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Sequence Comparisons

- Homology searches
 - Usually ‘one-against-one’: *BLAST, FASTA*
 - Allows for comparison of individual sequences against databases comprised of individual sequences
- Profile searches
 - Uses collective characteristics of a family of proteins
 - Search can be ‘one-against-many’: *Pfam, CDD*
or ‘many-against-one’: *PSI-BLAST, DELTA-BLAST*



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Profiles, Patterns, Motifs, and Domains



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Profiles

- Numerical representations of multiple sequence alignments
- Depend upon *patterns* or *motifs* containing conserved residues
- Represent the common characteristics of a protein family
- Can find similarities between sequences with little or no sequence identity
- Allow for the analysis of distantly related proteins

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Profile Construction

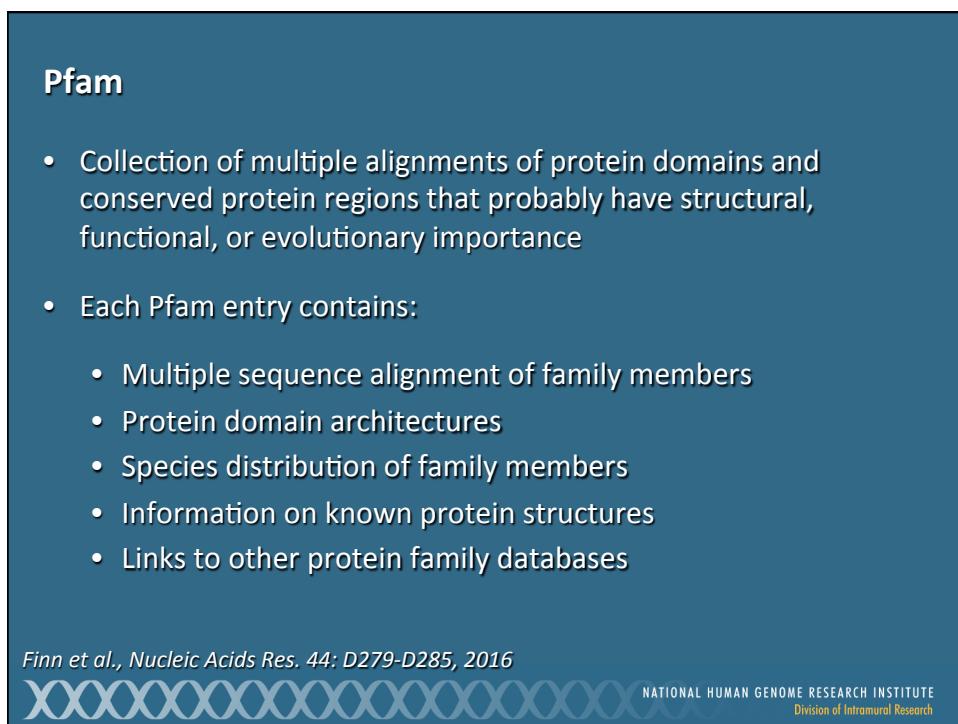
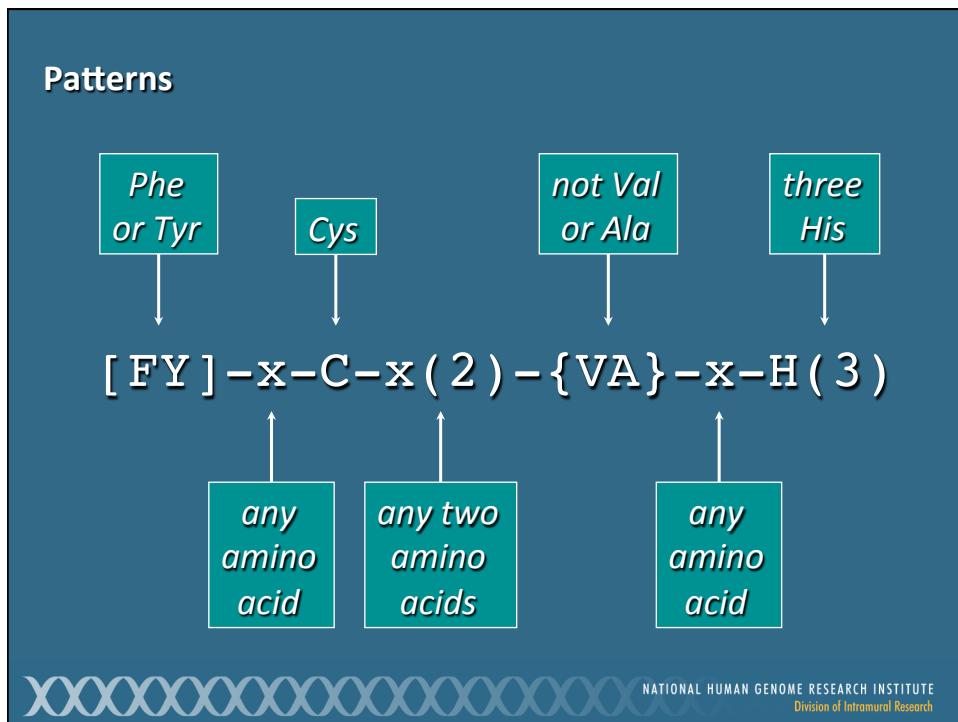
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- Which residues are seen at each position?
- What is the frequency of observed residues?
- Which positions are conserved?
- Where can gaps be introduced?

Position-Specific Scoring Table

Cons	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	V	W	Y	Z
G	17	18	0	19	14	-22	31	0	-9	12	-15	-5	15	10	9	6	18	14	1	-15	-22	11
P	-6	0	13	0	-12	13	0	0	-5	-5	-1	-1	-23	2	-2	12	11	17	-31	-8	1	
H	5	24	-12	29	25	-20	8	32	-9	9	-10	-9	22	7	30	10	0	4	-8	-20	-7	27
I	-1	-12	6	-13	-11	33	-12	-13	63	-11	40	29	-15	-9	-14	-15	-6	7	50	-17	8	-11
V	3	-11	1	-11	-9	22	-3	-11	46	-9	37	30	-13	-3	-9	-13	-6	6	50	-19	2	-8
V	5	-9	9	-9	-9	19	-1	-13	57	-9	35	26	-13	-2	-11	-13	-4	9	58	-29	0	-9
A	54	15	12	20	17	-24	44	-6	-4	-1	-11	-5	12	19	9	-13	21	19	9	-39	-20	10
T	40	20	20	20	20	-30	40	-10	20	20	-10	0	20	30	-10	-10	30	150	20	-60	-30	10
P	-6	0	7	6	6	-11	13	-3	6	-16	-11	-1	-89	17	17	24	22	9	-50	-48	12	
G	-6	0	20	70	50	-61	150	-20	-30	-10	-50	-30	40	30	20	-30	60	40	20	-100	-70	30

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Pfam A

- Based on *curated* multiple alignments of known members of a protein family ('seed alignment')
 - *Pfam definition of 'family': a collection of related protein regions*
 - *Based on reference proteomes (UniProtKB)*
 - HMMER used to find all detectable protein sequences belonging to the family
 - New 'true members' of the family are then used to generate the 'full alignment' for the protein family
 - Given the method used to construct the alignments, hits are highly likely to be true positives

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Sequences Used in Examples

[http://research.nhgri.nih.gov/
teaching/seq_analysis.shtml](http://research.nhgri.nih.gov/teaching/seq_analysis.shtml)

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The screenshot shows the Pfam 29.0 homepage. At the top right, the URL <http://pfam.xfam.org> is displayed. Below it, the EMBL-EBI logo and the Pfam logo with a search bar are visible. The main content area starts with a header "Pfam 29.0 (December 2015, 16295 entries)". A sub-header states: "The Pfam database is a large collection of protein families, each represented by **multiple sequence alignments** and **hidden Markov models (HMMs)**. [More...](#)". On the left, there's a "QUICK LINKS" sidebar with links like "SEQUENCE SEARCH", "VIEW A PFAM ENTRY", etc. On the right, under "YOU CAN FIND DATA IN PFAM IN VARIOUS WAYS...", there's a section titled "ANALYZE YOUR PROTEIN SEQUENCE FOR PFAM MATCHES". It includes a text input field, a "Go" button, and an "Example" link. A red arrow points from the text "Analyze your protein sequence for Pfam matches" to the "SEQUENCE SEARCH" link in the sidebar. Another red arrow points from the "here" link in the explanatory text below the input field to the "SEQUENCE SEARCH" link in the sidebar.

This screenshot is identical to the one above, showing the Pfam 29.0 homepage. The "SEQUENCE SEARCH" link in the sidebar and the "SEQUENCE SEARCH" link in the "ANALYZE YOUR PROTEIN SEQUENCE FOR PFAM MATCHES" section are both highlighted with red arrows.

The screenshot shows the Pfam search interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with links for Sequence, Batch search, Keyword, Domain architecture, and Taxonomy. Below that is a "Jump to..." section with a "enter ID/acc" input field and a "Go" button. The main area is titled "Sequence search". It contains a text input for "Sequence" containing a protein sequence, and "Protein sequence options" with a dropdown for "Cut-off" (set to "Use E-value" with a value of 1.0) and a "Submit" button. Below the sequence input is a red horizontal bar with three buttons: "Reset", "Example protein sequence", and "Example DNA sequence". At the bottom of the page, there's a footer with a link to "pfam-help@ebi.ac.uk" and the "European Molecular Biology Laboratory" logo.

The screenshot shows the Pfam search results page. The top part displays the search query and the number of matches found. Below this, there's a "Significant Pfam-A Matches" table. The table has columns for Family, Description, Entry type, Clan, Envelope, Alignment, HMM, HMM length, Bit score, E-value, Predicted active sites, and Show/hide alignment. A single row is shown for "p450 Cytochrome P450", which is a Domain entry. The "Show" button for this row is highlighted with a red border. The table also includes a "Show or hide all alignments" link. The bottom of the page features a footer with a link to "pfam-help@ebi.ac.uk" and the "European Molecular Biology Laboratory" logo.

Family	Description	Entry type	Clan	Envelope	Alignment	HMM	HMM length	Bit score	E-value	Predicted active sites	Show/hide alignment
p450	Cytochrome P450	Domain	n/a	Start 41 End 505	Start 41 End 500	From 1 To 457	463	344.0	1.1e-102	n/a	Show

EMBL-EBI 

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Pfam
keyword search Go

Family: p450 (PF00067)

455 architectures
41973 sequences
4 Interactions
929 species
1275 structures

Summary

Pfam includes annotations and additional family information from a range of different sources. These sources can be accessed via the tabs below.

[Summary](#) [Domain organisation](#) [Clan](#) [Alignments](#) [HMM logo](#) [Trees](#) [Curation & model](#) [Species](#) [Interactions](#) [Structures](#)

[Jump to... ↗](#) [enter ID/acc ↗](#) [Go ↗](#)

[WikiPedia: Cytochrome P450](#) [Pfam](#) [InterPro](#)

This tab holds the annotation information that is stored in the Pfam database. As we move to using Wikipedia as our main source of annotation, the contents of this tab will be gradually replaced by the Wikipedia tab.

Cytochrome P450 Provide feedback

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External database links

[HOMSTRAD: p450](#) [PRINTS: PRO0385](#) [PRO0359](#) [PRO0408](#) [PRO0463](#) [PRO0464](#) [PRO0465](#) [PROSITE: PDC00081](#)

Example structure
[PDB entry 4CPB: Structure of camphor bound T260A mutant of CYP101D1 View a different structure: 4C8P ↗](#)



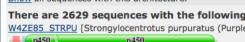
Pfam Family: p450 (PF00067)

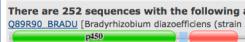
Domain organisation

Below is a list of the unique domain organisations or architectures in which this domain is found. [More...](#)

There are 34971 sequences with the following architecture: p450
 WSP974_SHEEP [Ovis aries (Sheep)] Uncharacterized protein (ECO:0000313|Ensembl:ENSOARP0000007685) (494 residues)

[Show all sequences with this architecture.](#)

There are 2629 sequences with the following architecture: p450 x 2
 W42885_STRPV [Strongylocentrotus purpuratus (Purple sea urchin)] Uncharacterized protein (ECO:0000313|EnsemblMetazoa:SPU_026477-tr) (575 residues)

[Show all sequences with this architecture.](#)

There are 252 sequences with the following architecture: p450, Flavodoxin_1, FAD_binding_1, NAD_binding_1
 Q89990_BRADY [Bradyrhizobium diazoefficiens (strain JCM 10833 / IAM 13628 / NBRC 14792 / USDA 110)] Bir2882 protein (ECO:0000313|EMBL:BAC48147.1) (1078 residues)

[Show all sequences with this architecture.](#)

There are 152 sequences with the following architecture: p450 x 3
 M4FE06_BRA08 [Brassica rapa subsp. pekinensis (Chinese cabbage)] Uncharacterized protein (ECO:0000313|EnsemblPlants:Bra039327.1-P) (983 residues)

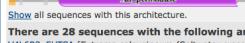
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There are 93 sequences with the following architecture: An_peroxidase x 2, p450
 W7M2F6_GIBMY [Gibberella moniliformis (strain M3125 / FGSC 7600) (Maize ear and stalk rot fungus) | Fusarium verticillioides] Prostaglandin-endoperoxide synthase 1 (ECO:0000313|EMBL:EWGS3184.1) (1101 residues)

[Show all sequences with this architecture.](#)

There are 68 sequences with the following architecture: An_peroxidase, p450
 J4GIN3_FIBRA [Filoporia radiculosa (strain TFFH 294) (Brown rot fungus) | Antrodia radiculosa] Uncharacterized protein (ECO:0000313|EMBL:CCL99225.1) (1228 residues)

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There are 28 sequences with the following architecture: p450 x 4
 V4L683_EUTSA [Eutrema salignum (Saltwater cress) | Sisymbrium salignum] Uncharacterized protein (ECO:0000313|EMBL:ESQ39189.1) (1387 residues)

[Show all sequences with this architecture.](#)

There are 15 sequences with the following architecture: p450, Fer2
 X5EDG3_9CORY [Corynebacterium glyciniphilum AJ 3170] Cytochrome P450 (ECO:0000313|EMBL:AHW64656.1) (774 residues)

[Show all sequences with this architecture.](#)

Pfam Family: p450 (PF00067)

Alignments

We store a range of different sequence alignments for families. As well as the seed alignment from which the family is built, we provide the full alignment, generated by searching the sequence database ([reference proteomes](#)) using the family HMM. We also generate alignments using four [representative proteomes](#) (RP) sets, the UniProt sequence database, the NCBI sequence database, and our metagenomics sequence database. [More...](#)

View options

We make a range of alignments for each Pfam-A family. You can see a description of each [above](#). You can view these alignments in various ways but please note that some types of alignment are never generated while others may not be available for all families, most commonly because the alignments are too large to handle.

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PP/heatmap	X ₁	—	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

¹Cannot generate PP/heatmap alignments for seeds; no PP data available

Key: ✓ available, X not generated, — not available.

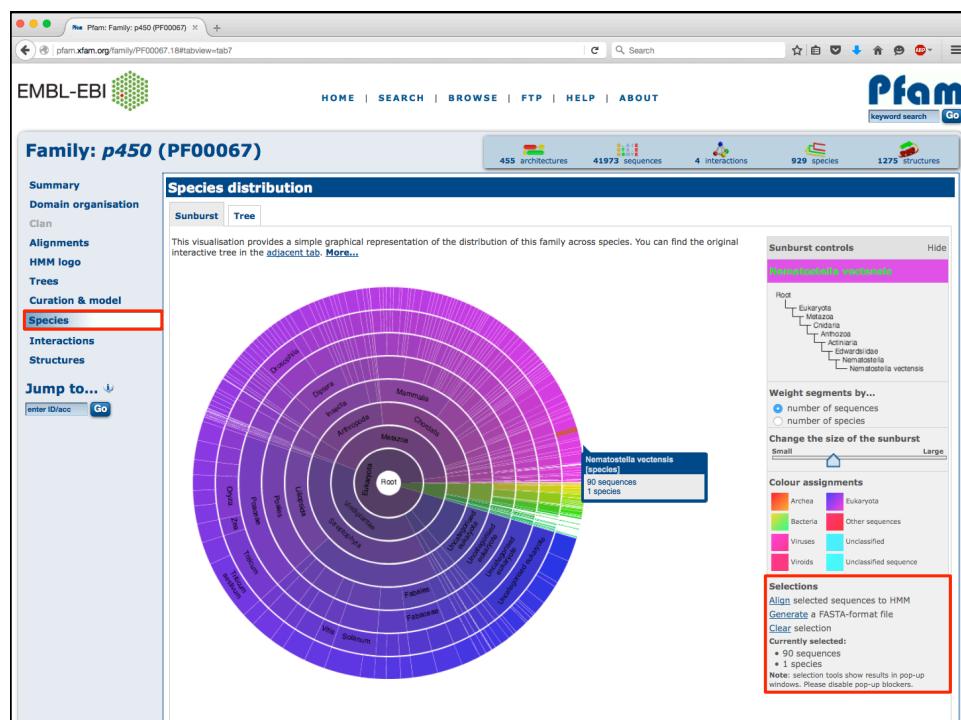
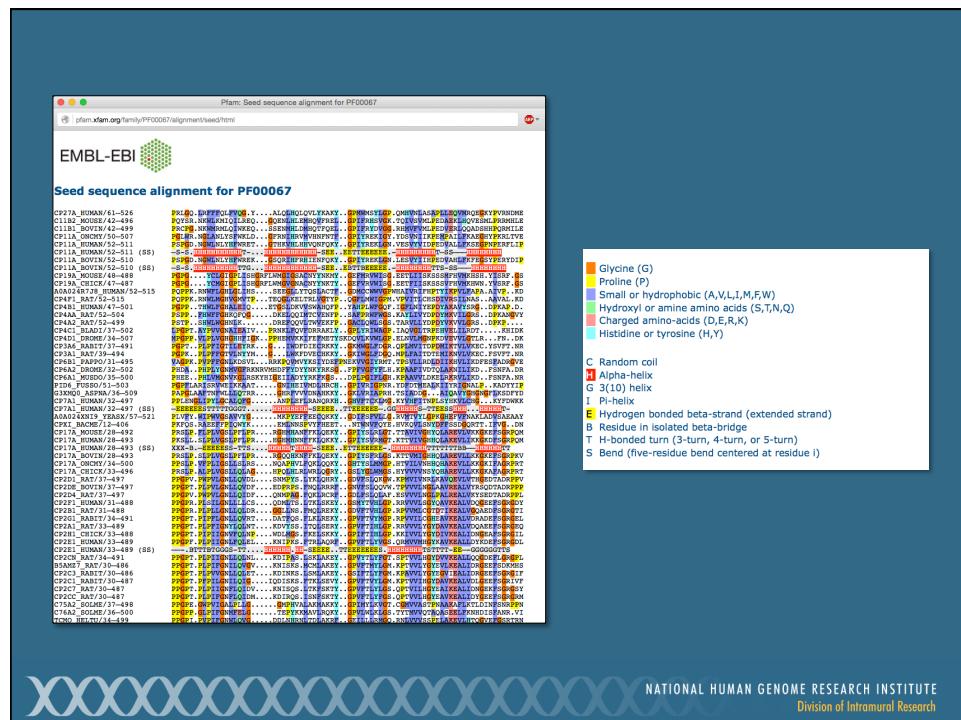
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Download options

We make all of our alignments available in Stockholm format. You can download them here as raw, plain text files or as [gzip](#)-compressed files.

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Family: p450 (PF00067)

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Cytochrome P450 cysteine heme-iron ligand signature

Description Technical section References Copyright Miscellaneous

Description

Cytochrome P450's [1,2,3,E1] are a group of enzymes involved in the oxidative metabolism of a high number of natural compounds (such as steroids, fatty acids, prostaglandins, leukotrienes, etc) as well as drugs, carcinogens and poisons. Based on sequence similarities, P450s have been grouped into about 40 different families. P450's have a protein size of 400 to 550 amino acids. Their common hallmark is Bacillus BM-3 (CYP102) which is a protein of 1048 residues that contains an N-terminal P450 domain followed by a reductase domain. P450's are heme proteins. A conserved cysteine residue in the C-terminal part of P450's is involved in binding the heme iron in the fifth coordination site. From a region around this residue, we developed a ten residue signature specific to P450's.

Note:
The term 'cytochrome' P450, while commonly used, is incorrect as P450 are not electron-transfer proteins; the appropriate name is P450 heme-thiolate proteins.

Expert(s) to contact by email:
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Last update:
December 2004 / Pattern and text revised.

Technical section

PROSITE method (with tools and information) covered by this documentation:

CYTOCHROME_P450, PS00086: Cytochrome P450 cysteine heme-iron ligand signature (PATTERN)

- Consensus pattern: [FW][SGNH]-x-(GD)-(F)-(R/K/H/P)-[P]-C-[LIVMFAP]-[GAD]
- C is the heme iron ligand
- Sequences in UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot known to belong to this class: 1077
 - Selected by PS00086: 958 (true positives)
 - Unselected by PS00086: 89 (7 false negatives and 10 "partials")
- Other sequence(s) in UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot detected by PS00086: 46 false positives.
- Retrieve an alignment of UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot true positive hits:
 - Clustal format, color / Clustal format, plain text / Fasta format
 - Retrieve the sequence logo from the alignment
- Taxonomic distribution of all UniProtKB (Swiss-Prot + TrEMBL) entries matching PS00086
- Retrieve a list of all UniProtKB (Swiss-Prot + TrEMBL) entries matching PS00086
- Scan UniProtKB (Swiss-Prot and/or TrEMBL) entries against PS00086
- View ligand binding statistics of PS00086
- Matching PDB structures: 1ARD 1B0T 1BVY 1C8J ... [ALL]

Conserved Domain Database (CDD)

- Identify conserved domains in a protein sequence
- Incorporates three-dimensional structural information to define domain boundaries and refine alignments
- Source data derived from:
 - Pfam A
 - Simple Modular Architecture Research Tool (SMART)
 - COG (orthologous prokaryotic protein families)
 - PRK ('protein clusters' of related protein RefSeq entries)
 - TIGRFAM

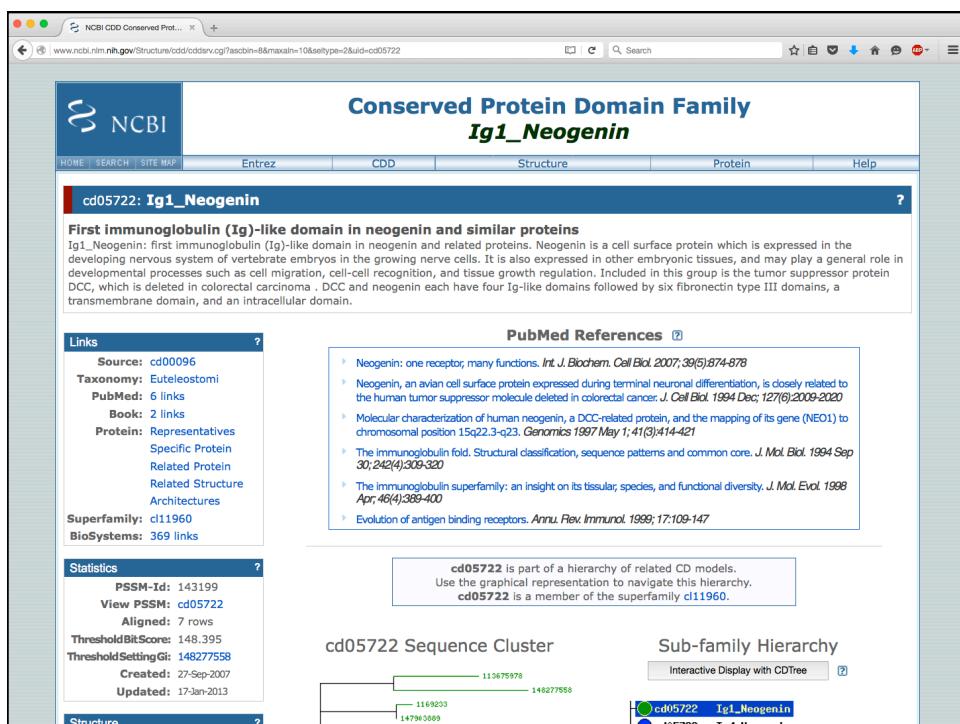
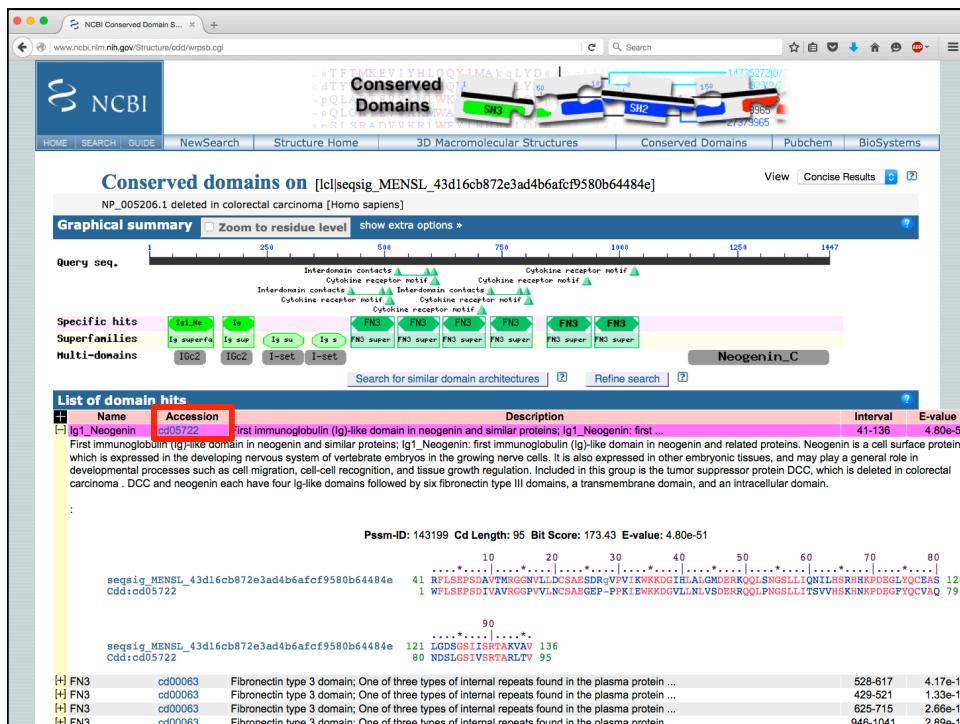
Marchler-Bauer et al., Nucleic Acids Res. 43: D222-D226, 2015

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Conserved Domain Database (CDD)

- CD-Search performed using RPS-BLAST
- Query sequence is used to search a database of pre-calculated position-specific scoring matrices
- *Not the same method used by Pfam*

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NCBI CDD Conserved Prot... +

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Hierarchy ?

Interactive Display

Display: cd05722 Branch

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Sequence Alignment

Reformat Format: Compact Hypertext Row Display: All 7 rows Color Bits: 2.0 bit Type Selection: top listed sequences

include consensus sequence ?

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Citing CDD

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Sequence Comparisons

- Homology searches
 - Usually ‘one-against-one’: *BLAST, FASTA*
 - Allows for comparison of individual sequences against databases comprised of individual sequences
 - Profile searches
 - Uses collective characteristics of a family of proteins
 - Search can be ‘one-against-many’: *Pfam, CDD*
or ‘many-against-one’: *PSI-BLAST, DELTA-BLAST*

PSI-BLAST

- Position-Specific Iterated BLAST search
- Used to identify distantly related sequences that are possibly missed during a standard BLAST search
- Easy-to-use version of a profile-based search
 - Perform BLAST search against protein database
 - Use results to calculate a position-specific scoring matrix
 - PSSM replaces query for next round of searches
 - May be iterated until no new significant alignments are found

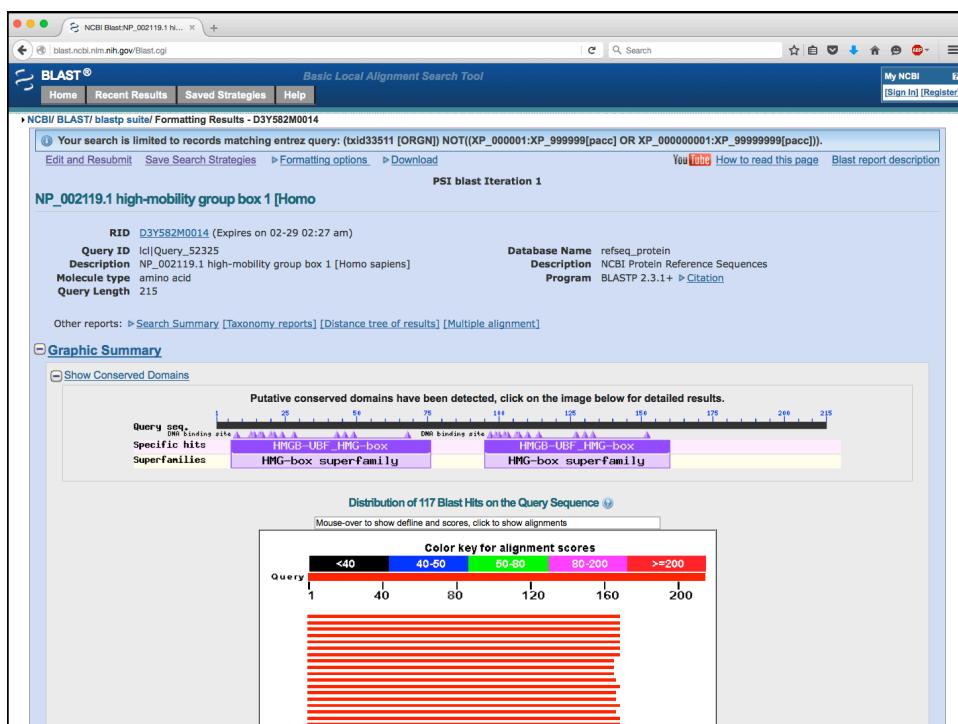
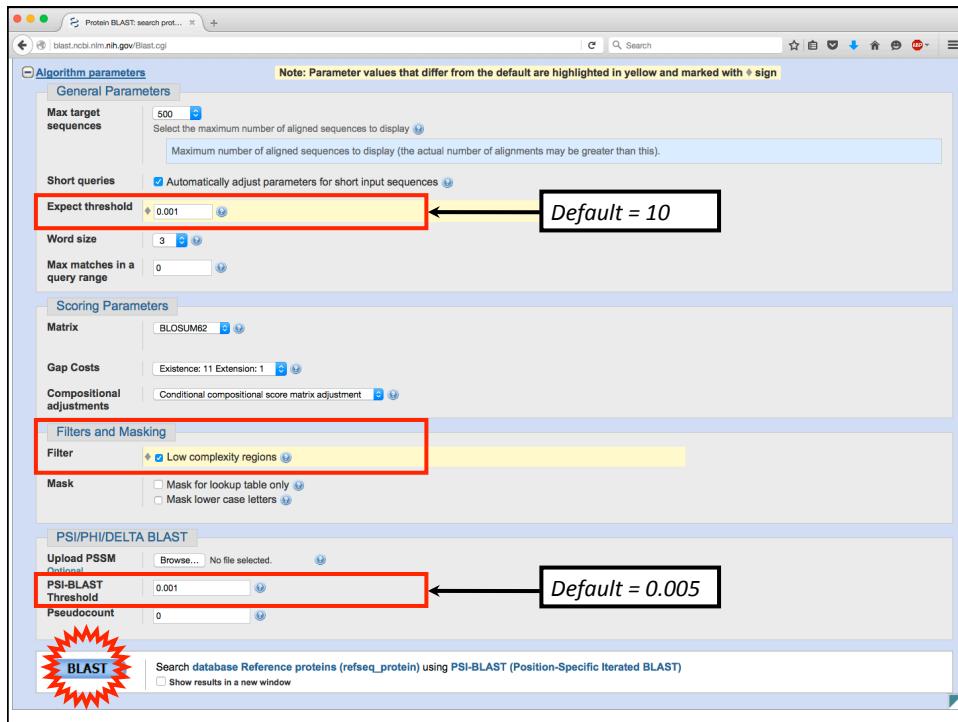
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The screenshot shows the NCBI BLAST homepage. The main header reads "Basic Local Alignment Search Tool" and the URL "http://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST". Below the header, there's a section titled "BLAST Assembled Genomes" with a list of organisms: Human, Mouse, Rat, Cow, Pig, Dog, Rabbit, Chimp, Guinea pig, Zebrafish, Clawed frog, Arabidopsis, Rice, Yeast, and Microbes. A red arrow points from the text "Search protein database using a protein query" to the "protein blast" link. The "protein blast" link is underlined and highlighted in blue. The "protein blast" link leads to a page with options: "Search protein database using a translated nucleotide query", "Search translated nucleotide database using a protein query", and "Search translated nucleotide database using a translated nucleotide query". On the right side of the page, there's a "Your Recent Results" section, a "News" section with a "Searching Whole Genome Shotgun sequences" update, and a "Tip of the Day" section.

The screenshot shows the NCBI BLAST search interface. The 'Choose Search Set' section is highlighted with a red box. It includes fields for 'Database' (set to 'Reference proteins (refseq_protein)'), 'Organism' (set to 'deuterostomes (taxid:33511)'), and 'Exclude' (checkbox checked for 'Models (XM/XP)').

The screenshot shows the NCBI BLAST search interface. The 'Program Selection' section is highlighted with a red box. It includes radio buttons for 'blastp (protein-protein BLAST)', 'PSI-BLAST (Position-Specific Iterated BLAST)' (which is selected), 'PHI-BLAST (Pattern Hit Initiated BLAST)', and 'DELTA-BLAST (Domain Enhanced Lookup Time Accelerated BLAST)'. A note at the bottom states: 'Note: Parameter values that differ from the default are highlighted in yellow and marked with * sign'.



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high mobility group protein B1 [Bos taurus]	310	310	78%	7e-106	100%	NP_788785.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Mus musculus]	310	310	78%	7e-106	100%	NP_034569.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Homo sapiens]	310	310	78%	7e-106	100%	NP_002119.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Sus scrofa]	308	308	78%	5e-105	99%	NP_001004034.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group box 1 like [Rattus norvegicus]	308	308	78%	7e-105	99%	NP_001102843.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Gallus gallus]	299	299	78%	2e-101	96%	NP_990233.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Xenopus tropicalis]	294	294	78%	2e-99	92%	NP_989228.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group box 1 [Xenopus laevis]	290	290	77%	6e-98	92%	NP_001080836.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein-1 [Xenopus laevis]	280	280	77%	7e-94	90%	NP_001081794.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Danio rerio]	268	266	77%	8e-88	87%	NP_001092721.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Danio rerio]	266	266	77%	2e-88	87%	NP_955849.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HMG-X protein [Xenopus laevis]	262	262	78%	5e-87	84%	NP_001079576.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High mobility group-T protein [Salmo salar]	264	264	77%	5e-86	84%	NP_001140081.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Salmo salar]	259	259	77%	6e-86	84%	NP_001133101.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B2 [Gallus gallus]	257	257	78%	5e-85	85%	NP_990817.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group-T protein [Oncorhynchus mykiss]	257	257	77%	5e-85	83%	NP_001118186.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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high mobility group protein B2 [Rattus norvegicus]	251	251	78%	1e-82	86%	NP_058883.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group box 2 [Xenopus laevis]	250	250	78%	4e-82	82%	NP_001079387.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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HMG domain-containing protein 4 [Homo sapiens]	47.8	47.8	21%	3e-05	43%	NP_001003681.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
uncharacterized protein LOC395067 [Xenopus laevis]	47.4	94.3	62%	3e-05	37%	NP_001083698.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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TOX high mobility group box family member 4 [Xenopus tropicalis]	47.4	47.4	24%	3e-05	38%	NP_00109624.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOX high mobility group box family member 4-B [Xenopus laevis]	47.4	47.4	24%	4e-05	38%	NP_001084977.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
transcription factor Ci-HMG20 [Cliona intestinalis]	46.2	46.2	23%	7e-05	39%	NP_00121587.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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transcription factor protein [Cliona intestinalis]	43.5	43.5	33%	6e-04	36%	NP_001071666.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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transcription factor protein [Cliona intestinalis]	43.1	43.1	21%	0.001	40%	NP_001071952.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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high mobility group protein B1 [Homo sapiens]	250	250	78%	3e-82	100%	NP_002119.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Sus scrofa]	250	250	78%	3e-82	99%	NP_001004034.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High mobility group-T protein [Salmo salar]	254	254	77%	5e-82	84%	NP_001140081.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group box 1 like [Rattus norvegicus]	247	247	78%	3e-81	99%	NP_001102843.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Gallus gallus]	246	246	78%	8e-81	96%	NP_990233.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Danio rerio]	236	236	77%	6e-77	87%	NP_001092721.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Xenopus tropicalis]	236	236	78%	6e-77	92%	NP_989228.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group box 1 [Xenopus laevis]	235	235	77%	2e-76	92%	NP_001086936.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Salmo salar]	234	234	77%	6e-76	84%	NP_001133101.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein-1 [Xenopus laevis]	232	232	77%	4e-75	90%	NP_001081794.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HMG-X protein [Xenopus laevis]	232	232	78%	4e-75	84%	NP_001079576.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group protein B1 [Danio rerio]	230	230	77%	1e-74	87%	NP_955849.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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high mobility group protein B2 [Gallus gallus]	224	224	78%	3e-72	85%	NP_990817.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
high mobility group box 3 [Callorhinichthys milii]	223	223	77%	6e-72	77%	NP_001279444.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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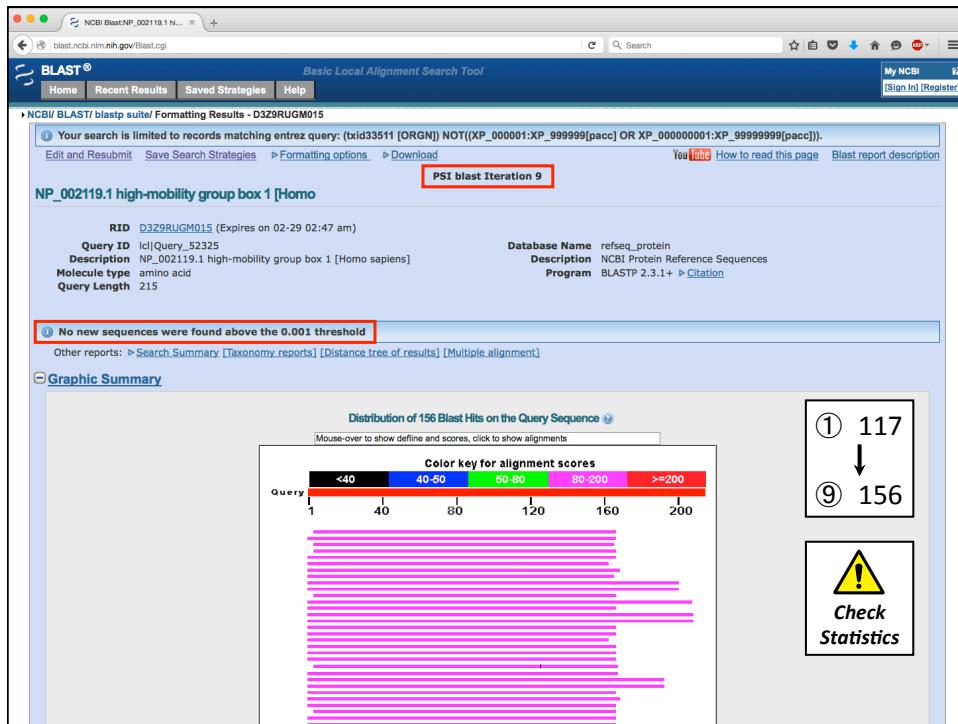
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lymphoid enhancer factor 1 [Xenopus laevis]	46.9	46.9	32%	4e-05	41%	NP_001102843.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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lymphoid enhancer-binding factor 1 [Xenopus laevis]	46.5	46.5	35%	5e-05	22%	NP_001082124.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
basic helix-loop-helix and HMG box domain-containing protein 1 [Homo sapiens]	46.9	46.9	36%	5e-05	22%	NP_001297053.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PMS1 protein homolog 1 [Danio rerio]	46.1	46.1	21%	8e-05	32%	NP_958476.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WD repeat and HMG-box DNA-binding protein 1 [Xenopus laevis]	46.1	46.1	52%	1e-04	26%	NP_001081495.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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transcription factor 7-like 1-A [Danio rerio]	44.9	44.9	30%	2e-04	28%	NP_571344.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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transcription factor 7-like 1-B [Danio rerio]	44.2	44.2	27%	4e-04	27%	NP_571371.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
transcription factor 7-like 1-A [Xenopus laevis]	43.4	43.4	26%	6e-04	27%	NP_001081493.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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DELTA-BLAST

- Method different from that used by PSI-BLAST

Step 1: Align the query against conserved domains derived from CDD
 Step 2: Compute PSSM
 Step 3: Search sequence databases using PSSM as the query
- Intended to improve homology detection
- Produces high-quality alignments, even at low levels of sequence similarity
- Dependent on homologous relationships captured within CDD

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Multiple Sequence Alignment: A Quick Primer



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Why do multiple sequence alignments?

- Identify conserved regions, patterns, and domains
 - Experimental design
 - Predicting structure and function
 - Identifying new members of protein families
- Provide basis for:
 - Predicting secondary structure
 - Performing phylogenetic analyses, thereby determining evolutionary relationships (inferring homology)
 - Generating position-specific scoring matrices for use with sensitive sequence search methods



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Overarching Considerations

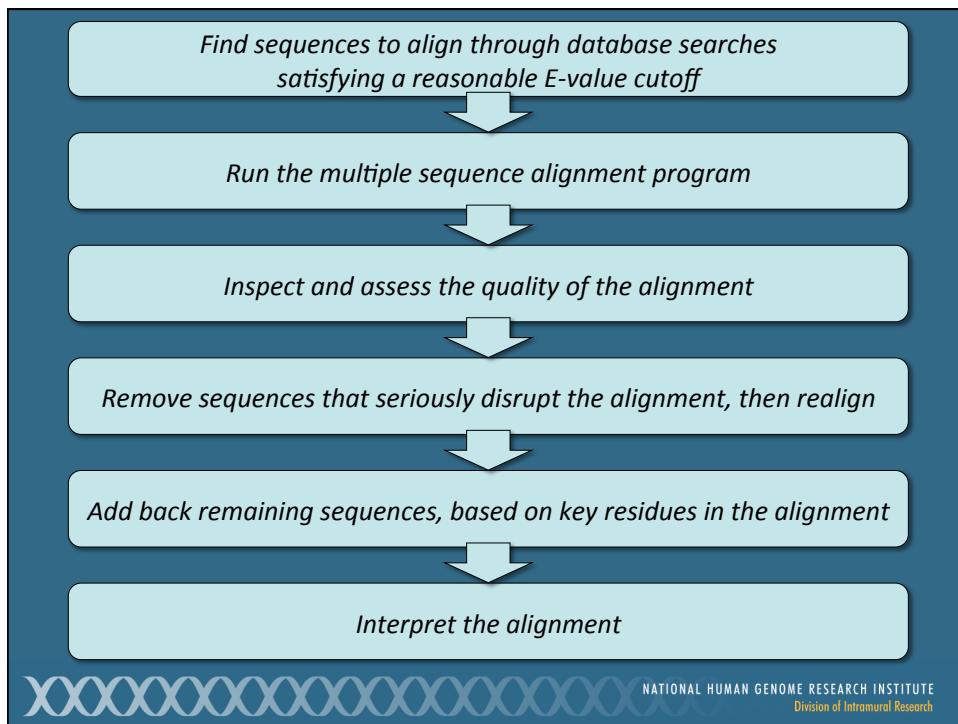
- Absolute sequence similarity
Create the alignment by lining up as many common characters as possible
- Conservation
Take into account residues that can substitute for one another and not adversely affect the function of the protein
- Structural similarity
Knowledge of the secondary or tertiary structure of the proteins being aligned can be used to fine-tune the alignment



Protein vs. Nucleotide Multiple Sequence Alignments

- Concentrate on the protein level rather than on the nucleotide level
- Protein alignments tend to be more informative
- Less prone to inaccurate alignment ('20 vs. 4')
- Can 'translate back' to nucleotide sequences *after* doing the alignment





Selecting the Sequences

1. Use a reasonable number of sequences to avoid technical difficulties
 - **Global** alignment method: compute time increases exponentially as sequences are added to the set
 - Most alignment algorithms are ineffective on huge data sets (and may yield inaccurate alignments)
 - Phylogenetic studies resulting from inordinately large data sets can sometimes be intractable
 - Good starting point: 10-15 sequences
 - Ballpark upper limit: 50-100 sequences



Selecting the Sequences

2. Sequences should be of about the same length
3. Trim sequences down, so as to only use regions that have been deemed similar by either:
 - Pairwise search methods such as BLAST
 - Profile-based search methods such as PSI-BLAST



Selecting the Sequences

4. Consider the degree of similarity in the sequence set,
depending on what question is being asked
 - Use closely-related sequences to determine 'required' (highly conserved) amino acids
 - Use more divergent sequences to study evolutionary relationships
 - Good starting point: use sequences that are 30-70% similar to most of the other sequences in the data set
 - The most informative alignments result when the sequences in the data set are not too similar, but also not too dissimilar



Inspection: An Iterative Process

- Perform alignment on small set of sequences
- Examine the quality of the alignment, looking for:
 - Conservation of residues across alignment
 - Conservation of physicochemical properties
 - Relatively neat block-type structure
 - Excessive numbers of gaps
- If alignment is good, can add new sequences to data set, then realign
- If alignment is not good, remove any sequences that result in the inclusion of long gaps, then realign

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Inspection: An Iterative Process

- Use visualization tools to identify ‘key residues’ and ‘problem regions’
- Cross-check against ‘expertly created’ multiple sequence alignments available online
- Use any available information from solved X-ray or NMR structures to nail down structurally important regions and to assess where gaps can (or cannot) be tolerated

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Interpretation

- Absolutely conserved positions are **required** for proper structure and function
- Relatively well-conserved positions are able to tolerate limited amounts of change and not adversely affect the structure or function of the protein
- Non-conserved positions may ‘mutate freely,’ and these mutations can possibly give rise to proteins with new functions
- Gap-free blocks probably correspond to regions of secondary structure, while gap-rich blocks probably correspond to unstructured or loop regions



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Clustal Omega

- Allows for automatic multiple alignment of nucleotide or amino acid sequences
- Aligns data sets quickly and easily
- Can align sequences against a pre-existing alignment (an ‘external profile’)
- Can bias the location of gaps, based on known structural information
- Works with Jalview, a Java applet for viewing and manipulating results

Sievers et al., Mol. Syst. Biol. 7: 539, 2011



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Progressive Alignment

- Align two sequences at a time, starting with the two most related sequences
- Gradually build up the multiple sequence alignment by adding additional (less-related) sequences to the alignment
- Uses protein scoring matrices and gap penalties to calculate alignments having the best score
- Major advantages of method
 - Generally fast
 - Alignments generally of high quality



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Clustal Omega Output

- Pairwise alignment scores
- Multiple sequence alignment
- Cladogram
 - Tree that is assumed to be an *estimate* of a phylogeny
 - Branches are of equal length
 - Cladograms can show common ancestry, but do not provide an indication of the amount of evolutionary time separating taxa
- Phylogram
 - Tree that is assumed to be an *estimate* of a phylogeny
 - Branches are *not* of equal length
 - Branch lengths proportional to the amount of inferred evolutionary change



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Clustal Omega Conservation Patterns

Conservation patterns in multiple sequence alignments usually follow the following rules:

[WYF]	Aromatics
[KRH]	Basic side chains (+)
[DE]	Acidic side chains (-)
[GP]	Ends of helices
[HS]	Catalytic sites
[C]	Cysteine cross-bridges



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Clustal Omega Conservation Patterns

Interpretation is empirical — there is no parallel to the E-values seen in BLAST searches to assess statistical significance

- * entirely conserved column
(want in at least 10% of positions)
- : conserved
(strongly similar properties)
- semi-conserved
(weakly similar properties)



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 ITTSDLQLWVLOPITISSMAQSPAVDPYDMPGTSTPGLSAYSTGAGSGS
 GGPSTSTTSGPVSAPPARAPRPRPREELTPEEEEKRRVVRERENKLAAKCRNRRRELT
 DRLOAETDQLEEKAELESEIAELOKEKERLEFVLAHKPGCKIPYEEGPGPPGLAEVRD
 LPGSTSAKEDGFGLWLLPPPPPLPFQSSRDAAPPNTLASFTHISEVQLGDPPFPVSPSY
 TSSFLVTCPEVSAFAGAQRTSGSEOPSDPLNSPSLLAL

Or, upload a file: [Browse...](#) No file selected.

STEP 2 - Set your parameters

OUTPUT FORMAT Clustal w/o numbers

The default settings will fulfill the needs of most users and, for that reason, are not visible.
[More options...](#) (Click here, if you want to view or change the default settings.)

STEP 3 - 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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 LPGSTSAKEDGFGLWLLPPPPPLPFQSSRDAAPPNTLASFTHISEVQLGDPPFPVSPSY
 TSSFLVTCPEVSAFAGAQRTSGSEOPSDPLNSPSLLAL

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MAX GUIDE TREE ITERATIONS	MAX HMM ITERATIONS	ORDER	<input type="text" value="input"/>
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Alignments	Result Summary	Phylogenetic Tree	Submission
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CLUSTAL O (1.2.1) multiple sequence alignment			
FOSB_MOUSE	-MFQAFPGDYDSGS-XCSSSSPAA-ESQYQLSSVDSPL-	Residue	Colour
FOSB_HUMAN	-MFQAFPGDYDSGS-XCSSSSPAA-ESQYQLSSVDSPL-	AVFPMLW	RED
FOS_CHICK	NNYQQGTYEAPSS-CSSSAGPADGSLYSYPPSPADSPFSSNSGPVNNSQPFCTTDLAVSAANF	DE	BLUE
FOS_RAT	NNFSGFDAYEAVSSSS-CSSSAGPADGSLYSYHSPSPADSPFSSNSGPVNNTQDFCAVLSSAANF	RK	MAGENTA
FOS_MOUSE	NNFSGFDAYEAVSSSS-CSSSAGPADGSLYSYHSPSPADSPFSSNSGPVNNTQDFCAVLSSAANF	STYHCNGQ	GREEN
	*	Others	Grey
	*****		Unusual amino/imino acids etc
FOSB_MOUSE	VPTVPAITTSQDLQNLWPQTTLIISMAQSQQGQPLASQPPAVDPYDMPGTT-SYSTPGLS		60
FOSB_HUMAN	VPTVPAITTSQDLQNLWPQTTLIISMAQSQQGQPLASQPPAVDPYDMPGTT-SYSTPGLS		60
FOS_CHICK	VPTVPAITTSQDLQNLWPQTTLIISVAPSQN-GHRYGVPPAPPPAAAYS[P]AVL		60
FOS_RAT	IPTVPAITSTPSDQLQNLWPQTTLVSVAPSQNTA-PHPYGLPTTPSTGAYAAG[V]RK		60
FOS_MOUSE	IPTVPAITSTPSDQLQNLWPQTTLVSVAPSQNTA-PHPYGLPTTPSTGAYAAG[V]RK		60
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FOSB_MOUSE	AYSTGGCGSSGGCPSTSTTGGCPVVASPARAPRNPKEETLTPEEEKKRVRRAENINLAA		110
FOSB_HUMAN	GYSGGCGSSGGCPSTSTTGGCPVVASPARAPRNPKEETLTPEEEKKRVRRAENINLAA		110
FOS_CHICK	KA-FG-GQ[G]SIGNGRV[E]PSSPEEEE[KR]RINR[E]N[MAA]		112
FOS_RAT	TM-SG-GAAGSIGNGRV[E]QVLSPEEEE[KR]RINR[E]N[MAA]		113
FOS_MOUSE	TV-SG-GAAGSIGNGRV[E]QVLSPEEEE[KR]RINR[E]N[MAA]		113
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FOSB_MOUSE	KCINNRRELTDRLQAETDQLEERAELESEIAELQNEKENLEPVLVAKHNGCKKIPVEEGP		151
FOSB_HUMAN	KCINNRRELTDRLQAETDQLEERAELESEIAELQNEKENLEPVLVAKHNGCKKIPVEEGP		151
FOS_CHICK	KCINNRRELTDPLQAETDQLEERAELESEIAELQNEKENLEPVLIAAH[P]ACKIPPEELRF		152
FOS_RAT	KCINNRRELTDPLQAETDQLEERAELESEIAELQNEKENLEPVLIAAH[P]ACKIPNDLG		152
FOS_MOUSE	KCINNRRELTDPLQAETDQLEERAELESEIAELQNEKENLEPVLIAAH[P]ACKIPNDLG		152
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FOSB_MOUSE	GPGPLIA-EVADLPG---STSANKEDGFNWLLPPPPLPFLQ-----		230
FOSB_HUMAN	GPGPLIA-EVADLPG---SAPANEEDGSWLLPPPPLPFLQ-----		230
FOS_CHICK	SEEIARLPLDGLGA-PSPAANEDGSWLLPPPPLPFLQ-----		230
FOS_RAT	PEEMSVTS-LDL/TGGGLP-EATPPEEAFTPLLNIDPEPKPSLEPV[N]ISNMEL[A]EP[F]DD		231
FOS_MOUSE	PEEMSVAS-LDL/TGGGLP-EATPPEEAFTPLLNIDPEPKPSLEPV[N]ISNVEL[A]EP[F]DD		231
	*****	*****	*****
FOSB_MOUSE	SSRDAPPN-L-TASLFLTHS-----EVQVLGDPFP-----		294
FOSB_HUMAN	TSDQDAPPN-L-TASLFLTHS-----EVQVLGDPFP-----		294
FOS_CHICK	LLFSAGRE-EAAS[V]PMDLGAGSFYASDWEPLGAGSG-----GELEPICT[P]VFT-----		316
FOS_RAT			
FOS_MOUSE			
	*****	*****	*****
FOSB_MOUSE	SSRDAPPN-L-TASLFLTHS-----EVQVLGDPFP-----		294
FOSB_HUMAN	TSDQDAPPN-L-TASLFLTHS-----EVQVLGDPFP-----		294
FOS_CHICK	LLFSAGRE-EAAS[V]PMDLGAGSFYASDWEPLGAGSG-----GELEPICT[P]VFT-----		316

Phylogenetic Tree < Clustal ...

Alignments Result Summary Phylogenetic Tree Submission Details

Phylogenetic Tree

This is a Neighbour-joining tree without distance corrections.

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(  
(  
(  
FOSB_MOUSE:0.01854,  
FOSB_HUMAN:0.02288  
:0.35561,  
FOS_CHICK:0.11070  
:0.11115,  
FOS_RAT:0.01948,  
FOS_MOUSE:0.01210);
```

Phylogram

Branch length: Cladogram Real

```
FOSB_MOUSE 0.01854  
FOSB_HUMAN 0.02288  
FOS_CHICK 0.1107  
FOS_RAT 0.01948  
FOS_MOUSE 0.0121
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The screenshot shows the 'Phylogenetic Tree' tab selected in the navigation bar. Below it, a text-based phylogenetic tree is displayed:

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FOSB_MOUSE:0.01854,  
FOSB_HUMAN:0.02288)  
.0.35561,  
FOS_CHICK:0.11070  
.0.11115,  
FOS_RAT:0.01948,  
FOS_MOUSE:0.01210);
```

Below this, a phyogram is shown with branch lengths. The tree structure is as follows:

```

graph LR
    Root --- FOSB_MOUSE[0.01854]
    Root --- FOSB_HUMAN[0.02288]
    FOSB_HUMAN --- FOS_CHICK[0.11070]
    FOS_CHICK --- FOS_RAT[0.01948]
    FOS_CHICK --- FOS_MOUSE[0.01210]

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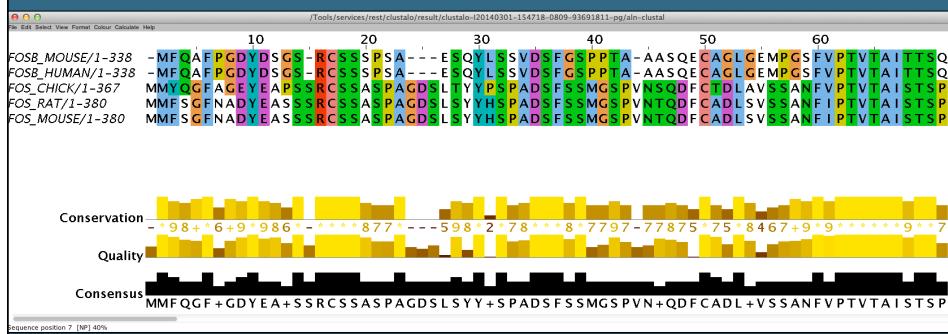
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Jalview

- Java applet available within Clustal Omega results
 - Used to manually edit Clustal Omega alignments
 - Color residues based on various properties
 - Pairwise alignment of selected sequences
 - Consensus sequence calculations
 - Removal of redundant sequences
 - Calculation of phylogenetic trees

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Default view

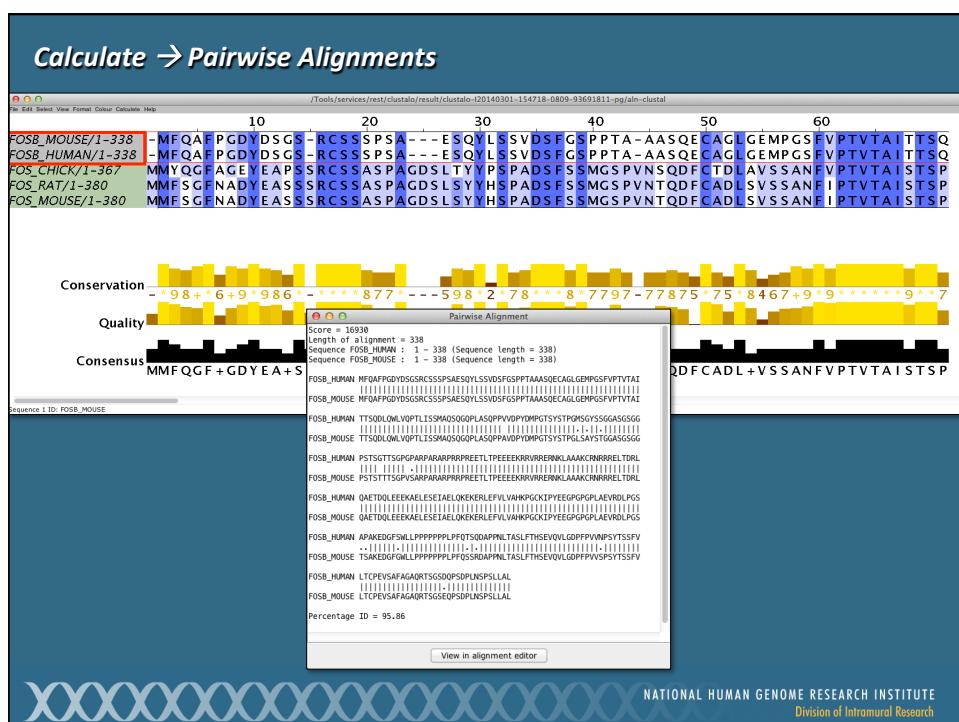
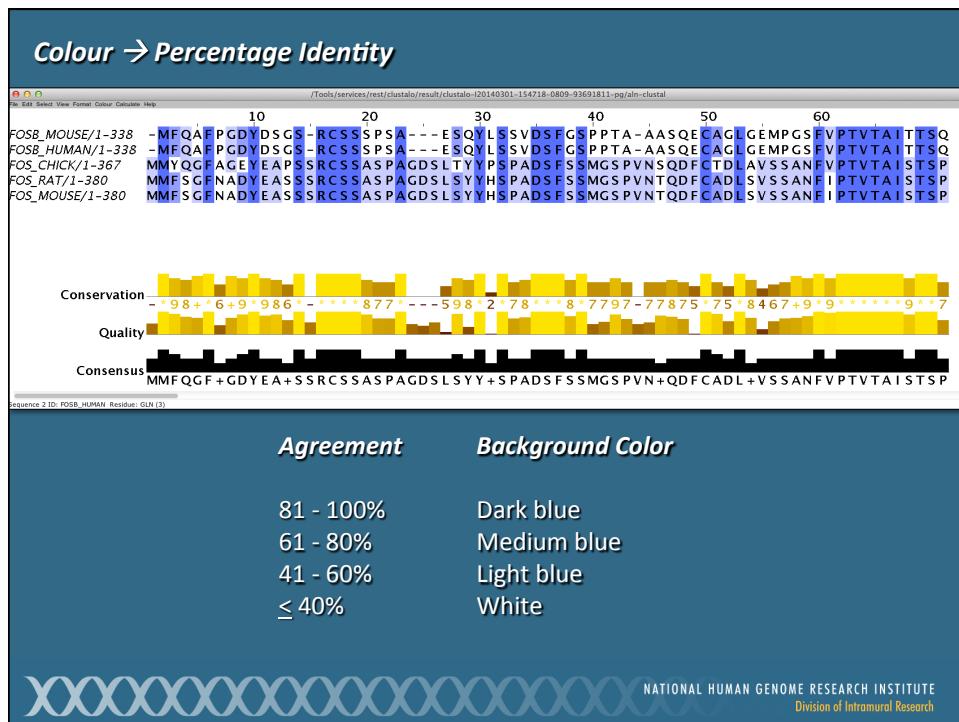


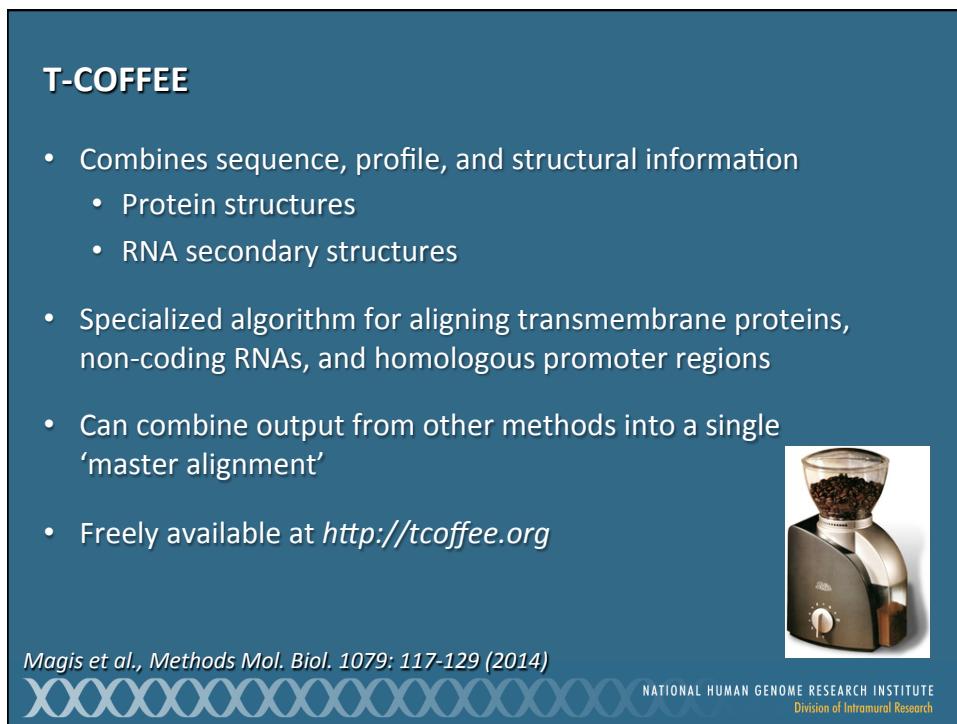
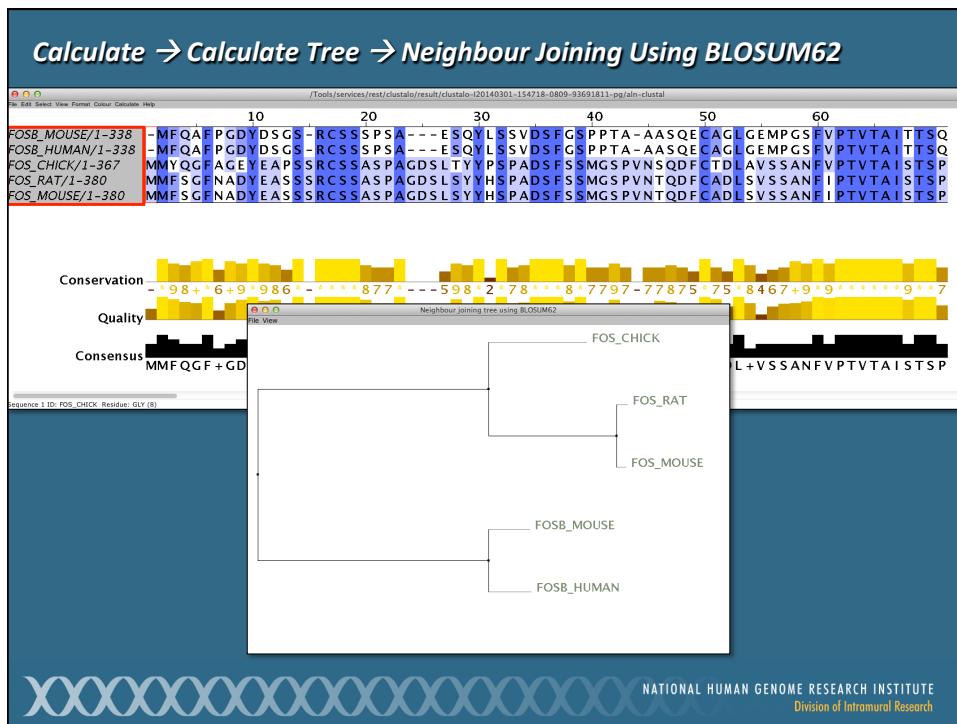
Conservation Conservation of total alignment
(indication of percent identity)

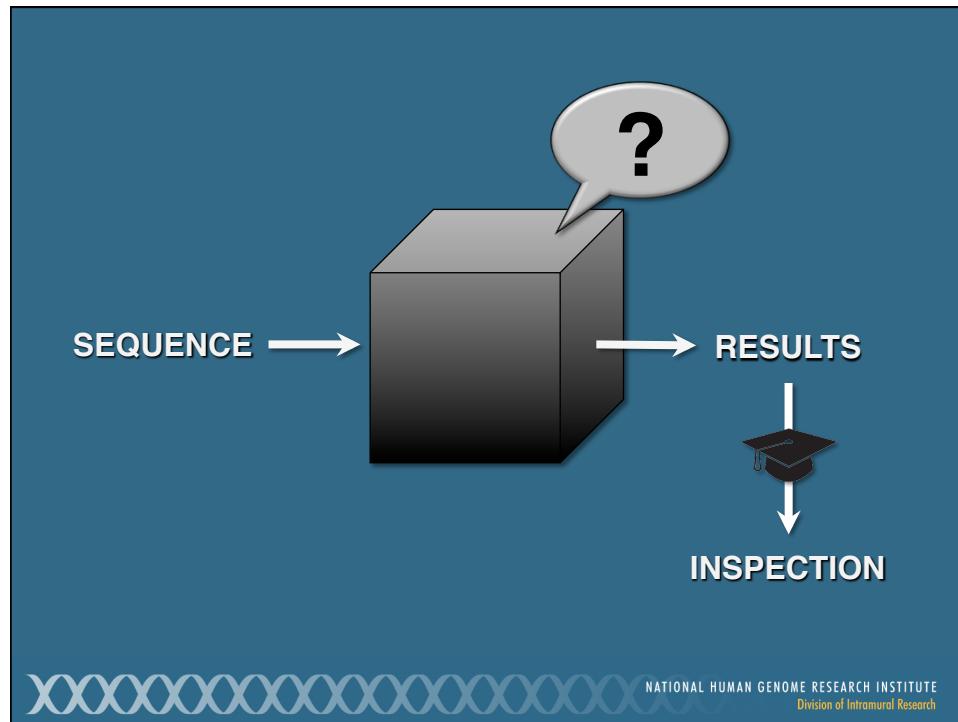
Quality Alignment quality, based on BLOSUM scores

Consensus Based on percent identity

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