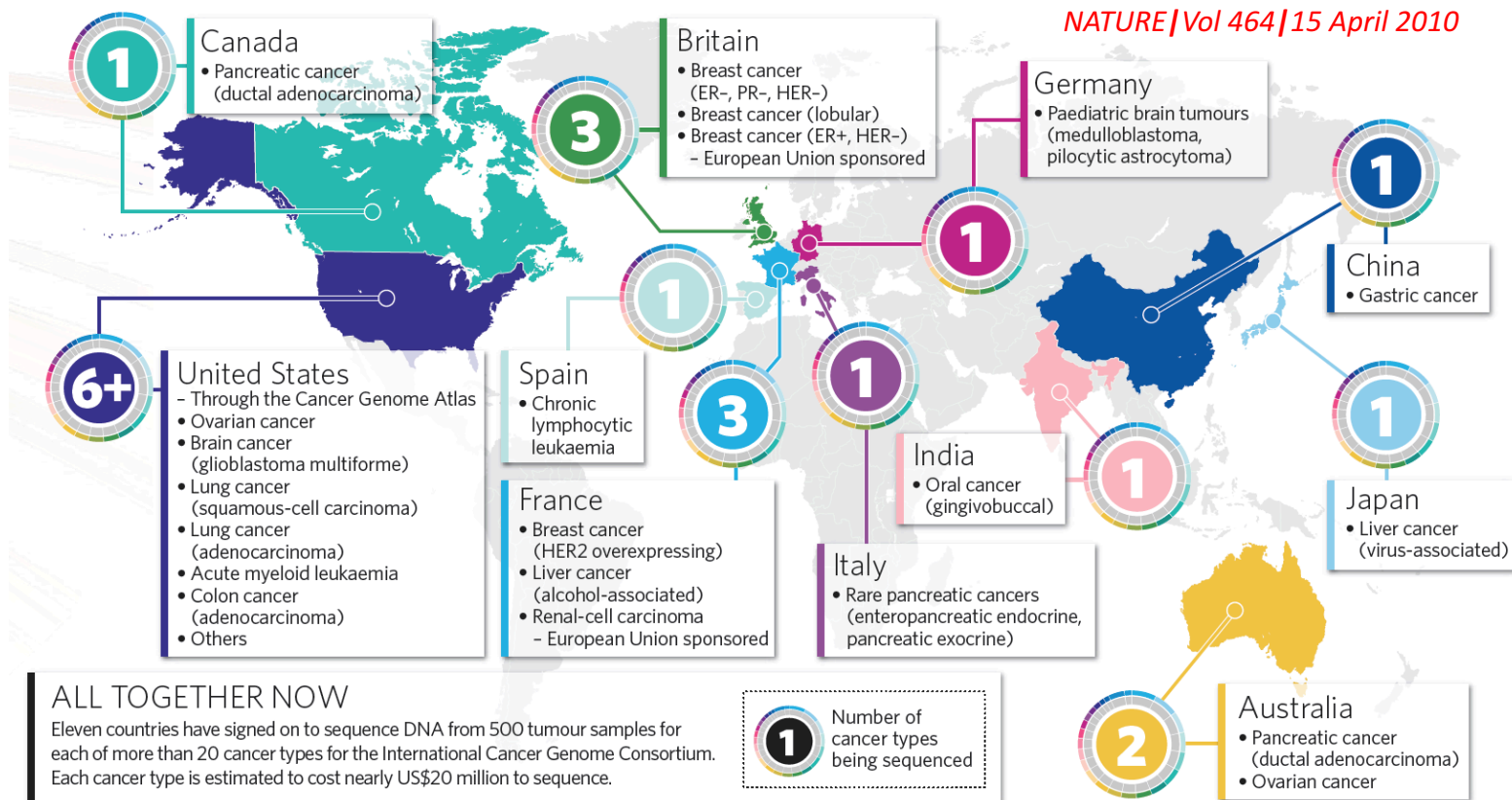
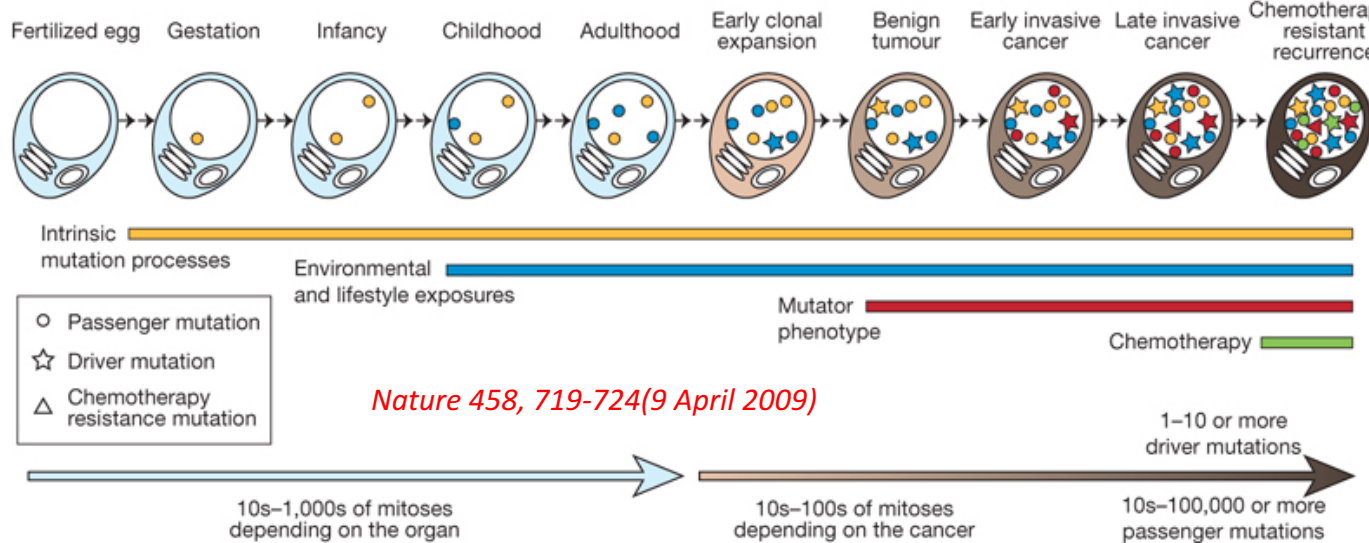
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While a user may start browsing for **a particular gene**, the user interface will display the area of the genome containing the gene, along with a broader context of other information available in the region of the chromosome occupied by the gene.

This information is shown in “**tracks**,” with each track **showing either the genomic sequence from a particular species or a particular kind of annotation on the gene**. The tracks are aligned so that the information about a particular base in the sequence is lined up and can be viewed easily.

In modern browsers, the abundance of **contextual information linked to a genomic region** not only helps to satisfy the most directed search, but also makes available a depth of content that facilitates **integration of knowledge about genes, gene expression, regulatory sequences, sequence conservation between species, and many other classes of data**.

- Ensembl Genome Browsers: <http://www.ensemblgenomes.org>
- NCBI Map Viewer: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/mapview/>
- UCSC Genome Browser: <http://genome.ucsc.edu>

Each uses a centralized model, where the web site provides access to a large public database of genome data for many species and also integrates specialized tools, such as BLAST at NCBI and Ensembl and BLAT at UCSC.

The public browsers provide a valuable service to the research community by providing **tools** for free access to whole genome data and by supporting the complex and robust **informatics infrastructure** required to make the data accessible

Hands on exercise 2: Ensembl gene search

http://www.ensembl.org/

Click to link to human page



[BLAST/BLAT](#) | [VEP](#) | [Tools](#) | [BioMart](#) | [Downloads](#) | [Help & Docs](#) | [Blog](#)

Tools

[All tools](#)

BioMart >

Export custom datasets from Ensembl with this data-mining tool

BLAST/BLAT >

Search our genomes for your DNA or protein sequence

Variant Effect Predictor >

Analyse your own variants and predict the functional consequences of known and unknown variants

Search

All species for

e.g. [BRCA2](#) or [rat 5:62797383-63627669](#) or [rs699](#) or [coronary heart disease](#)

All genomes

-- Select a species --

- [View full list of all Ensembl species](#)
- [Edit your favourites](#)

Favourite genomes



Human
GRCh38.p12

[Still using GRCh37?](#)



Mouse
GRCm38.p6



Zebrafish
GRCz11

Put "cancer" in the search box and Go



Human (GRCh38.p12) ▾

Search Human (*Homo sapiens*)

Search all categories ▾

cancer

Go

e.g. [BRCA2](#) or [17:63992802-64038237](#) or [rs1333049](#) or [osteoarthritis](#)

Genome assembly: GRCh38.p12 (GCA_000001405.27)



[More information and statistics](#)



[Download DNA sequence \(FASTA\)](#)



[Convert your data to GRCh38 coordinates](#)



[Display your data in Ensembl](#)

Other assemblies

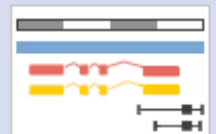
GRCh37 Full Feb 2014 archive with BLAST, VEP and BioMart



Go



[View karyotype](#)



[Example region](#)

Comparative genomics

What can I find? Homologues, gene trees, and whole genome alignments across multiple species.



[More about comparative analysis](#)



[Download alignments \(EMF\)](#)



[Example gene tree](#)

This keyword search gives everything that contains “cancer”

New Search

Current selection:

< all Species

Only searching Human

Only searching Human

cancer

55959 results match cancer when restricted to

species: Human

Restrict category to:

Gene	522
Transcript	1148
Phenotype	336
Somatic Mutation	420
Protein Domain	22
Protein Family	49
Variant	53461

Per page:

10 25 50 100

Layout:

Standard Table

Tip:

You can choose which results appear

[cancer \(Human Phenotype\)](#)
Human Phenotype
Cancer.

[pituitary cancer \(Human Phenotype\)](#)
Human Phenotype
Pituitary cancer.

[colorectal cancer \(Human Phenotype\)](#)
Human Phenotype
Colorectal cancer.

[rectum cancer \(Human Phenotype\)](#)
Human Phenotype
Rectum cancer.

[prostate cancer \(Human Phenotype\)](#)
Human Phenotype
Prostate cancer.

[childhood cancer \(Human Phenotype\)](#)
Human Phenotype
Childhood cancer.

Click on the numbers to only show gene entries

Click on Table to have a table view

This is the list of genes

Click here to show the list and select Location and Score to show chromosome location info and score respectively

Current selection:

< all Species
Only searching Human

< all Categories
Only searching Gene

Per page:
10 25 50 100

Layout:
Standard Table

Tip:
You can choose which results appear near the top of your search by updating your favourite species.

Show 10 entries

ID	Name	Location	Species		Description
ENSG00000214049	UCA1	19:15828206-15836326:1	Human		Urothelial cancer associated
ENSG00000149716	ORAOV1	11:69653076-69675416:-1	Human		UCA1-201 (HGNC transcript external reference matched to
ENSG00000253438	PCAT1	8:126556323-127419050:1	Human		Oral cancer overexpressed 1 ORAL CANCER OVEREXPR OVEREXPRESSED GENE 1 an external reference matche
ENSG00000215458	AATBC	21:43805758-43812567:-1	Human	Gene	Prostate cancer associated tr PCAT1-201 (HGNC transcript is an external reference matc
ENSG00000181101	SDCCAG3P2	1:175044626-175045648:-1	Human	Gene	Apoptosis associated transcri AATBC-201 (HGNC transcript external reference matched to
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ENSG00000238132	CASC4P1	13:19563589-19564900:-1	Human	Gene	Deleted in lung and esophage DLEC1P1-201 (HGNC transcr is an external reference matc
ENSG00000251008	ORAOV1P1	4:186170863-186171257:-1	Human	Gene	Cancer susceptibility 4 pseud CASC4P1-201 (HGNC transcr reference matched to Transcr
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Show/hide columns

- ID
- Name
- Location
- Species
- Category
- Description
- URL
- Score

The first entry in this page is a ncRNA gene.

Score is calculated based on the query: how much the annotation description is similar to the searching keyword (cancer)

Now it's showing the Gene; there is also a location tab

Many things can be explored

Human (GRCh38.p12)

Location: 19:15,828,206-15,836,326 Gene: UCA1

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 - GO: Molecular function
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 - GO: Cellular component
 - Phenotypes
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 - Variant table
 - Variant image
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 - Gene expression
 - Pathway
 - Regulation
 - External references
 - Supporting evidence
 - ID History
 - Gene history

Gene: UCA1 ENSG00000214049 ← This is ENSEMBL Gene ID

Description urothelial cancer associated 1 (non-protein coding) [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:37126]

Gene Synonyms CUDR, LINC00178, UCAT1, onco-lncRNA-36

Location Chromosome 19: 15,828,206-15,836,326 forward strand. GRCh38:CM000681.2

About this gene This gene has 36 transcripts (splice variants).

Show transcript table

Summary

Name UCA1 (HGNC Symbol)

RefSeq Overlapping RefSeq Gene ID 65299 matches but different biotype of this RefSeq

Ensembl version ENSG00000214049.7

Other assemblies This gene maps to 15,939,016-15,947,136 in GRCh37 coordinates. View this locus in the GRCh37 archive: ENSG00000214049

Gene type LincRNA

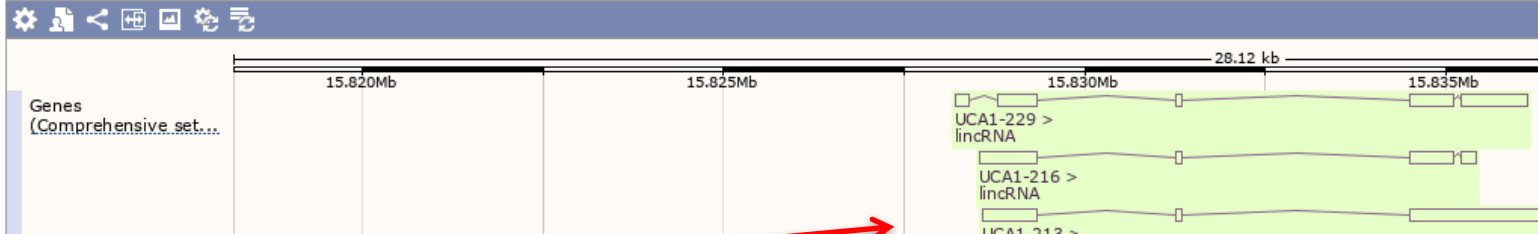
Annotation method Manual annotation (determined on a case-by-case basis) from the Human Gene Protein Atlas

Link to NCBI

This is ENSEMBL Transcript ID

This is a long intergenic non-coding RNA gene

Go to Region in Detail for more tracks and navigation options (e.g. zooming)



Here is the graphical representation of the gene

Let's try a protein-coding gene: LAT1, also known as SLC7A5

Human (GRCh38) Location: 16:87,830,023-87,869,488 Gene: SLC7A5

 **Human**
Homo sapiens

Search all categories ▾ SLC7A5


e.g. [BRCA2](#) or [17:63973115-64437414](#) or [osteoarthritis](#)

Genome assembly: GRCh38 (GCA_00001405.15)

-  More information and statistics
-  Download DNA sequence (FASTA)
-  Convert your data to GRCh38 coordinates
-  Display your data in Ensembl

Other assemblies

GRCh37 (Long-term archive with BLAST, VEP and BioMart)


View karyotype


Example region

Click here



Human (GRCh38) ▾

Current selection:

< all Species

Only searching Human

Restrict category to:

Gene	4
Transcript	6
Variation	1390
Somatic Mutation	41
GeneTree	1
ProbeFeature	50
Protein Family	1

Per page:

10 25 50 100

Only searching Human ▾ SLC7A5



1493 results match SLC7A5 when restricted to species: Human ✕

[SLC7A5 \(Human Gene\)](#)

[ENSG00000103257](#) 16:87830023-87869488:-1

Solute carrier family 7 (amino acid transporter light chain, L system), member 5 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11063] **SLC7A5** (Vega gene) is associated with Gene ENSG00000103257
[Variation table](#) • [Location](#) • [Regulation](#) • [Orthologues](#) • [Gene tree](#)

[SLC7A5-001 \(Human Transcript\)](#)

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[Location](#) • [cDNA seq.](#) • [Variation table](#) • [Protein seq.](#) • [Population](#) • [Protein](#)

[SLC7A5-003 \(Human Transcript\)](#)

[ENST00000563489](#) 16:87832732-87836805:-1

Solute carrier family 7 (amino acid transporter light chain, L system), member 5 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11063] **SLC7A5-003** (Vega transcript) is associated with Transcript ENST00000563489

[Location](#) • [cDNA seq.](#) • [Variation table](#) • [Regulation](#)

Click to view the sequence page

Location: 16:87,830,023-87,869,488 Gene: SLC7A5

Gene-based displays

- Summary
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Gene: SLC7A5 ENSG00000103257

Description solute carrier family 7 member 5 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11063]

Gene Synonyms CD98, D16S469E, E16, LAT1, MPE16

Location [Chromosome 16: 87,830,023-87,869,488](#) reverse strand.
GRCh38:CM000678.2

About this gene This gene has 3 transcripts (splice variants), 89 orthologues, 7 paralogues, is a member of 1 Ensembl protein family and is associated with 4 phenotypes.

Transcripts [Hide transcript table](#)

Name	Transcript ID	bp	Protein	Biotype	CCDS	UniProt	RefSeq	Flags
SLC7A5-201	ENST00000261622.4	4537	507aa	Protein coding	CCDS10964.1	Q01650	NM_003486 NP_003477	TSL:1 GENCODE basic APPRIS P1
SLC7A5-203	ENST00000565644.5	3983	241aa	Protein coding	-	A0A0C4DGL4	-	TSL:1 GENCODE basic
SLC7A5-202	ENST00000563489.1	780	No protein	Retained intron	-	-	-	TSL:2

Summary

Name [SLC7A5](#) (HGNC Symbol)

CCDS This gene is a member of the Human CCDS set: [CCDS10964.1](#)

UniProtKB This gene has proteins that correspond to the following UniProtKB identifiers: [Q01650](#)

RefSeq Overlapping RefSeq Gene ID [8140](#) matches and has similar biotype of protein_coding

Ensembl version ENSG00000103257.8

Other assemblies This gene maps to [87,863,629-87,903,094](#) in GRCh37 coordinates.

The three transcripts

Gene Legend

- Protein Coding
 - merged Ensembl/Havana
- Non-Protein Coding
 - processed transcript
 - RNA gene

Different names of the gene

The three transcripts

Now check the expression

Gene: SLC7A5 ENSG00000103257

Description solute carrier family 7 (amino acid transporter light chain, L system), member 5 [Source:HGNC Symbols]

Synonyms CD98, D16S469E, E16, LAT1, MPE16

Location [Chromosome 16: 87,830,023-87,869,488](#) reverse strand.

INSDC coordinates chromosome:GRCh38:CM000678.2:87830023:87869488:1

Transcripts This gene has 3 transcripts (splice variants) [Hide transcript table](#)

Show/hide columns (1 hidden)						Filter	
Name	Transcript ID	Length	Protein	Biotype	CCDS	RefSeq	Flags
SLC7A5-001	ENST00000261622	4537 bp	507 aa (view)	Protein coding	CCDS10964	NM_003486 NP_003477	Gencode basic
SLC7A5-003	ENST00000563489	780 bp	No protein product	Retained intron	-	-	
SLC7A5-002	ENST00000565644	3983 bp	241 aa (view)	Protein coding	-	-	Gencode basic

Marked-up sequence ⓘ

[Download sequence](#) [BLAST this sequence](#)

Key

Features [All exons in this region](#)

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Click to open a help page to explain what these highlights mean

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Gene: SLC7A5 ENSG00000103257

Description solute carrier family 7 member 5 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11063] [\[HGNC:11063\]](#)

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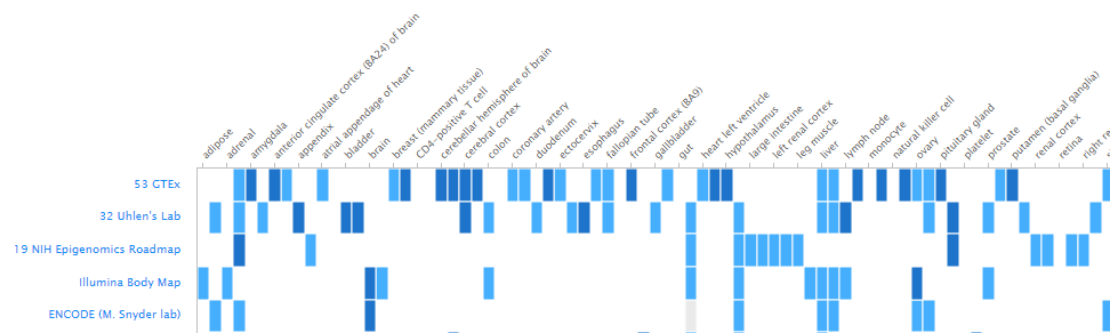
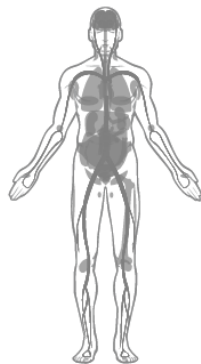
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Gene expression



Showing 11 experiments:
To zoom in, click and drag left/right, or tap with two fingers and pinch



Different genome-wide expression studies

Links to other genome browsers

Zoomed in view

This is where the gene is located in the whole chromosome view

Human (GRCh38.p7) Location: 16:87,830,023-87,869,488 Gene: SLC7A5

Location-based displays

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Chromosome 16: 87,830,023-87,869,488

Assembly exceptions

Region in detail

Chromosome bands

Contigs

Genes (Comprehensive set from GENCODE 25)

Gene Legend

Location: 16:87830023-87869488 Go Gene: Go

This screenshot shows a genome browser interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various display options and links to other genome browsers (UCSC, NCBI, Vega, Ensembl GRCh37). Below the sidebar are buttons for 'Configure this page', 'Custom tracks', 'Export data', 'Share this page', and 'Bookmark this page'. The main area displays 'Chromosome 16: 87,830,023-87,869,488' with a chromosome map and 'Assembly exceptions'. Below that is a 'Region in detail' view showing a zoomed-in section of the chromosome from 87.40 Mb to 88.3 Mb. It includes chromosome bands, contigs, and a list of genes such as SLC7A5, MIR6775, G51-21A4.2, CTD-3057O21.1, and others. A legend identifies gene types: Ensembl protein coding (red), processed transcript (blue), RNA gene (purple), merged Ensembl/Havana (yellow), and pseudogene (grey). At the bottom, there is a search bar for 'Location' and 'Gene'.

Further zoomed in view

Location: 16:87830023-87869488 Go Gene: Go

Chromosome bands

39 way GERP elements

Genes (Comprehensive set from GENCODE 25)

Contigs

Genes (Comprehensive set from GENCODE 25)

Location: 16:87830023-87869488 Go Gene: Go

This screenshot shows a highly zoomed-in view of the SLC7A5 gene region. The top part shows 'Chromosome bands' and '39 way GERP elements'. Below that, 'Genes (Comprehensive set from GENCODE 25)' and 'Contigs' are displayed. The main area shows a detailed view of the SLC7A5 gene structure, including exons and introns, with a scale bar indicating 39.47 kb. A legend identifies gene types: Ensembl protein coding (red), processed transcript (blue), RNA gene (purple), merged Ensembl/Havana (yellow), and pseudogene (grey). At the bottom, there is a search bar for 'Location' and 'Gene'.

This is the same region in the UCSC browser

PS: much faster and easier to use/understand than ENSEMBL (richer info?)

UCSC Genome Browser on Human Dec. 2013 (GRCh38/hg38) Assembly

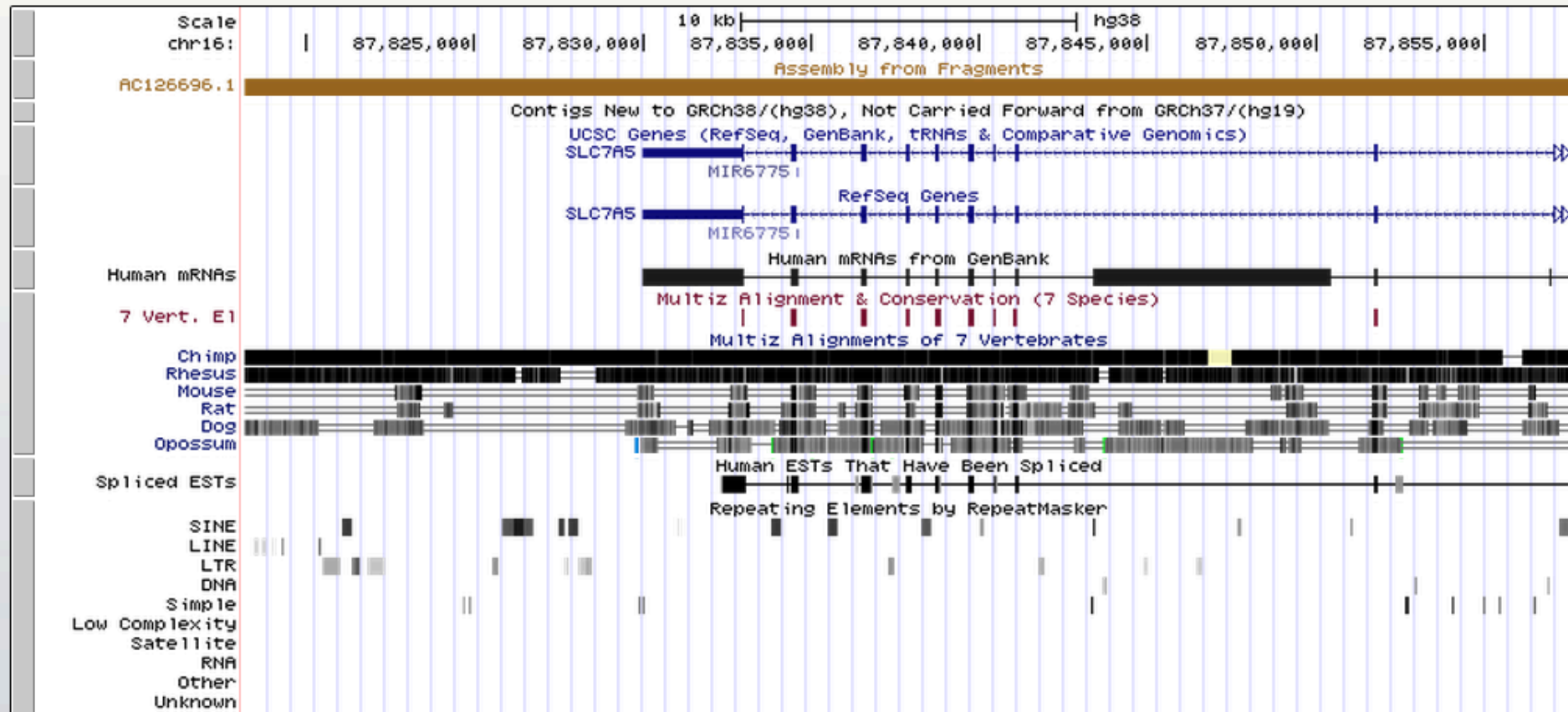
move <<< << < > >> >>> zoom in 1.5x 3x 10x base zoom out 1.5x 3x 10x 100x

chr16:87,818,177-87,857,642 39,466 bp.

enter position, gene symbol or search terms

go

chr16 (q24.2) 16p13.3 12.3 12.1 p11.2 16q11.2 q12.1 16q21 22.1 q23.1



Next lecture: ExPASy and DTU tools