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Find-a-gene project assignment [Q1] - [Q4]

[Q1] Tell me the name of a protein you are interested in. Include the species and the accession number. This can be a human protein or a protein from any other species as long as its function is known. If you do not have a favorite protein, select human RBP4 or KIF11. Do not use beta globin as this is in the worked example report that I provide you with online.

Name: Vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein (vasp)

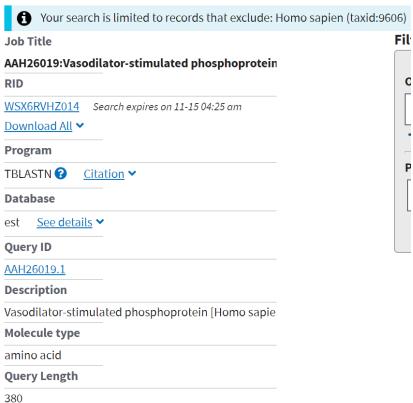
Accession: AAH26019
Species: Homo sapiens

[Q2] Perform a BLAST search against a DNA database, such as a database consisting of genomic DNA or ESTs. The BLAST server can be at NCBI or elsewhere. Include details of the BLAST method used, database searched and any limits applied (e.g. Organism).

BLAST method: TBLASTN

Database: Expressed sequence tags (est)

Limits applied: Organism excludes Homo sapiens (taxID:9606)

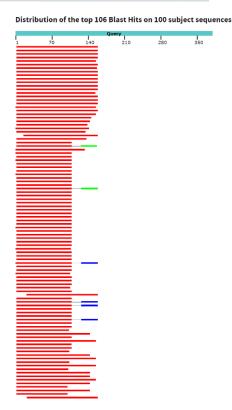


Also include the output of that BLAST search in your document. If appropriate, change the font to Courier size 10 so that the results are displayed neatly. You can also screen capture a BLAST output (e.g. alt print screen on a PC or on a MAC press \mathbb{H} -shift-4. The pointer becomes a bulls eye. Select the area you wish to capture and release. The image is saved as a file called Screen Shot [].png in your Desktop directory). It is not necessary to print out all of the blast results if there are many pages.

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	Description	Max Score	Total Score	Query Cover	E value	Per. Ident	Accession
V	HX589015 full-length enriched common marmoset spleen cDNA library Callithrix jacchus cDNA clone MSP-293I24, mRNA sequence	283	283	41%	1e-91	84.71%	HX589015.1
Y	HX391696 full-length enriched common marmoset ES cells cDNA library Callithrix jacchus cDNA clone MES-053C16, mRNA sequence	283	283	41%	2e-91	84.71%	HX391696.1
~	HX416536 full-length enriched common marmoset ES cells cDNA library Callithrix jacchus cDNA clone MES-122O14, mRNA sequence	283	283	41%	2e-91	84.71%	HX416536.1
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Y	FS698904 full-length enriched swine cDNA library, adult prostate Sus scrofa cDNA clone PST010024G07.5', mRNA sequence	261	261	41%	1e-82	80.00%	FS698904.1
~	603301492F1 NCI_CGAP_Mam4 Mus musculus cDNA clone IMAGE:5341895 5', mRNA sequence	254	254	41%	1e-81	78.34%	BI658932.1
~	BX522116 Sugano mouse kidney mkia Mus musculus cDNA clone IMAGp998O195950; IMAGE:2395626 5', mRNA sequence	255	255	41%	1e-81	78.98%	BX522116.1
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Y	HX921658 Adipocyte-like cell of Korean cattle (Hanwoo), normalized cDNA library Bos taurus cDNA clone ALC_6374, mRNA sequence	254	254	41%	5e-80	77.50%	HX921658.
~	HX927546 Myotube-formed cell of Korean cattle (Hanwoo), normalized cDNA library Bos taurus cDNA clone MFC_4308, mRNA sequence	254	254	41%	7e-80	77.50%	HX927546.
Y	001002BPMA011864HT BPMA Bos taurus cDNA 5', mRNA sequence	248	248	41%	4e-79	76.88%	DY116721.1
V	BP165082 full-length enriched swine cDNA library, adult thymus Sus scrofa cDNA clone THY010029E08 5', mRNA sequence	260	260	40%	2e-82	80.38%	BP165082.1
V	AGENCOURT_112388635 NIH_MGC_429 Rattus norvegicus cDNA clone IMAGE:9030574 5', mRNA sequence	253	253	40%	3e-79	78.06%	EV771380.1
Y	HX590168 full-length enriched common marmoset spleen cDNA library Callithrix jacchus cDNA clone MSP-297A20, mRNA sequence	276	276	40%	9e-89	84.31%	HX590168.
~	HX932879 Muscle satellite cell of Korean cattle (Hanwoo), normalized cDNA library Bos taurus cDNA clone MSC_1650, mRNA sequence	251	251	40%	4e-79	78.85%	HX932879.
~	fk84g05.y1 Zebrafish Research Genetics C32 fin Danio rerio cDNA 5' similar to SW:VASP_HUMAN P50552 VASODILATOR-STIMULATED PH	214	214	40%	1e-65	67.97%	BE201011.1
~	FP135651 ZF_invB Danio rerio cDNA clone ZF_invB60f21 5', mRNA sequence	214	214	40%	2e-65	67.97%	FP135651.1
~	FP218455 ZF_invA Danio rerio cDNA clone ZF_invA69e15 5', mRNA sequence	214	214	40%	3e-65	67.97%	FP218455.1
~	ADT-187 Chinese giant salamander (Andrias davidianus) thymus cDNA library Andrias davidianus cDNA 3', mRNA sequence	216	216	40%	5e-65	67.97%	JZ574480,1

Alignment Scores <a> < 40 40 - 50 50 - 80 80 - 200 <a>>= 200

On the BLAST results, clearly indicate a match that represents a protein sequence, encoded from some DNA sequence, that is homologous to your query protein. I need to be able to inspect the pairwise alignment you have selected, including the E value and score. It should be labeled a "genomic clone" or "mRNA sequence", etc. - but include no functional annotation.



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Chosen match:
> JZ574480.1 ADT-187 Chinese giant salamander (Andrias davidianus) thymus
cDNA library Andrias davidianus cDNA 3', mRNA sequence
Length = 888bp
Score = 216 bits (551), Expect = 5e-65, Method: Compositional matrix adjust.
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In general, [Q2] is the most difficult for students because it requires you to have a "feel" for how to interpret BLAST results. You need to distinguish between a perfect match to your query (i.e. a sequence that is not "novel"), a near match (something that might be "novel", depending on the results of [Q4]), and a non-homologous result. If you are having trouble finding a novel gene try restricting your search to an organism that is poorly annotated.

[Q3] Gather information about this "novel" protein. At a minimum, show me the protein sequence of the "novel" protein as displayed in your BLAST results from [Q2] as FASTA format (you can copy and paste the aligned sequence subject lines from your BLAST result page if necessary) or translate your novel DNA sequence using a tool called EMBOSS Transeq at the EBI. Don't forget to translate all six reading frames; the ORF (open reading frame) is likely to be the longest sequence without a stop codon.

It may not start with a methionine if you don't have the complete coding region. Make sure the sequence you provide includes a header/subject line and is in traditional FASTA format.

Chosen sequence:

>A. davidianus protein (mRNA sequence translated from BLAST result)
SESSICQARATVMIYDDGNKKWVPAGTGPQAFSRVQIYHNPGNNAFRVVGRKMQTDQQVVMNCPIVKGLKYNQATPN
FHQWRDARQVWGLNFGSKEDAALFANGMIHALEILNSSPDGGFSTRPVSNGPSLEELEQQKRLEQQRLEQLER

Here, tell me the name of the novel protein, and the species from which it derives. It is very unlikely (but still definitely possible) that you will find a novel gene from an organism such as S. cerevisiae, human or mouse, because those genomes have already been thoroughly annotated. It is more likely that you will discover a new gene in a genome that is currently being sequenced, such as bacteria or plants or protozoa.

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Protein name: Vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein-like (PREDICTED)

Species: Andrias davidianus (Chinese giant salamander)

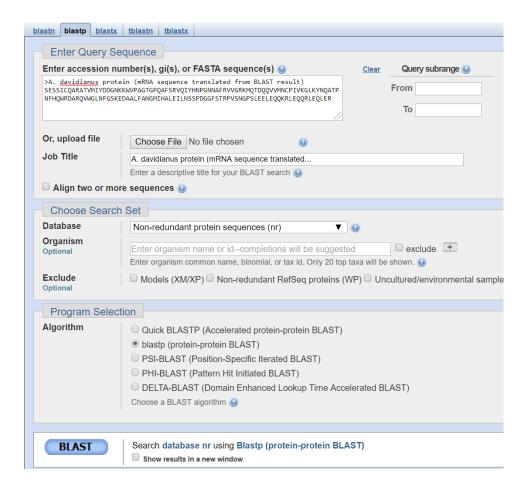
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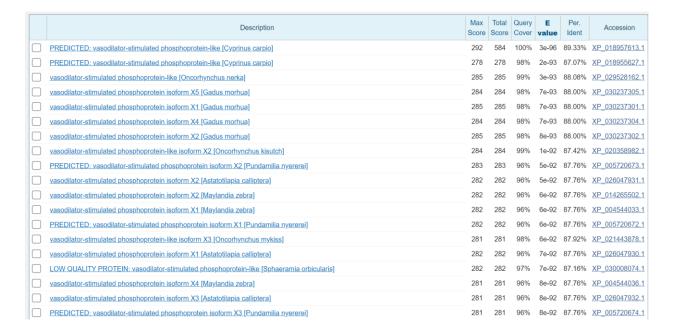
Cryptobranchidae; Andrias
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[Q4] Prove that this gene, and its corresponding protein, are novel. For the purposes of this project, "novel" is defined as follows. Take the protein sequence (your answer to [Q3]), and use it as a query in a blastp search of the nr database at NCBI.

- If there is a match with 100% amino acid identity to a protein in the database, from the same species, then your protein is NOT novel (even if the match is to a protein with a name such as "unknown"). Someone has already found and annotated this sequence, and assigned it an accession number.
- If the top match reported has less than 100% identity, then it is likely that your protein is novel, and you have succeeded.
- If there is a match with 100% identity, but to a different species than the one you started with, then you have likely succeeded in finding a novel gene.
- If there are no database matches to the original query from [Q1], this indicates that you have partially succeeded: yes, you may have found a new gene, but no, it is not actually homologous to the original query. You should probably start over.



The top result is to a protein from the common (European) carp (Cyprinus carpio). The alignments are on the next page.



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Sequence ID: XP 018955627.1 Length: 193 Number of Matches: 1
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TRPVSNGPS EELEQQKRLE QR+EQL
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Query 122
Sbjct 142
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[Q5] Generate a multiple sequence alignment with your novel protein, your original query protein, and a group of other members of this family from different species. A typical number of proteins to use in a multiple sequence alignment for this assignment purpose is a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 20 - although the exact number is up to you. Include the multiple sequence alignment in your report. Use Courier font with a size appropriate to fit page width. Side-note: Indicate your sequence in the alignment by choosing an appropriate name for each sequence in the input unaligned sequence file (i.e. edit the sequence file so that the species, or short common, names (rather than accession numbers) display in the output alignment and in the subsequent answers below). The goal in this step is to create an interesting an alignment for building a phylogenetic tree that illustrates species divergence.

Query protein:

>AAH26019.1 Vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein [Homo sapiens]
MSSETVICSSRATVMLYDDGNKRWLPAGTGPQAFSRVQIYHNPTANSFRVVGRKMQPDQQVVINCAIVRG
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LLEEVKKELQKVKEEIIEAFVQELRKRGSP

My novel gene:

>Andrias_davidianus protein (mRNA sequence translated from BLAST result)
SESSICQARATVMIYDDGNKKWVPAGTGPQAFSRVQIYHNPGNNAFRVVGRKMQTDQQVVMNCPIVKGLKYNQATPN
FHQWRDARQVWGLNFGSKEDAALFANGMIHALEILNSSPDGGFSTRPVSNGPSLEELEQQKRLEQQRLEQLER

List of proteins from other species (renamed in the alignment)

 $\verb| >XP_029571362.1 | vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein-like isoform X2 [Salmotrutta] | \\$

>AAH92890.1 Zgc:110347 [Danio rerio]

>XP_026143669.1 vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein-like isoform X3
[Carassius auratus]

>RVE64507.1 hypothetical protein OJAV_G00126530 [Oryzias javanicus]

>XP_026047931.1 vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein isoform X2 [Astatotilapia calliptera]

>XP_022441055.1 vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein isoform X1
[Delphinapterus leucas]

>XP_025125116.1 vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein isoform X2 [Bubalus bubalis]

>XP_019674903.1 vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein isoform X1 [Felis catus]

>XP_006911864.1 vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein isoform X6 [Pteropus alecto]

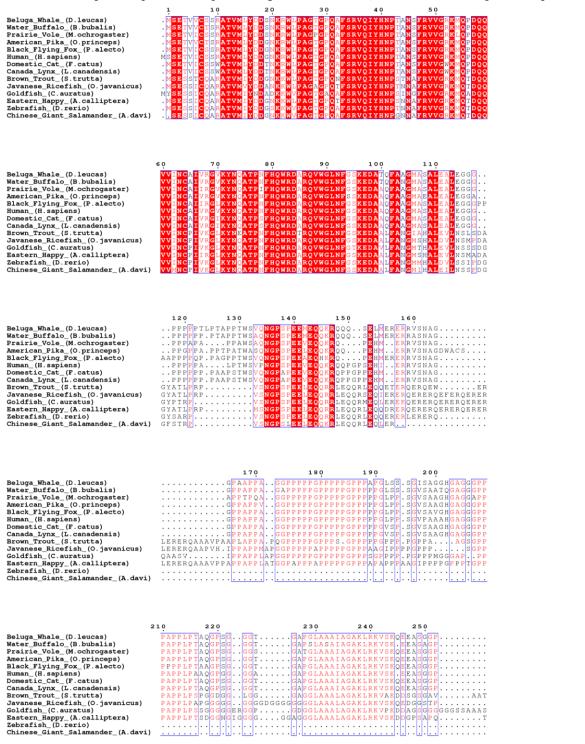
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>XP_005370333.1 vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein isoform X1 [Microtus ochrogaster]

>XP_030155687.1 vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein isoform X1 [Lynx canadensis]

Alignment:

CLUSTAL multiple sequence alignment by MUSCLE (3.8), then run through ESPript 3.0

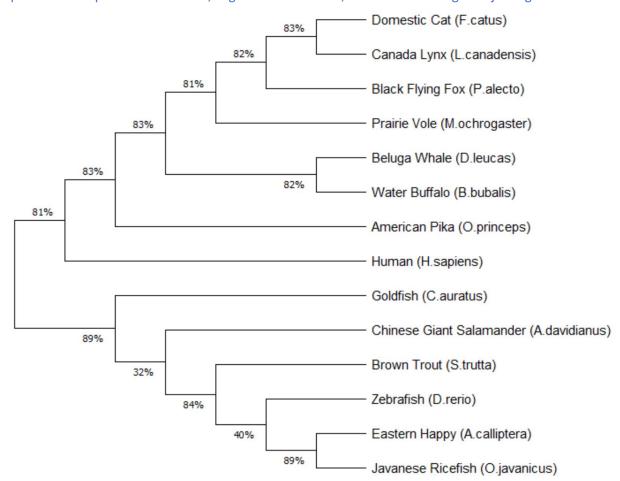


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Prairie_Vole_(M.ochrogaster)	SSSDDS	BDLERVKQEI	LEEVRKELQ	KMKEEIIEAF:	IQELRKRGSI
American_Pika_(O.princeps)	SSSDES	BDLERVKQEI	LEEVRKELQ	KVKEEIIEAF	VQELRKRGS
Black_Flying_Fox_(P.alecto)	SAADES	BDLERVKQEI	LEEVRKELR	KVKEEIIEAF	/QELRKRGS
Human_(H.sapiens)	SSSDYS	BDLQRVKQEI	LEEVKKELQ	KVKEEIIEAF	VQELRKRGS
Domestic_Cat_(F.catus)	SSSDES	BDLERVKQEI	LEEVRKELQ	KVKEEIIEAF	VQELRKRGS
Canada_Lynx_(L.canadensis)	SSSDES	BDLERVKQEI	LEEVRKELQ	KVKEEIIEAF	/QELRKRGS
Brown_Trout_(S.trutta)	GGGEET	DIERIKREI	LDEMRKELQ	KVKEEIIGAF:	IEELQKRGS
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Goldfish (C.auratus)	SGEGES	SEMERIKQEI	LEEVRKELO	KVKNEIIGAF:	IQELOKRGS
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Chinese Giant Salamander (A.davi)					

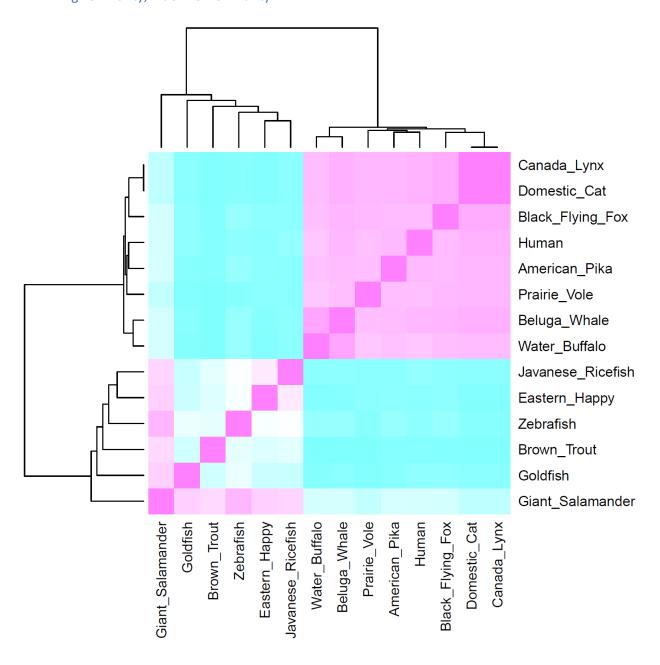
[Q6] Create a phylogenetic tree, using either a parsimony or distance-based approach. Bootstrapping and tree rooting are optional. Use "simple phylogeny" online from the EBI or any respected phylogeny program (such as MEGA, PAUP, or Phylip). Paste an image of your Cladogram or tree output in your report.

Imported the sequences into MEGA, aligned with MUSCLE, and created a neighbor-joining tree:



[Q7] Generate a sequence identity based heatmap of your aligned sequences using R. If necessary convert your sequence alignment to the ubiquitous FASTA format (Seaview can read in clustal format and "Save as" FASTA format for example). Read this FASTA format alignment into R with the help of functions in the Bio3D package. Calculate a sequence identity matrix (again using a function within the Bio3D package). Then generate a heatmap plot and add to your report. Do make sure your labels are visible and not cut at the figure margins.

Pink = high similarity, Blue = low similarity



[Q8] Using R/Bio3D (or an online blast server if you prefer), search the main protein structure database for the most similar atomic resolution structures to your aligned sequences. List the top 3 unique hits (i.e. not hits representing different chains from the same structure) along with their Evalue and sequence identity to your query. Please also add annotation details of these structures. For example include the annotation terms PDB identifier (structureId), Method used to solve the structure (experimentalTechnique), resolution (resolution), and source organism (source).

HINT: You can use a single sequence from your alignment or generate a consensus sequence from your alignment using the Bio3D function consensus(). The Bio3D functions blast.pdb(), plot.blast() and pdb.annotate() are likely to be of most relevance for completing this task. Note that the results of blast.pdb() contain the hits PDB identifier (or pdb.id) as well as Evalue and identity. The results of pdb.annotate() contain the other annotation terms noted above. Note that if your consensus sequence has lots of gap positions then it will be better to use an original sequence from the alignment for your search of the PDB. In this case you could chose the sequence with the highest identity to all others in your alignment by calculating the row-wise maximum from your sequence identity matrix.

The consensus sequence I generated has >200 gaps, so I calculated the rowSum of the sequence identity matrix. The sequence for the domestic cat had the highest identity to all the others, so I used this as my query for blast.pdb() in R. The sequence is pasted here for reference. There were 22 hits from this search and all of them were for humans except one. I pasted below three hits for three different proteins and multiple organisms (human and mouse).

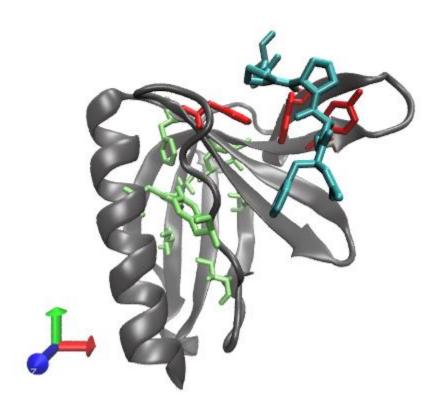
>XP_019674903.1 vasodilator-stimulated phosphoprotein isoform X1 [Felis catus]

MSETVICSSWATVMLYDDTNKRWLPAGTGPQAFSRVQIYHNPTANSFRVVGWKMQPDQQVVINCAIVRGIKYNQATP SFHQWRDARQVWGLNFGSKEDAAQFAAGMASALEALEGGGPPPPPPPPAAPSTWSVQNGPAPEEVEQQKRQPPGPPEH MERRVSNAGGPPAPPAGGPPPPPGPPPPGPPPPGVSPSGVSAAGHGAGGGPPPAPPLPTAQGPSGGGTGAPGLAA AIAGAKLRKVSKQEEASGGPSAPKADSGRSTGGGLMEEMNAMLARRRKATQVGEKPPKDESANQEEPEARVPAQSES VRRPWEKNSTTLPRMKSSSSVTTSEAHPSTPSSSDESDLERVKQELLEEVRKELQKVKEEIIEAFVQELRKRGSP

Structure ID	Protein	Technique	Resolution	Source	Evalue	Identity
2IYB	TES-MENA	X-ray	2.35	Homo	1.37e-48	67.257
	complex	diffraction		sapiens		
1EVH	Ena EVH1	X-ray	1.80 A	Mus	1.28e-48	67.257
	domain	diffraction		musculus		
3SYX	CDDED1	X-ray	2.45 A	Homo	9.57e-13	33.929
	SPRED1	diffraction		sapiens		

[Q9] Generate a molecular figure of one of your identified PDB structures using VMD. You can optionally highlight conserved residues that are likely to be functional. Please use a white or transparent background for your figure (i.e. not the default black). Based on sequence similarity. How likely is this structure to be similar to your "novel" protein?

I used the 1EVH protein. I highlighted conserved residues associated with peptide binding and protein folding. This protein has only 67.257% sequence identity with my query protein from Felis catus.



KEY:

grey cartoon = beta-sheet sandwich + alpha helix light green licorice = conserved hydrophobic core red licorice = conserved binding pocket/triad cyan licorice = peptide ligand in binding pocket

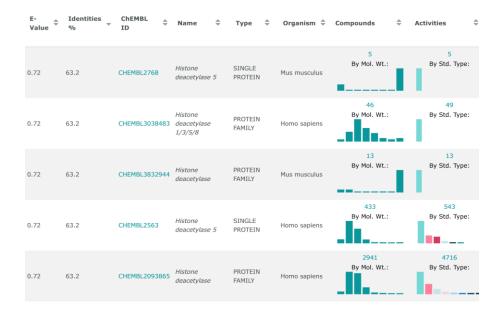
I saved a fasta file with the complete sequence from this PDB crystal structure and did another sequence alignment with the domestic cat sequence (from my original search) and my original novel protein (from the Chinese giant salamander). You can see here in this alignment that this structure only aligns to the EVH1 domain of my novel protein, but this region is very similar. There are only a few differences between this binding domain and my novel salamander gene, so I hypothesize this crystal structure is likely very similar to my novel gene.



[Q10] Perform a "Target" search of ChEMBEL (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl/) with your novel sequence. Are there any Target Associated Assays and ligand efficiency data reported that may be useful starting points for exploring potential inhibition of your novel protein?

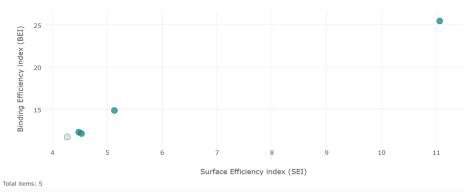
I searched my novel sequence on ChEMBL and got 14 hits. Here is a screenshot of the top six. I selected the first target hit, which is a different class of proteins from my original VASP search.

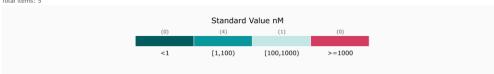
CHEMBL details for CHEMBL2768: Histone deacetylase 5 from Mus musculus https://www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl/target_report_card/CHEMBL2768/
One Binding Assay (ligand efficiencies shown below)
Zero Functional Assays



Ligand efficiency data is pasted below:

ChEMBL Ligand Efficiency Plot for Target CHEMBL2768





The Ligand Efficiency chart plots Binding Efficiency Index (BEI) against Surface Efficiency Index (SEI), where:

SEI = (-log10(Standard Value*10^-9))*100/PSA

BEI = (-log10(Standard Value*10^-9))*1000/MWT