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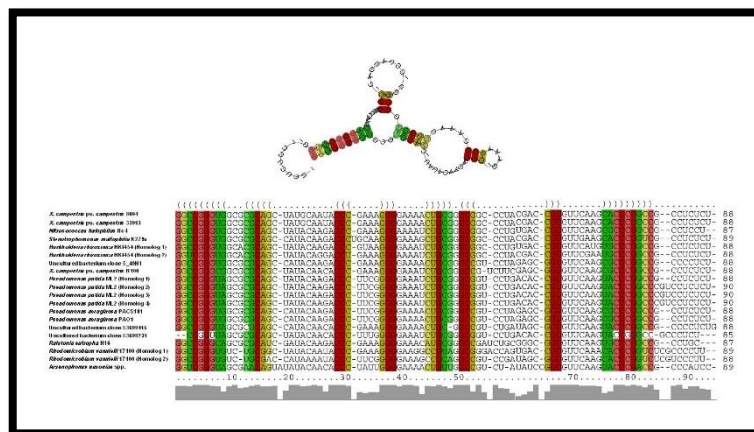
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# Introduction to Bioinformatics Online Course: IBT

**Multiple Sequence Alignment  
Building Multiple Sequence Alignment  
Lec4: Coloring MSA for Publication**

# Preparing Your Multiple Alignment for Publication

- You want to show this alignment to your colleagues, you want to **include** it in **publications**
- In short, you need a **high-impact picture** to **convince people** that your research is going well.



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# Introducing the Multiple Sequence Alignment Viewer (MSAV)

# The MSA Viewer

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Alignment

[<ncbi>/tools/msaviewer/](https://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/tools/msaviewer/) [Link To This Page](#) [Feedback](#)

Alignment View: 511 - 535 (25 bases shown)

511 - 535 (25 bases shown)

| Descriptions   | Seq Start | Seq End | Org                  |
|----------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|
| NM_001281649.1 | 1         | 1,866   | Mesocricetus auratus |
| NM_009654.4    | 1         | 2,076   | Mus musculus         |
| NM_001173105.1 | 1         | 1,847   | Cavia caryacus       |
| NM_001082344.1 | 1         | 1,996   | Oryzomys latipes     |
| NM_001005208.1 | 1         | 2,051   | Sus scrofa           |
| NM_001009376.1 | 1         | 2,089   | Ovis montanus        |
| NM_180992.2    | 1         |         |                      |

520 530

Column Quality score - DNA

Show Differences

Frequency-Based Difference

Nucleic Acid Colors

Disable

Coloring Help

Zoom In

Zoom Out

Zoom To Sequence

Expand All

Collapse All

Coloring

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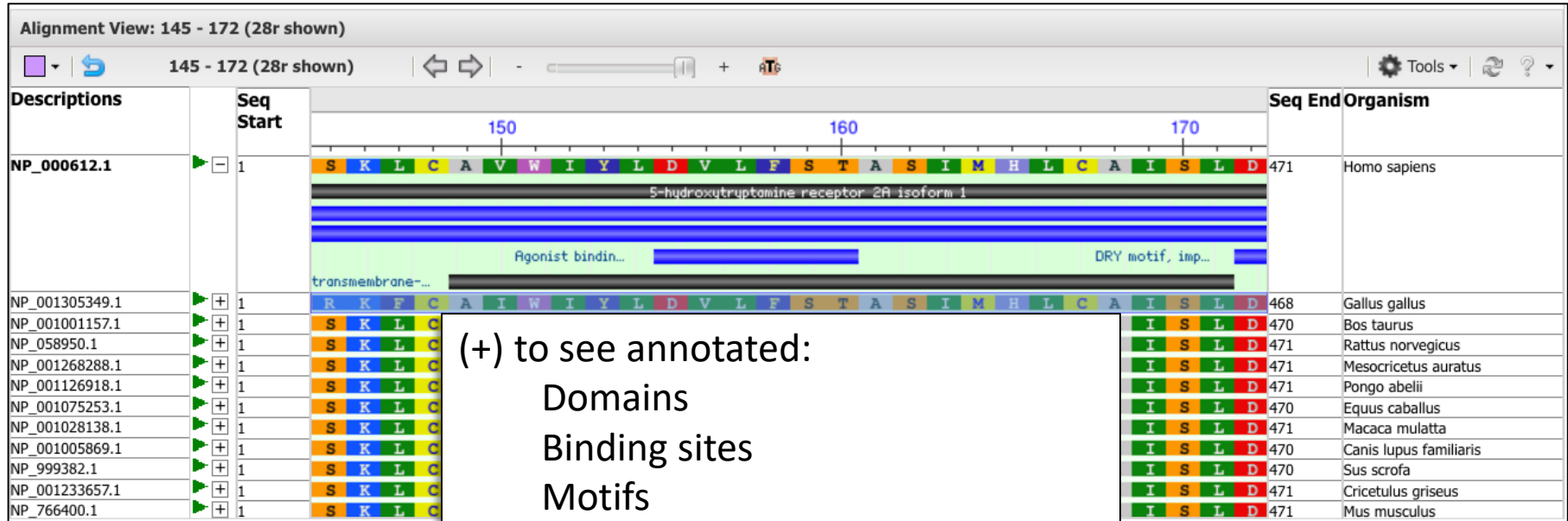
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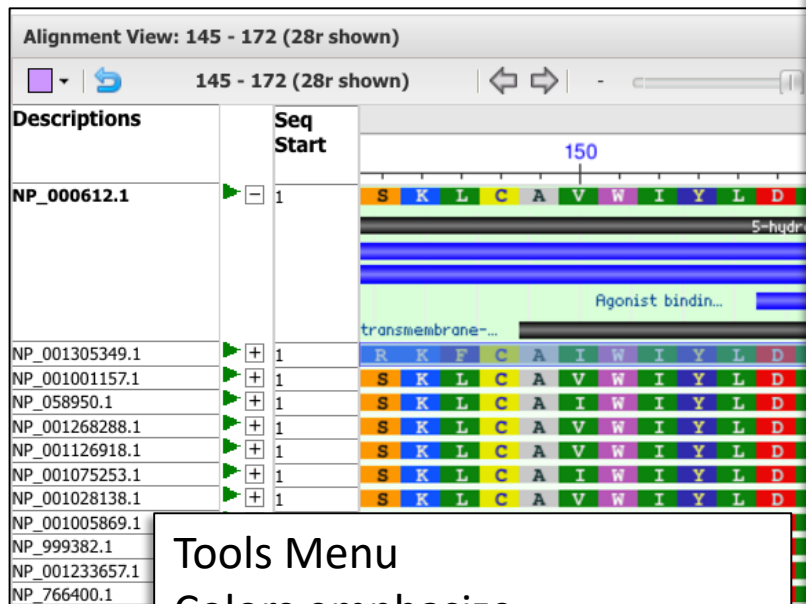
lupus familiaris

- A general purpose alignment viewer
- Useful for assessing sequence conservation, sequencing errors or variations
- Flexible options for coloring alignments
- Plugs into NCBI alignment tools (BLAST, COBALT)
- Also accepts custom alignment data
- Easily embedded in your own web pages

# Display Feature: Annotations



# Display Feature: Colors



## Tools Menu

Colors emphasize

- amino acid properties
- conservation
- column average
- compared to Master

BLOSUM45

BLOSUM62

BLOSUM80

Conservation

Column Quality score - Protein

Show Differences

Frequency-Based Difference

Hydropathy Scale

Membrane preference

Rasmol Amino Acid Colors

Shapely Amino Acid Colors

Signal sequence

Size

Tools

Zoom In

Zoom Out

ATG Zoom To Sequence

Expand All

Collapse All

Coloring

470 Sus scrofa

471 Cricetulus griseus

471 Mus musculus

# Display Feature: Residue Context

Alignment View: 286 - 341 (56r shown)

286 - 341 (56r shown)

Descriptions

| Descriptions   | Seq Start | Seq End | Organism            |
|----------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| NP_000612.1    | 1         | 471     | Homo sapiens        |
| NP_001305349.1 | 1         | 468     | Gallus gallus       |
| NP_001001157.1 | 1         |         | taurus              |
| NP_058950.1    | 1         |         | tus norvegicus      |
| NP_001268288.1 | 1         |         | ocricetus auratus   |
| NP_001126918.1 | 1         |         | go abelii           |
| NP_001075253.1 | 1         |         | tus caballus        |
| NP_001028138.1 | 1         |         | caca mulatta        |
| NP_001005869.1 | 1         |         | is lupus familiaris |
| NP_999382.1    | 1         |         | scrofa              |
| NP_001233657.1 | 1         |         | etulus griseus      |
| NP_766400.1    | 1         |         | s musculus          |


Click amino acid position in sequence position in alignment sequence statistics column statistics

NP\_001268288.1 (471 residues)  
**Taxonomy:** Mesocricetus auratus (golden hamster)  
 [rodents]  
**Alignment Pos:** 307  
**Sequence Pos:** 307

**Amino acid:** Threonine  
**Matches:** 5 of 12 rows (41.7%)  
**Mismatches:** 2 of 12 rows (16.7%)  
**Gaps:** 5 of 12 rows (41.7%)  
**Unaligned:** 0 of 12 rows (0.0%)  
**Total rows:** 12  
 Sequence is aligned from residues 1 to 471  
**Amino acids aligned:** 471



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To get started click on the  at the upper right to review the Help documentation.

### Example Links:

[Protein alignment, no master](#)

This link provides a look at protein multiple alignment with no master sequence set.

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Alignment

1 - 361 (361r shown)

Descriptions Seq Start Alignment Seq End Organism

| Descriptions | Seq Start | Alignment   | Seq End | Organism              |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------|-----------------------|
| ACT28628     | 1         | [Alignment] | 302     | Bundibugyo ebolavirus |
| AGL73430     | 1         | [Alignment] | 329     | Sudan ebolavirus      |
| AGL73451     | 1         | [Alignment] | 341     | Bundibugyo ebolavirus |
| AIY27574     | 1         | [Alignment] | 340     | Zaire ebolavirus      |
| AJA04397     | 1         | [Alignment] | 332     | Zaire ebolavirus      |

PROTEIN: 1 - 361 (361r shown)

Zoom In  
Zoom Out  
Zoom To Sequence  
Open  
Expand All  
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Enrez View ACT28628  
Set master ACT28628  
Coloring


BLOSUM45  
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BLOSUM80  
Conservation  
Column Quality score - Protein  
Show Differences  
Frequency-Based Difference  
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Signal sequence  
Size  
Disable  
Coloring Hel

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/msviewer/?url=data/protein.gbp#

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| Data Source   | BLAST Results  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> BLAST Results</li> <li> Data File</li> <li> URL</li> <li> Text</li> </ul> | <p>Please enter NCBI BLAST request ticket (RID) then press Upload</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">           Please enter Blast RID         </div> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Link related hits together</p> <p>BLAST returns separate alignments for each query, and these separate alignments can further be ordered into sets offering consistent non-overlapping query and subject coverage. The sequence viewer offers the ability to evaluate the original BLAST hits on-the-fly and link together alignments that meet a strict definition of non-overlapping query and subject coverage.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>Upload</span> </div> |

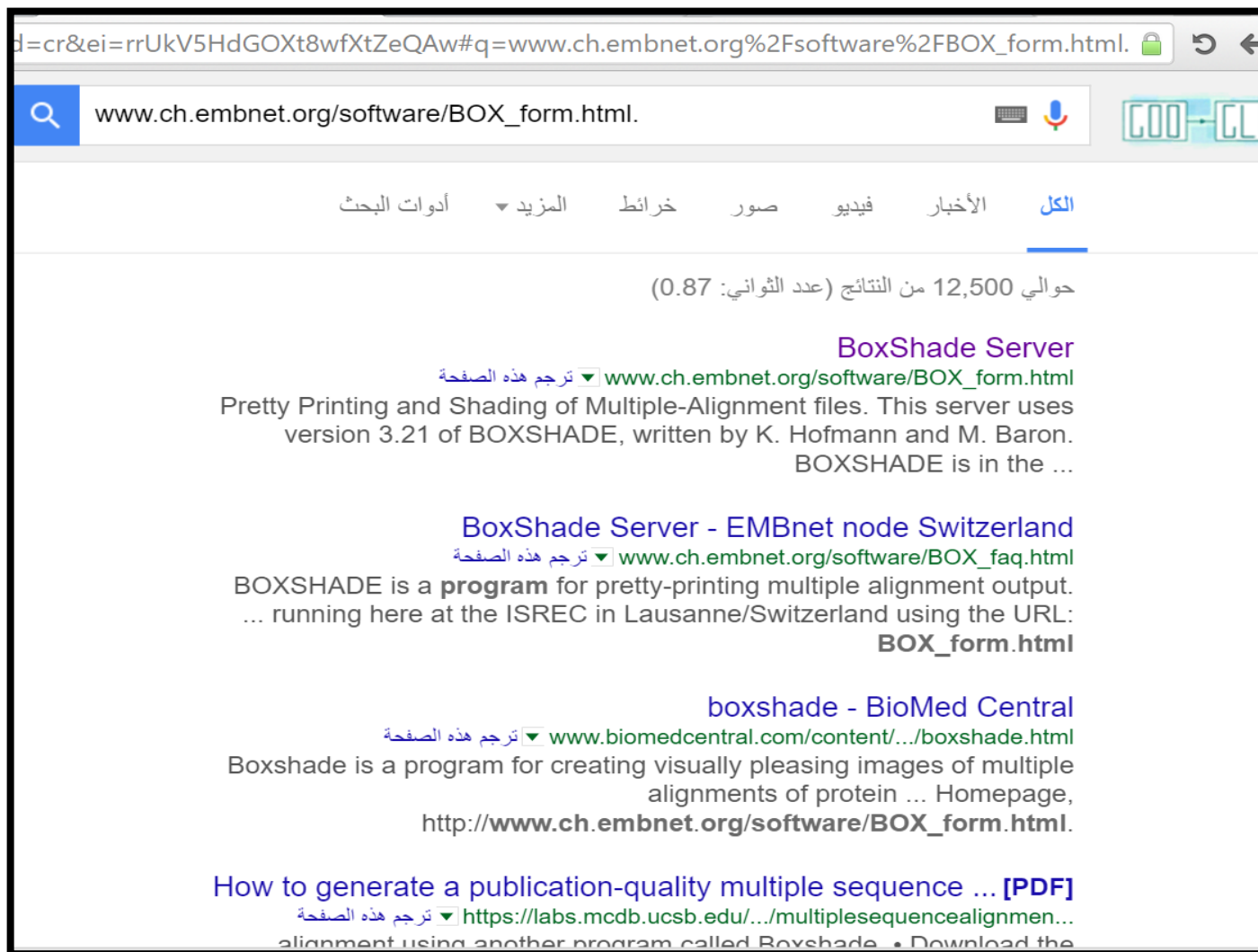
Close

# Using Boxshade

**Boxshade** is a utility that allows you to put some life into your alignment. It **shades columns** according to their **level of conservation** and produces files that you can easily manipulate for **inclusion** in **reports or articles**.



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www.ch.embnet.org/software/BOX\_form.html.

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حوالي 12,500 من النتائج (عدد الثواني: 0.87)

**BoxShade Server**  
[www.ch.embnet.org/software/BOX\\_form.html](http://www.ch.embnet.org/software/BOX_form.html)  
 Pretty Printing and Shading of Multiple-Alignment files. This server uses version 3.21 of BOXSHADE, written by K. Hofmann and M. Baron. BOXSHADE is in the ...

**BoxShade Server - EMBnet node Switzerland**  
[www.ch.embnet.org/software/BOX\\_faq.html](http://www.ch.embnet.org/software/BOX_faq.html)  
 BOXSHADE is a **program** for pretty-printing multiple alignment output. ... running here at the ISREC in Lausanne/Switzerland using the URL: **BOX\_form.html**

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[www.biomedcentral.com/content/.../boxshade.html](http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/.../boxshade.html)  
 Boxshade is a program for creating visually pleasing images of multiple alignments of protein ... Homepage, [http://www.ch.embnet.org/software/BOX\\_form.html](http://www.ch.embnet.org/software/BOX_form.html).

**How to generate a publication-quality multiple sequence ... [PDF]**  
<https://labs.mocdb.ucsb.edu/.../multiplesequencealignmen...>  
 alignment using another program called Boxshade. • Download the

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BoxShade

### Pretty Printing and Shading of Multiple-Alignment files

This server uses version 3.21 of **BOXSHADE**, written by K. Hofmann and M. Baron. **BOXSHADE** is in the public domain and available from Source Forge <http://sourceforge.net/projects/boxshade/>

This server takes a multiple-alignment file in either GCG's MSF-format or Clustal ALN-format. Output can be created in the following formats:

- Postscript/EPS (using shaded background)
- RTF old (using colors)
- RTF new (using shaded background)
- XFIG-files (using shaded background)
- ASCII (showing similarities)
- ASCII (showing differences)
- HPGL (using colors)
- PICT (for later editing on MACs and PCs)

If you have problems using this server (like getting no result), [read this](#) and see the [FAQ list](#).

Output format

Postscript\_portrait ▼

Font Size

10 ▼

Consensus Line

no consensus line ▼

Fraction of sequences

0.5 ▼ (that must agree for shading)

```

Align Example - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
CLUSTAL FORMAT for T-COFFEE Version_4.26 [http://www.tcoffee.org], CPU=3.97 sec, SCORE=69, Nseq=9, Len=158

sp|P00028|CYC_LAMTR      -----GDVEKGKKVFVQKCSQCHTVEKAG-----KHKTGPNL
sp|P62898|CYC_RAT        -----GDVEKGKKIFVQKCAQCHTVEKGG-----KHKTGPNL
sp|P99999|CYC_HUMAN      -----GDVEKGKKIFIMKCSQCHTVEKGG-----KHKTGPNL
sp|P00036|CYC_LUCCU      -----GVPAGDVEKGKKIFVQRCACHTVEAGG-----KHKVGPNL
sp|P00044|CYC1_YEAST     -----TEFKAGSAKKGATLFKTRCLQCHTVEKGG-----PHKVGPNL
sp|P00048|CYC_NEUCR      -----GFSAGDSKKGANLFKTRCAQCHTLEEGG-----GNKIGPAL
sp|Q96VP3|CYC_CURLU      -----MGFEQGDAAKGANLFKTRCAQCHTLKAGE-----GNKIGPEL
sp|P00076|CYC_EUGGR      -----GDAERGKLFESRAAQCHSAQKGV-----NSTGPSL
sp|Q00499|CY550_PARVE    MKISIIYATLAALS LALPAVAQEGDAAKGEKEF-NKCKACHMVQAPDGTDIVKGGKTGPNL
                                * . * . * : . ** : . ** *

sp|P00028|CYC_LAMTR      SGLFGRKTGQAPGFSYTD-----ANKSKGIVWNQETLFVYLENPKKYI-----PGTK
sp|P62898|CYC_RAT        HGLFGRKTGQAAGFSYTD-----ANKNGKITWGEDTLMEYLENPKKYI-----PGTK
sp|P99999|CYC_HUMAN      HGLFGRKTGQAPGYSYTA-----ANKNGKI IWGEDTLMEYLENPKKYI-----PGTK
sp|P00036|CYC_LUCCU      HGLFGRKTGQAPGFAYTN-----ANKAKGITWQDDTLFEYLENPKKYI-----PGTK
sp|P00044|CYC1_YEAST     HGIFGRHSGQAEGYSYTD-----ANIKKNVLWDENN MSEYLTNP KKYI-----PGTK
sp|P00048|CYC_NEUCR      HGLFGRKTGSVDGYAYTD-----ANKQKGITWDENTLFEYLENPKKYI-----PGTK
sp|Q96VP3|CYC_CURLU      HGLFGRKTGSVAGYSYTD-----ANKQKGIEWNHDTLFEYLENPKKYI-----PGTK
sp|P00076|CYC_EUGGR      WGVYGR TSGSVPGYAYS N-----ANKNAAIVWEEETLHKFLENPKKYV-----PGTK
sp|Q00499|CY550_PARVE    YGVVGRKIASVEGFKYGDGILEVAEKNPDMVWSEADLIEYVTDPKPWLVEKTGDSAAKTK
                                *: ** ... *: * *: : * . : :: **: : . **

sp|P00028|CYC_LAMTR      MIFAGIKKEGERKDLIAYLKKSTSE-----
sp|P62898|CYC_RAT        MIFAGIKKKGERADLIAYLKKATNE-----
sp|P99999|CYC_HUMAN      MIFVGIKKKEERADLIAYLKKATNE-----
sp|P00036|CYC_LUCCU      MIFAGLKKPNERGDLIAYLKSATK-----
sp|P00044|CYC1_YEAST     MAFGGLKKEKDRNDLITYLKKACE-----
sp|P00048|CYC_NEUCR      MAFGGLKKDKDRNDIITFMKEATA-----
sp|Q96VP3|CYC_CURLU      MAFGGLKKPKDRNDLITFLEQETK-----
sp|P00076|CYC_EUGGR      MAFAGIKAKKDRQDIIAYMKT LKD-----
sp|Q00499|CY550_PARVE    MTF---KLGNQADVVAFLAQHSPDAGAEAAPEGAAN
                                * * * : : *: : : :

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**When pasting MSF or ClustalW files, please make sure that the pasted text starts with the header line of the alignment and contains no extra blank lines at the bottom.**



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Output format:

Font Size:  If your alignment is long, select a small font size.

Consensus Line:

Fraction of sequences:  (that must agree for shading)

Enter sequence number:  only if 'consensus to a single sequence' is required

Query title (optional):

• When pasting MSF or ClustalW files, please make sure that the pasted text starts with the header line of the alignment and contains no extra blank lines at the bottom.

Input sequence format:

Paste your multiple-alignment file (see above for valid formats):

Run BOXSHADE... Clear Input

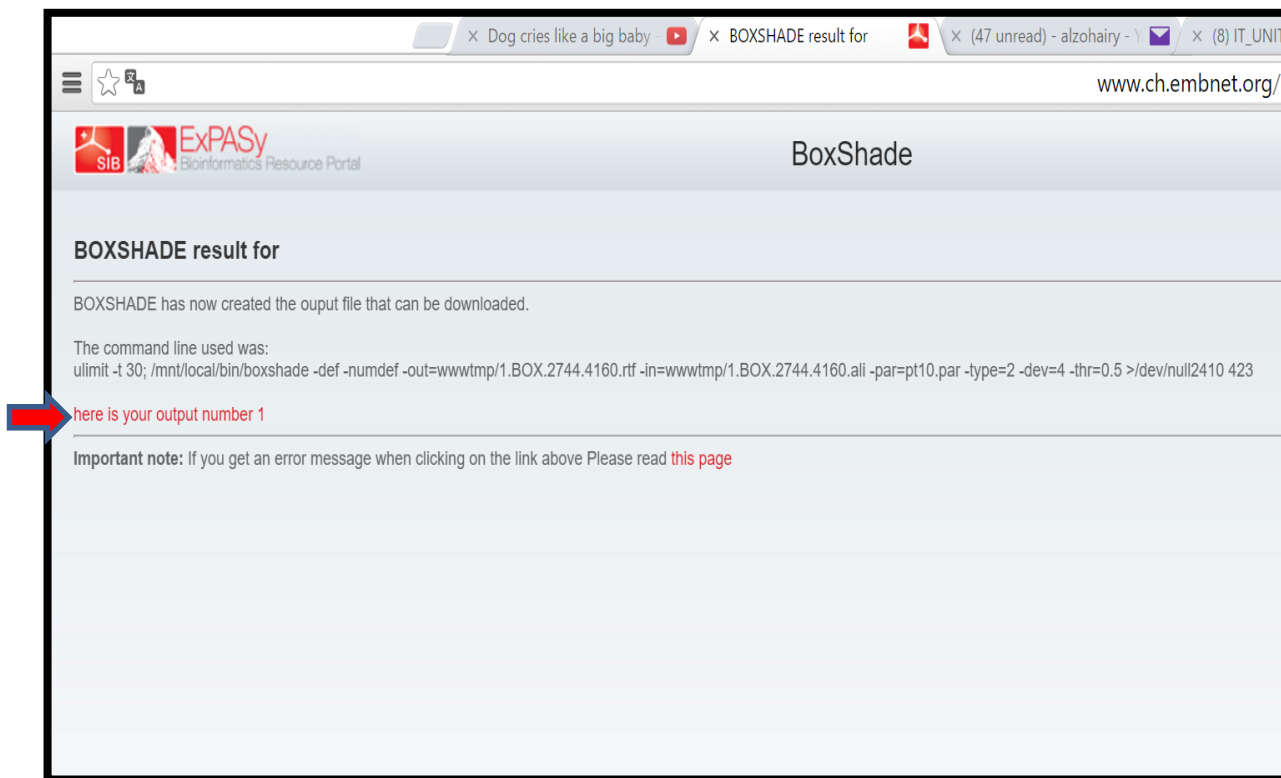
Generates a file that most word processors (such as Microsoft Word) can read

consensus sequence that contains the most common amino acid for each column.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Output format   | RTF_new ▼  |
| Font Size   | 10 ▼   |
| Consensus Line  | no consensus line ▼  |
| Fraction of sequences:  | 0.5 ▼ (that must agree for shading)  |
| Enter sequence number:  | <input type="text"/> only if 'consensus to a single sequence' is required  |
| Query title (optional)  | <input type="text"/>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When pasting MSF or ClustalW files, please make sure that the pasted text starts with the header line of the alignment and contains no extra blank lines at the bottom.</li> </ul> |  |
| Input sequence format   | ALN ▼  |
| Paste your multiple-alignment file (see above for valid formats)  | <div> <p>CLUSTAL FORMAT for T-COFFEE Version_4.26</p> <p>[<a href="http://www.tcoffee.org">http://www.tcoffee.org</a>], CPU=3.97 sec, SCORE=69, Nseq=9, Len=158</p> </div> |
| <div> <div>Run BOXSHADE...</div> <div>Clear Input</div> </div>  |  |

If you request 0.5, for example, it means you want half the residues to be conserved for some shading to occur.

Select the format of the multiple sequence alignment



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**BoxShade**

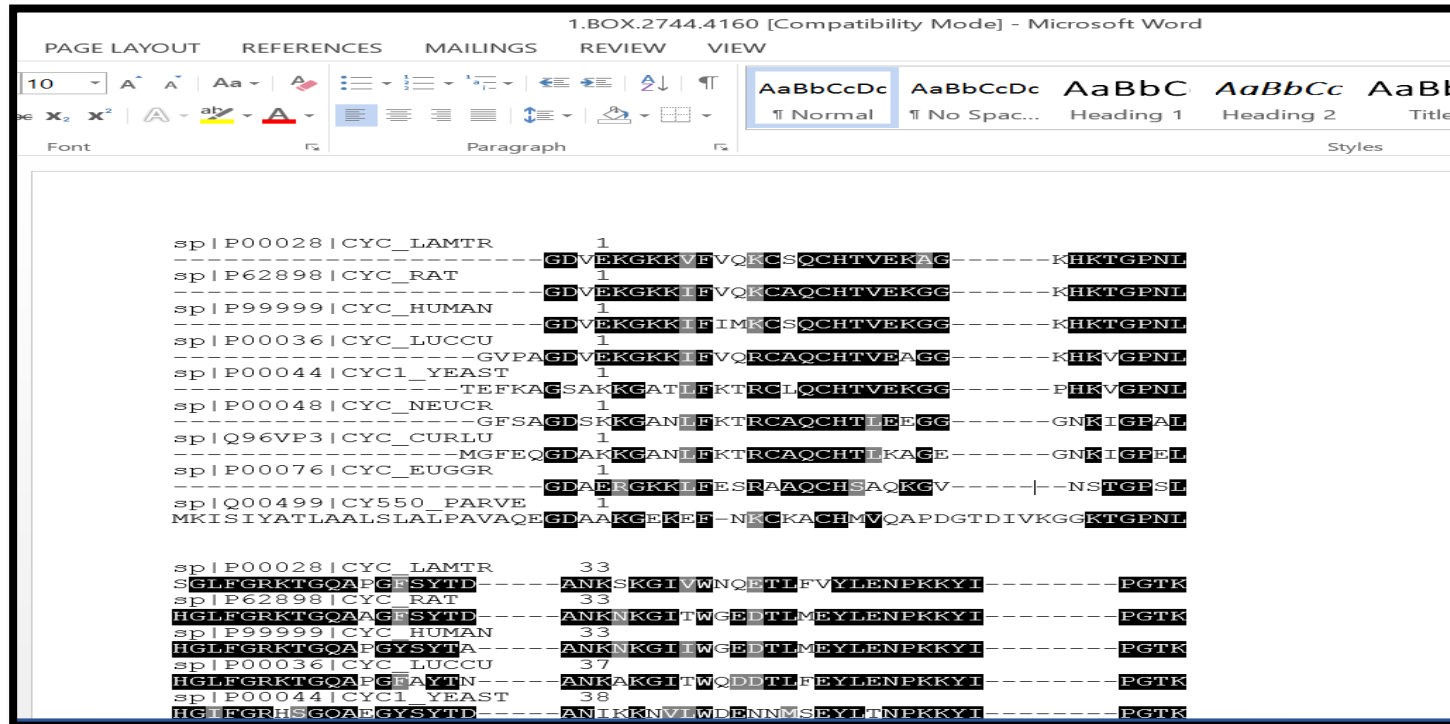
**BOXSHADE result for**

BOXSHADE has now created the ouput file that can be downloaded.

The command line used was:  
`ulimit -t 30; /mnt/local/bin/boxshade -def -numdef -out=wwwtmp/1.BOX.2744.4160.rtf -in=wwwtmp/1.BOX.2744.4160.ali -par=pt10.par -type=2 -dev=4 -thr=0.5 >/dev/null2410 423`

here is your output number 1

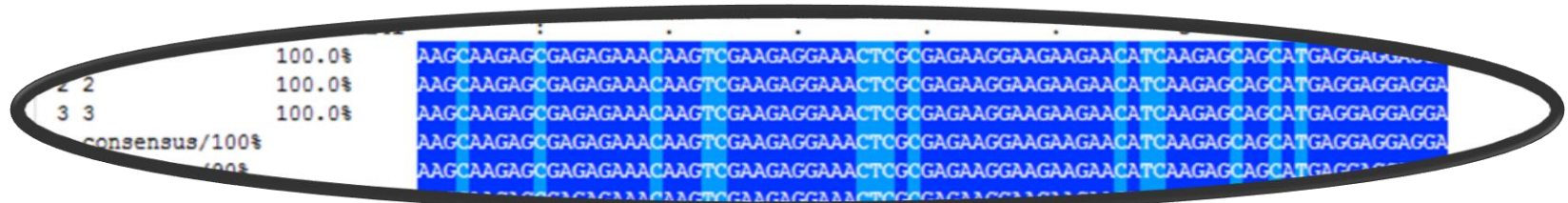
**Important note:** If you get an error message when clicking on the link above Please read [this page](#)



Conservation doesn't necessarily mean *identity* in Boxshade. Similar residues, such as isoleucine and valine, also account for conservation. Two types of shading exist:

- **Black:** Identical amino acids or nucleotides
- **Gray:** Similar amino acids

# MView for colorful MSA



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MView related literature

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## MView - A multiple alignment viewer

MView reformats the results of a sequence database search (BLAST, FASTA, etc) or a multiple alignment (MSF, PIR, CLUSTAL, etc) adding optional HTML markup to control colouring and web page layout. MView is not a multiple alignment program, nor is it a general purpose alignment editor.

### Use this tool

#### STEP 1 - Enter your input alignment

Enter or paste a  sequence alignment in any supported format:

```
>3
AAACCAAGAGTGAGTTTGTGTTCTCTACCTGACCTCACCATGGCGACCAGAGCCAAGCTTCTTTAGCTA
TCTTCCTTTTCTTTCTTTTAGCCTTGATT
CAAACCTAGCCTTGGGCAAACCTAAAGAAACCGAGGTCGAAGAAGATCCCGAGCTCGTAACATGCAAACA
```

Upload a file:

#### STEP 2 - Set input parameters

INPUT FORMAT

#### STEP 3 - Set output parameters

OUTPUT FORMAT

HTML MARKUP

CSS

PCID

#### Alignment Options

Alignment

RULER

ALIGNMENT WIDTH

COLORING

COLORMAP

GROUPMAP

#### Consensus Options

CONSENSUS

CONCOLORING

CONCOLORMAP

CONGROUPMAP

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#### STEP 4 - Submit your job

☐ Be notified by email (Tick this box if you want to be notified by email when the results are available)

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Upload a file:

Browse...

### STEP 2 - Set input parameters

INPUT FORMAT

AUTOMATIC

### STEP 3 - Set output parameters



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## MView Results

Alignments Submission Details Submit Another Job

### Alignment

Download Alignment File

Reference sequence (1): 1  
Identities normalised by aligned length.  
Colored by: identity + property

|     |                |        |   |
|-----|----------------|--------|---|
| 1   | 1              | 100.0% | 1 [ . . . . . : . . . . . 80  |
| 2   | 2              | 100.0% | AAACCAAGAGTGAGTTTGTGTTCTCACTGACCTCACCATGGCGACCAGAGCCAAGCTTTCTTTAGCTATCTTCCTTTT    |
| 3   | 3              | 100.0% | AAACCAAGAGTGAGTTTGTGTTCTCACTGACCTCACCATGGCGACCAGAGCCAAGCTTTCTTTAGCTATCTTCCTTTT    |
|     | consensus/100% |        | AAACCAAGAGTGAGTTTGTGTTCTCACTGACCTCACCATGGCGACCAGAGCCAAGCTTTCTTTAGCTATCTTCCTTTT    |
|     | consensus/90%  |        | AAACCAAGAGTGAGTTTGTGTTCTCACTGACCTCACCATGGCGACCAGAGCCAAGCTTTCTTTAGCTATCTTCCTTTT    |
|     | consensus/80%  |        | AAACCAAGAGTGAGTTTGTGTTCTCACTGACCTCACCATGGCGACCAGAGCCAAGCTTTCTTTAGCTATCTTCCTTTT    |
|     | consensus/70%  |        | AAACCAAGAGTGAGTTTGTGTTCTCACTGACCTCACCATGGCGACCAGAGCCAAGCTTTCTTTAGCTATCTTCCTTTT    |
| 81  | 1              | 100.0% | CTTTCTTTTAGCCTTGATTTCAAACCTAGCCTTGGGCAAACTTAAAGAAACCGAGGTCGAAGAAGATCCCGAGCTCGTAA  |
| 2   | 2              | 100.0% | CTTTCTTTTAGCCTTGATTTCAAACCTAGCCTTGGGCAAACTTAAAGAAACCGAGGTCGAAGAAGATCCCGAGCTCGTAA  |
| 3   | 3              | 100.0% | CTTTCTTTTAGCCTTGATTTCAAACCTAGCCTTGGGCAAACTTAAAGAAACCGAGGTCGAAGAAGATCCCGAGCTCGTAA  |
|     | consensus/100% |        | CTTTCTTTTAGCCTTGATTTCAAACCTAGCCTTGGGCAAACTTAAAGAAACCGAGGTCGAAGAAGATCCCGAGCTCGTAA  |
|     | consensus/90%  |        | CTTTCTTTTAGCCTTGATTTCAAACCTAGCCTTGGGCAAACTTAAAGAAACCGAGGTCGAAGAAGATCCCGAGCTCGTAA  |
|     | consensus/80%  |        | CTTTCTTTTAGCCTTGATTTCAAACCTAGCCTTGGGCAAACTTAAAGAAACCGAGGTCGAAGAAGATCCCGAGCTCGTAA  |
|     | consensus/70%  |        | CTTTCTTTTAGCCTTGATTTCAAACCTAGCCTTGGGCAAACTTAAAGAAACCGAGGTCGAAGAAGATCCCGAGCTCGTAA  |
| 161 | 1              | 100.0% | CATGCAAAACCCAGTGCCAAACAGCAACGGCAATACACTGAGAGTGACAAGCGAACATGCTTGCAACAATGTGACAGTATG |
| 2   | 2              | 100.0% | CATGCAAAACCCAGTGCCAAACAGCAACGGCAATACACTGAGAGTGACAAGCGAACATGCTTGCAACAATGTGACAGTATG |
| 3   | 3              | 100.0% | CATGCAAAACCCAGTGCCAAACAGCAACGGCAATACACTGAGAGTGACAAGCGAACATGCTTGCAACAATGTGACAGTATG |
|     | consensus/100% |        | CATGCAAAACCCAGTGCCAAACAGCAACGGCAATACACTGAGAGTGACAAGCGAACATGCTTGCAACAATGTGACAGTATG |
|     | consensus/90%  |        | CATGCAAAACCCAGTGCCAAACAGCAACGGCAATACACTGAGAGTGACAAGCGAACATGCTTGCAACAATGTGACAGTATG |
|     | consensus/80%  |        | CATGCAAAACCCAGTGCCAAACAGCAACGGCAATACACTGAGAGTGACAAGCGAACATGCTTGCAACAATGTGACAGTATG |
|     | consensus/70%  |        | CATGCAAAACCCAGTGCCAAACAGCAACGGCAATACACTGAGAGTGACAAGCGAACATGCTTGCAACAATGTGACAGTATG |
| 241 | 1              | 100.0% | AAGCAAGAGCGAGAGAAAACAGTCGAAGAGGAACTCGCGAGAAGGAAGAAGAACATCAAGAGCAGCATGAGGAGGAGGA   |
| 2   | 2              | 100.0% | AAGCAAGAGCGAGAGAAAACAGTCGAAGAGGAACTCGCGAGAAGGAAGAAGAACATCAAGAGCAGCATGAGGAGGAGGA   |
| 3   | 3              | 100.0% | AAGCAAGAGCGAGAGAAAACAGTCGAAGAGGAACTCGCGAGAAGGAAGAAGAACATCAAGAGCAGCATGAGGAGGAGGA   |
|     | consensus/100% |        | AAGCAAGAGCGAGAGAAAACAGTCGAAGAGGAACTCGCGAGAAGGAAGAAGAACATCAAGAGCAGCATGAGGAGGAGGA   |
|     | consensus/90%  |        | AAGCAAGAGCGAGAGAAAACAGTCGAAGAGGAACTCGCGAGAAGGAAGAAGAACATCAAGAGCAGCATGAGGAGGAGGA   |
|     | consensus/80%  |        | AAGCAAGAGCGAGAGAAAACAGTCGAAGAGGAACTCGCGAGAAGGAAGAAGAACATCAAGAGCAGCATGAGGAGGAGGA   |
|     | consensus/70%  |        | AAGCAAGAGCGAGAGAAAACAGTCGAAGAGGAACTCGCGAGAAGGAAGAAGAACATCAAGAGCAGCATGAGGAGGAGGA   |

# Practical

## (to try in your own time)

1. Point your browser to [www.ch.embnet.org/software/BOX\\_form.html](http://www.ch.embnet.org/software/BOX_form.html).
2. Choose RTF\_new from the Output Format drop-down menu.
3. Select the font size you want.
4. Choose Add a Consensus Line with Letters from the Consensus Line drop-down menu.
5. Select the fraction of sequences you would like shaded.
6. Select the format of the multiple sequence alignment you want to use.
7. Paste your multiple sequence alignment into the Sequence window.
8. Click the Run Boxshade button.
9. Click the here is your output link, save to a local file, then open the local file with Word.

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