



CodonGenie: optimised ambiguous codon design tools



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The screenshot shows the CodonGenie web application in a browser. The address bar displays 'codon.synbiochem.co.uk'. The page has a header with the 'CodonGenie' logo. The main content area features two tabs: 'Design' (active) and 'Analyse'. Under the 'Design' tab, there are four columns of amino acid buttons categorized by properties: Non-polar (A, F, G, I, L, M, P, V, W), Polar (C, N, Q, S, T, Y), Acidic (D, E), and Basic (H, K, R). At the bottom, there is a label 'Organism:' followed by a text input field containing the word 'Organism'.

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Design Analyse

Non-polar

A F
G I
L M
P V
W

Polar

C N
Q S
T Y

Acidic

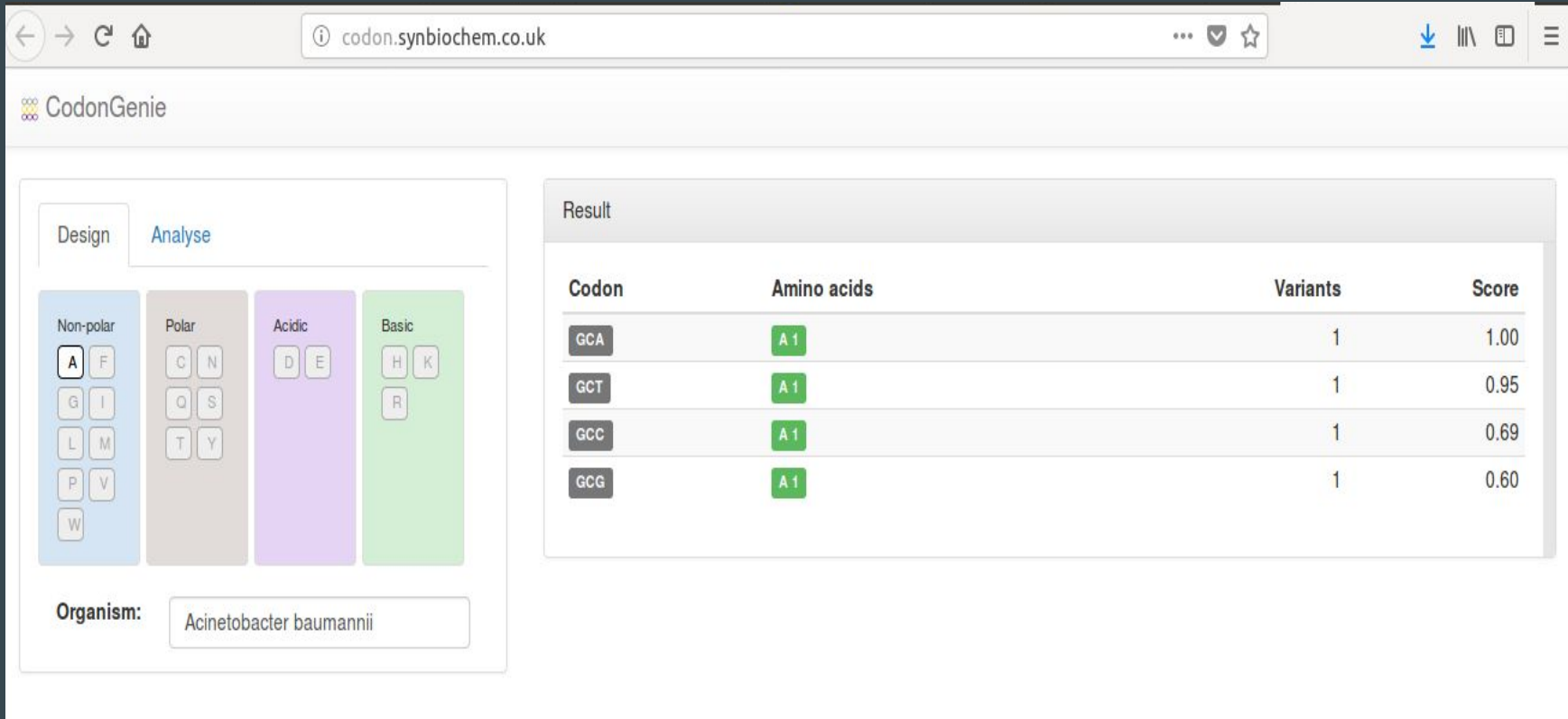
D E

Basic

H K
R

Organism:

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Design

Analyse

Non-polar

Polar

Acidic

Basic

Organism: Escherichia coli

Result

| Codon | Amino acids | Variants | Score |
|-------|---|----------|-------|
| DBK | A2 F1 Q2 I1 L1 M1 V2 C1 R1 S3 T3 W1 | 18 | 0.47 |
| DBS | A2 F1 Q2 I1 L1 M1 V2 C1 R1 S3 T3 W1 | 18 | 0.41 |
| NBK | A2 F1 Q2 I1 L3 M1 V2 C1 P2 R3 S3 T3 W1 | 24 | 0.41 |
| NBS | A2 F1 Q2 I1 L3 M1 V2 C1 P2 R3 S3 T3 W1 | 24 | 0.36 |
| DBS | A3 F2 Q3 I2 L1 M1 V3 C2 R1 S3 T3 W1 | 27 | 0.45 |
| DBO | A3 F1 Q3 I2 L2 M1 V3 C1 R2 S4 T3 W1 Stop 1 | 27 | 0.43 |
| DBV | A3 F1 Q3 I2 L2 M1 V3 C1 R2 S4 T3 W1 Stop 1 | 27 | 0.39 |
| DBN | A4 F2 Q4 I3 L3 M1 V4 C2 R2 S5 T4 W1 Stop 1 | 36 | 0.42 |
| NBS | A3 F2 Q3 I2 L4 M1 V3 C2 P3 R4 S5 T3 W1 | 36 | 0.38 |
| NBO | A3 F1 Q3 I2 L3 M1 V3 C1 P3 R5 S4 T3 W1 Stop 1 | 36 | 0.37 |
| NBV | A3 F1 Q3 I2 L5 M1 V3 C1 P3 R5 S4 T3 W1 Stop 1 | 36 | 0.33 |
| NBN | A4 F2 Q4 I3 L6 M1 V4 C2 P4 R6 S6 T4 W1 Stop 1 | 48 | 0.36 |

Table 1 Comparison of codon usage frequencies for ambiguous codons encoding F, I, L, M and V in *Escherichia coli* and *Streptomyces coelicolor*. Specific codons from two variant codons DTK and DTS are given, along with their codon usage frequency in the two organisms. For the amino acids F, I and V, there is a preference for codons with T in the third (“wobble”) position in *E. coli*, and a preference for C in the wobble position for *S. coelicolor*. This preference is reflected in the differences in scores for the ambiguous codons for the two organisms.

| Amino acid | Codon | Ambiguous codon | Codon usage frequency | |
|------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | <i>E. coli</i> | <i>S. coelicolor</i> |
| F | TTC | DTS | 0.36 | 0.97 |
| | TTT | DTK | 0.64 | 0.03 |
| I | ATC | DTS | 0.31 | 0.95 |
| | ATT | DTK | 0.47 | 0.03 |
| L | TTG | DTK and DTS | 0.13 | 0.03 |
| M | ATG | DTK and DTS | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| V | GTC | DTS | 0.19 | 0.58 |
| | GTG | DTK and DTS | 0.29 | 0.36 |
| | GTT | DTK | 0.32 | 0.02 |

Conclusión

CodonGenie, es un servidor web que se encuentra disponible gratuitamente en el siguiente enlace: <http://codon.synbiochem.co.uk>, este servidor fue creado para apoyar aplicaciones en la mutagénesis de proteínas, diseñando codones ambiguos.