Toward a Common Gene Page

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Abstract

Over the past few years, there has been increasing interest in the development of common gene pages that present information at different model organism databases (MODs) in a common format. Our target audience for this effort is the non-expert users of a given MOD, who may be visting experts from another MOD or users from outside the MOD community. In this project, we are not concerned with formatting, but rather with consistency of labels and content. Here we present a first attempt at such a page using the data collected by the Gene Ontology project, with the goal of establishing common labels and content that can be implemented by various MODs as an alternate gene page for non-expert users.

Target Audience

- Non-expert users, including:
- * Curators from other MODs * Non-MOD biologists
- * Students and educators

Methods

A simple CGI perl script was created to use the go-db-perl API to extract gene data from a local MySQL Gene Onotology DB installation. The CGI then uses the perl Template Toolkit to create html pages from templates that are derived from gene pages from WormBase, FlyBase, and SGD to provide a few examples. Creating the templates from a MODs gene page is a relatively simple process requiring a few hours of editing. An example page for creating these simple gene pages and the code for the CGI and the templates are available at http://www.gmod.org/. On the right are three screenshots of the same data (for D. mel gene som) in each of the templates. Please note: the idea here is not necessary to proscribe a format for the data, only to set the labels and their related data types.

Why GO DB?

The gene product data in the Gene Ontology database represents a collection of data that several MOD communities have already agreed to a common set of terms:

- * Symbol * Synonym
- * Database Cross Reference
- * Database ID
- * Description * Gene Ontology terms

These collection of terms can form the nucleus a set of common terms for building common gene pages

What Next?

There is an email list to discuss the development of a common gene page Subscribe at the GMOD home page (http://www.gmod.org/). There will also be on going discussions about common gene page development at the GMOD webpage After obtaining concensus on the core terms presented here, efforts will commense to identify other terms to add to a common gene page.

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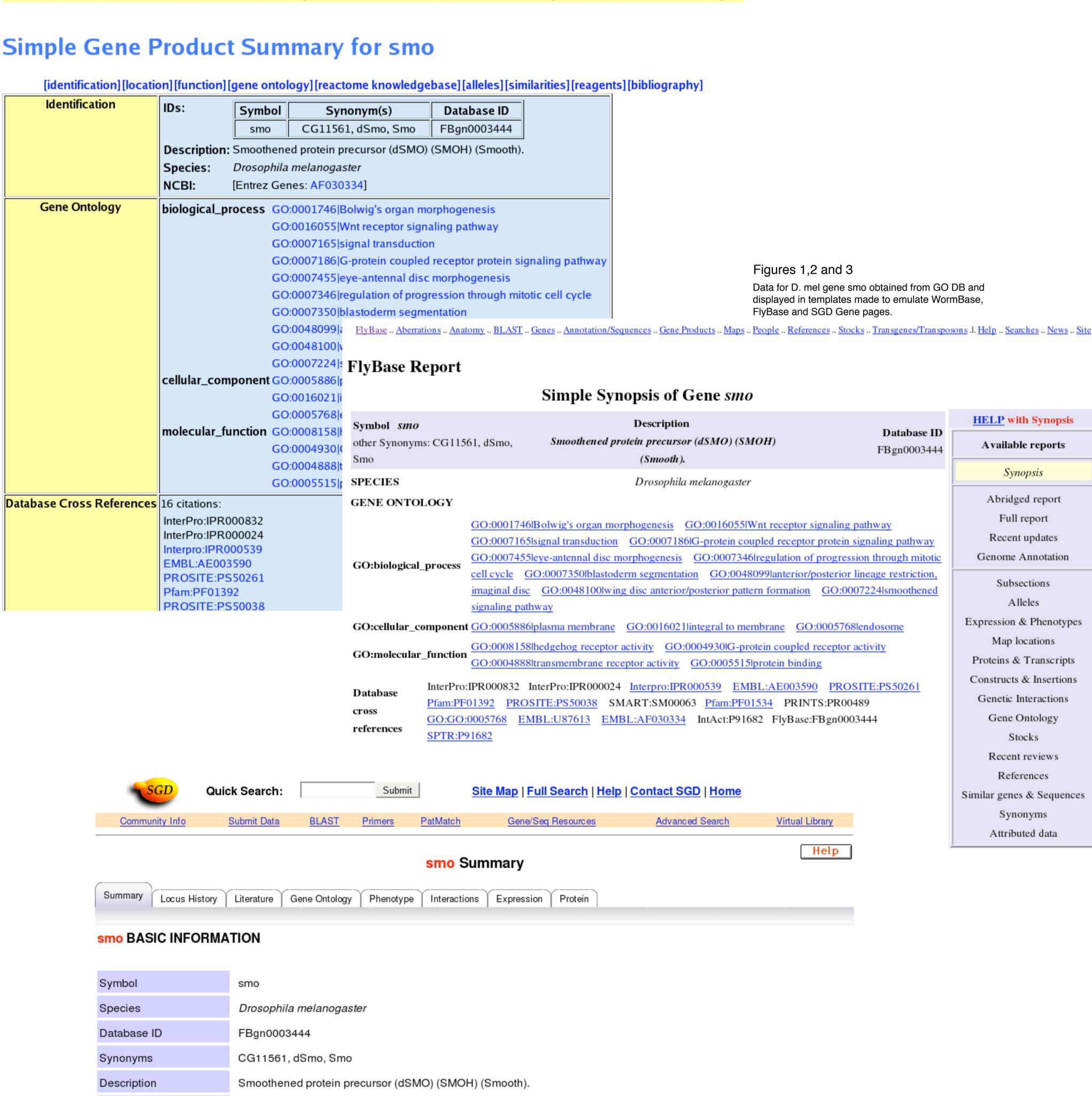
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GO Annotations biological_process GO:0016055|Wnt receptor signaling pathway GO:0007165|signal transduction GO:0007186|G-protein coupled receptor protein signaling pathway GO:0007455|eye-antennal disc morphogenesis GO:0007346|regulation of progression through mitotic cell cycle GO:0007350|blastoderm segmentation GO:0048099|anterior/posterior lineage restriction, imaginal disc GO:0048100|wing disc anterior/posterior pattern formation GO:0007224|smoothened signaling pathway cellular component GO:0016021 integral to membrane GO:0005768 endosome

GO:0004930|G-protein coupled receptor activity

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GO:0005515|protein binding

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Database Cross

References